

**Welcome and Announcements****Prelude**

- **Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights.**

Praise the name of the Lord, and the Lord's glory shall be praised,

**for people near and people far, for people present and people to come,  
for the young and for those wise with age.**

Come, let us praise the Lord;

**come, let us worship God.**

**Invocation**

- **Sounds of Faith** – #17 - Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

- **Prayer of Confession**

Because we are loved, we are called to turn to God in humility.

We fall short of who God calls us to be, but we are never forsaken.

In faith and with confidence as beloved children, let us confess our sin to God.

**Holy God,**

**You command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.**

**You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way.**

**Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we strive to follow more closely in the footsteps of Jesus.**

**Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community,  
as we share your love with your people everywhere.**

Believe the good news: Jesus loves us and forgives us and sets us free.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

- **Congregational Response** – #583 - Glory to God

**Children's Message** – Leanne Terry**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture:** Psalm 148 - Liturgist, Zora Mallory

*Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!*

*Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!*

*Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!*

*Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!*

*Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.*

*He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.*

*Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,*

*fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!*

*Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!*

*Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!*

*Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!*

*Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.*

*He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,*

*for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!*

*The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.***

**Special Music**

**Scripture:** Acts 11:1-18

*Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"*

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation** – Dr. Paul Casner

- **Sounds of Hope** – #288 - Spirit of the Living God

- **Affirmation of Faith** (From John 13)

**Jesus has given us a new commandment: that we should love one another. Just as God in Christ has loved us, we should love all people. May God guide us and strengthen us as we seek to do this each and every day! Amen.**

**Giving and Offertory**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

- **Sounds of Love** – #679 - Let the Whole Creation Cry

- **Benediction**

**Postlude**

The (●) dot in the order of worship invites you to stand as you are able. Text in **bold** indicates unison reading.



**Today** – 6pm Session Mtg.

**May 18** – Choir practice resumes – 6pm!

**May 19** – Men's Dinner Fellowship, 5:30pm (Location TBD)

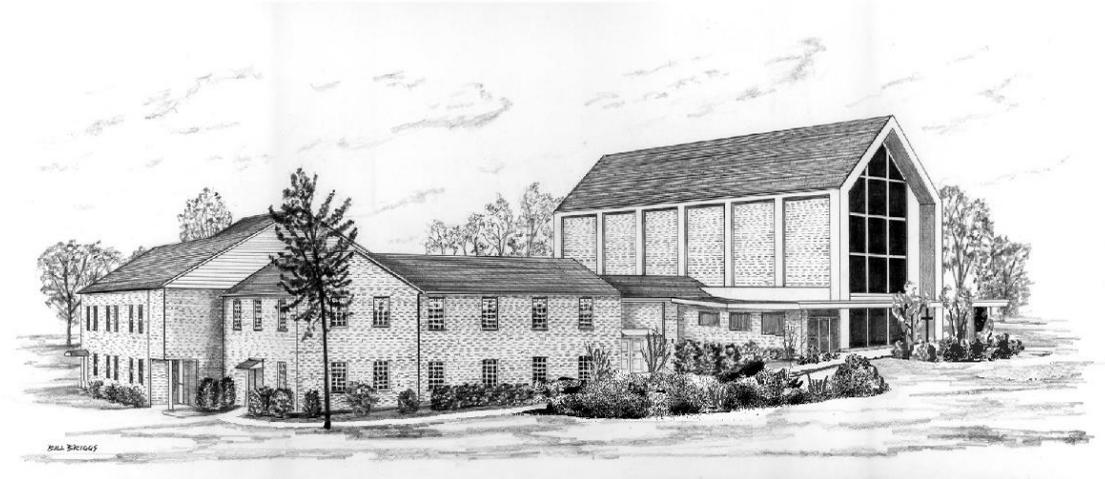
**May 25** – Book Group, 1:30pm

**May 29** – Fifth Sunday Feast, 9am (bring a breakfast item to share – all are invited!)

**Pastoral Care Team:** Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Lenna Aris, Velma Bartley, Melanie Caskey, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Betty Polk, Jim White, Ruth White, Jill York

# Donelson Presbyterian Church

*Sharing the Love of Christ*



We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. If you are a guest at Donelson Presbyterian Church, we encourage you to fill out a yellow visitor card which you will find in the pew.

**May 15, 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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