



FIRST
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CHURCH

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Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 8, 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

- Join us today during worship as we install Laura Allgood (Congregational Life), Leanna Granillo (Worship), and Susan Bisson (Clerk) into the **Session Class of 2025**.
- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** today, in Hollis Hall, immediately following worship. All are welcome!
- All are invited to stay after the fellowship lunch today to help **take down the greens**. Thank you in advance for your help!
- Pastor Ken is beginning a study group, starting Monday, January 9, based on Henri Nouwen’s book, *The Return of the Prodigal: A Story of Homecoming*. **Soup & Scripture** will be held from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the FPC library, with the meal furnished by volunteers. Ken will host the first meal. 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 8, 2023

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

Houston

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

T. Tallis
(1505-1585)

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me; your morn shall rise
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Partain

We, the baptized, come to worship.

We, the baptized, come to adore.

We, the baptized, come to listen.

We, the baptized, come to serve.

Let us worship God!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

As you came to fulfill all righteousness, Lord, so inspire us to seek your kingdom that righteousness blooms in us like the crocus. Set our hearts on the things of Heaven that we may be your faithful servants on Earth. Through Jesus Christ, our brother in baptism. Amen.

*HYMN 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

We are wounded, O Lord. Injured by our misdeeds and misdirection, we follow paths not of your making but, rather, of our own volition. Cleanse us of the sins of pride and selfishness which hamper us in becoming teachable. Speak again to us of your kingdom which comes even as we dare to speak. Amen.

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Hymn 136 Note:

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.

*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

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

**For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

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

Psalms 29

NRSVUE

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl
and strips the forest bare,
and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10: 34-43

NRSVUE

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

None Other Lamb

J. Roff
(b.1953)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3: 13-17

NRSVUE

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Fulfilling Righteousness”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

Anthem:

*None other Lamb, none
other Name,
None other hope in heav’n
or earth or sea,
None other hiding-place
from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.*

*My faith burns low, my
hope burns low;
Only my heart’s desire cries
out in me
By the deep thunder of its
want and woe,
Cries out to Thee.*

*Lord, Thou art Life,
though I be dead;
Love’s fire Thou art,
however cold I be;
Nor heaven have I, nor
place to lay my head,
Nor home but Thee.*

Hymn 482 Note:

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

Offering Note:

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

*HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

Stanzas 1-2

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Apostles’ Creed”

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service?

Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept Laura Allgood, Leanna Granillo and Susan Bisson as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

**Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit,
we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

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

Andante Espressivo

A. Bullard
(b.1947)

Hymn 96 Note:

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 8

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday Lunch

11:45 a.m.

Taking Down the Greens immediately following lunch

Connection Team Mtg immediately following "taking down the greens"

Monday, January 9

Soup & Scripture
noon-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11

Missions Team Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 13

Christian Ed Team Mtg
1:00 p.m.

*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 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Winchester New

*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
1/8	Pam Partain	Kathryn Sellers Walter & Jeane Jones	Margaret Venable	Alice Ensley & Lively	Jean Strain Jeane Jones
1/15	Ted Hogshead	TBD	Kaye Clark	Leanna Granillo Judy McPherson	Jeff Granillo Eric Haugen

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:

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;
Sarah McCown
Mark McCown, uncle, with significant loss of sight;
Kaye Clark
Becky Hansberry, daughter, relieved to have had a good scan and improvement with her targeted cancer treatment;
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;
The family of Elizabeth, friend of Pam Partain, as they mourn her 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!

Comer Turley, brother-in-law of Fran Lewis, received a good report from oncologist;
Cecilia Passmore, underwent a successful shunt replacement surgery;
Jack and Pam Partain, grandparents, and *Lucy Partain Brown and Andrew*, parents, on the birth of Ann Mead Brown;
Kelly Mahan Allgood, daughter-in-law of Charles and Laura Allgood, has completed her treatments and is doing well;
Paula Morrow, in remission from Leukemia for over a year!