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Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, January 15, 2023

How to Connect

- Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Dalton. We are glad you are here!
- Currently our church observes a “Masks Optional” policy throughout the church campus with the exception of the nursery staff and volunteers. Adult teachers, volunteers, and nursery staff, if they are unvaccinated, are asked to remain masked when involved in children’s Christian Education activities. Some may still opt to wear a mask even if they are vaccinated. Additionally, we have returned to observing The Peace, passing the offering plate, and joining hands to sing The Congregational Response (“God Be with You ‘Til We Meet Again”) in our traditional manner. Anyone uncomfortable with this approach is encouraged to refrain from participation in any or all of these aspects with full knowledge that our congregation is respectful and recognizes that our members have different needs and comfort levels. Please check any of the following for updates and possible changes in our COVID protocol:

First Presbyterian Church, Dalton Communication Channels:

- “First Presbyterian Church Dalton” - Our church’s public Facebook page.
 - “FPC Dalton Connect” - Our private Facebook page for church members and staff
 - “Midweek News” - Our newsletter sent online to most members unless a paper copy is requested by calling 706-278-8161.
 - Your E-Mail
 - Your personal mailbox
- Find the most current contact information on our members in the church directory. It can be found on our website (www.firstpresdalton.org) under the fellowship tab. Please email the church office for the directory password.
 - Regular team meetings will be held at the discretion of team chairs in-person and/or through video-conference. Scheduling will take place through direct communication and will be posted to the newsletter.

WI-FI



Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church. There are two options available: First Pres Guest 2.4 and First Pres Guest 5. Although these will connect to the same network, 2.4 has more strength while 5 has more range. The location of the device will influence which one will automatically connect. The password for the guest network is **johncalvin**

Announcements

- The **church office will be closed** Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 17.
- On Saturday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m., The DEO Clinic, in partnership with FPC, is hosting a **concert featuring Zoe and Cloyd**: Traditional Appalachian Music of all types to “delight audiences of all ages with soaring harmonies and heartfelt songwriting, seamlessly combining original bluegrass, klezmer, old-time and folk with sincerity and zeal.” They are instructors in the Traditional Music Program at Warren Wilson College. Greeters are needed for this event. Please contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering. Ticket information to come.
- Pastor Ken has started a study group based on Henri Nouwen’s book, *The Return of the Prodigal: A Story of Homecoming*. **Soup & Scripture** will be held on Mondays from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Hollis Hall with the meal furnished by volunteers. The next meeting will be Monday, January 23. All are welcome!
- As we begin to focus our mission efforts on the calling of Matthew 25, the mission team would like to ask for your participation in one or all of these projects: **The Book Spot at Park Creek School, Little Free Pantry and/or a Martin Luther King Day Service Project**. See the Midweek News for more information.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

THE GREETING

At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for worship.

INTROIT

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

*My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!*

*Now bear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine!*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world!

We stand on the Bank of Jordan, waiting and watching.

Waiting and watching, hoping and praying. Come, Messiah and cleanse our souls!

Behold, He Comes! Let us worship God!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We stand with grateful hearts, O Lord, knowing that Your love conquers all. Instill in us, we pray, souls that seek to redeem and restore all people. Help us to move beyond our accustomed comforts and move to the edge of our commitment to the Kingdom and Your call. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Eternal God, merciful judge of our lives, we pronounce ourselves guilty before the courts of our souls. We despise what we have become and what we are. We have no love for ourselves; only shame for what we have done and failed to do. Yet You have come to cleanse and renew us despite the fact that we have deemed ourselves unworthy. Help us to hear the clear voice of Your redemption and set our worried selves at peace, through Jesus, our loving redeemer. Amen.

Cover Art:

John the Baptist Identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imageLink.pl?RC=29353> [retrieved January 9,

Hymn 35 Note:

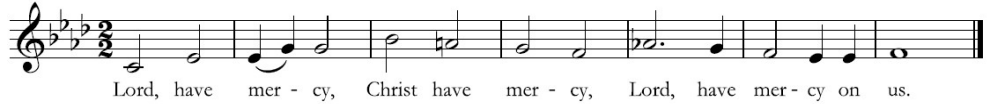
This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

*Where you see this notation, please rise in body or in spirit.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

New Prospect



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

S Selwidge Street

Glor - y be to God the Fath - er, and to the Son: and to the Hol - y Ghost; As it
was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be:
world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me!

William B. Bradbury

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 40: 1-11

NRSVUE

- ¹ I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- ² He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
- ³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.

⁴ Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.
⁵ You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.

⁷ Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.

¹⁰ I have not hidden your saving help within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.

¹¹ Do not, O Lord, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 1: 1-9

NRSVUE

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 15

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (&

Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 16

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 17

Saturday Sacks

10:30 a.m.

Staff Team Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 18

Congregational Life

Team Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 19

Women's Book Club

noon

Presbyterians at the Pub

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 22

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (&

Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Session Meeting

11:45 a.m.

Monday, January 23

Soup & Scripture

noon-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 25

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:30 p.m.

to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1: 29-42

NRSVUE

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'

³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Testimony of John the Baptizer"

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.

THE OFFERING

www.firstpresdalton.org/giving/

THE OFFERTORY

Wade In the Water

Trad. Spiritual

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hymn 803 Note:

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

Offering Note:

Copy and paste the link under the Offertory onto your browser to easily submit your online offering.

Hymn 700 Note:

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

*HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again

Traditional

**God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

*POSTLUDE



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers	Joy Makers	Faith Explorers
1/15	TBD	Mike & Priscilla Brown	Kaye Clark	Leanna Granillo Judy McPherson	Jeff Granillo Eric Haugen
1/22	TBD	TBD	Becky Jolly	Laura Goins Leanna Granillo	Jean Lowrey Priscilla Brown

MONTHLY

Communion (February 5)		Congregational Care	
Prep	Mary Hubbs	January	Jeane Jones
Servers	Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Annelle Scott, Dan Strain & Kaye Clark	February	Joanne Lewis

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Becky & Hilliard Jolly, as they mourn the death of her mother, Mac Thomas;
Fran Lewis, recovering from surgery for a broken hip;
Mary Dover, in rehabilitation at Regency Park;
Greg George, kidney disease and recent surgery;
Noel and *Coy Temples*, as Coy adjusts to his new setting;
Stan Cranford, multiple health challenges including spinal stenosis;
Kristen Weiss, complications of Crohn's disease.

For Healing and Comfort for Family and Friends of our Members:

Kathy Bridges and Sue Spivey
James Nisbet, cousin, upcoming exploratory surgery;
Roger and Peggy Rollins
The family of Shirley Owens, friend, as they mourn her death;
Janice Sims
Tanja Hunter, friend, cancer;
Debbie Bragg, friend, receiving cancer treatment.

Friends of First Presbyterian, Dalton

Rev. David McDonald, as he recovers from lung cancer surgery;
The family of Tom Phillips, as they mourn his death;
Bill Johnson, diagnosed with cancer; and for his wife, *Mae Johnson*, and his family as they care for him;
Arden Brown, son of Amanda and Chris Brown, has been accepted into a clinical trial for a drug which hopefully will prove to be a cure for Duchennes Muscular Dystrophy;
Wilson Kennedy, Cherokee Presbytery General Presbyter;
Families affected by COVID-19;
Caregivers and aging parents.

Praises and Continuing Prayers!

Becky Hansberry, daughter of Kaye Clark, is moving to Atlanta in June and will continue her cancer treatment at Emory;
Comer Turley, brother-in-law of Fran Lewis, received a good report from oncologist;
Cecilia Passmore, underwent a successful shunt replacement surgery;
Kelly Mahan Allgood, daughter-in-law of Charles and Laura Allgood, has completed her treatments and is doing well;