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Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, January 22, 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 videoconference. 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

• Starting Sunday, January 29, in Hollis Hall, the Adult Sunday School class will begin discussing the **New Testament passages from The Essential 100 (E100).** If you were not able participate in the Old Testament E100 readings, this will be a good place to jump in and join the discussion. Pick up a copy of the New Testament discussion schedule or see the Midweek News.

• 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!

PRELUDE

Allegro in G Major

J.S. Bach 1685-1750)

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

Eternal Light

M. Schweizer (1956-2019)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength We may seek your face. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Judi McPherson

Listen to the wind; it carries the voice of God. Listen to the storm; it conveys the glory of God. Listen to the water; it shares the motion of God. Listen to the Earth; it reveals the footsteps of God. Listen to the silence; it calls us to worship God.

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

We are gathered, O Lord, to listen for Your voice, to sense Your glory, to perceive Your movement, to discern Your footsteps as You guide us on the journey of faith. In the silence of this place, make yourself known to our deepest selves and create us anew for service. Amen.

*HYMN 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

You came preaching, Lord Jesus. You came showing us a new and better way. But our ears don't hear, our eyes don't see and our hearts are heavy with guilt and shame. Forgive us our intransigence, shatter our resistance and rebuild our lives to fit Your kingdom. Through Jesus, our Lord, Amen.

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Hymn 307 Note:

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widelyknown and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in Englishlanguage hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

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



Today's music is reprinted with permision from OneLicense.net. A-722902 in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 1: 10-18

NRSVUE

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

ANTHEM The People Who Walked In Darkness from *Messiah*

Handel (1685-1759)

James Hoskins, baritone

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Hymn 15 Note:

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

Affirmation of Faith:

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4: 12-23

NRSVUE

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles-

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers.
¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."
²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.
²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

SERMON "The Start of Something Big"

***HYMN 15** All Creatures of Our God and King Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

Lasst Uns Erfreun

"Apostles' Creed"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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THE OFFERTORY

He Hideth My Soul

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow 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 741 Guide My Feet

Guide My Feet

Traditional

F. Crosby (1820-1915)

Old 100th

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

| Date | Liturgist | Ushers | Flowers | Joy Makers | Faith Explorers |
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| 1/22 | Judi McPherson | Annelle Scott | Becky Jolly | Laura Goins Leanna Granillo | Jean Lowrey Priscilla Brown |
| 1/29 | Katie O'Gwin | Charles Allgood & Nathalie Sanders | Laura Allgood | Laura Goins Leanna Granillo | Jodi Johnson Rachel Smalley |

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 |

Offering Note:

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| online offering. |

Hymn 741 Note:

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1–2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

Upcoming **Events** 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. Saturday, January 28 DEO Clinic Concert 7:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Becky & Hilliard Jolly, as they mourn the death of her mother, Mac Thomas;

Fran Lewis, recovering at Regency Park from hip replacement surgery, but discouraging visitors for now;

Cecilia Passmore, as she recovers from an exploratory surgery to try to resolve some complications from her infection;

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 Crawford, multiple health challenges including spinal stenosis; Kristen Weiss, complications of Crohn's disease.

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

Roger and Pegg y 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;

Kelly Mahan Allgood, daughter-in-law of Charles and Laura Allgood, has completed her treatments and is doing well;



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