



FIRST
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Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, February 12, 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

- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** today, in Hollis Hall, immediately following worship. After lunch, stay for a **Church Scavenger Hunt!** How much do you really know about our church building? There will be prizes! All are welcome!
- You can help the children of the church raise money for a good cause and pull for your favorite team. Today the children will be collecting funds for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** after worship in the Commons. All proceeds will be donated to the Northwest Georgia Branch of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank.
- Join us for **Ash Wednesday** worship at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, as we begin our observance of Lent, a forty-day season of preparation for Easter. The service will include communion and the imposition of ashes. Childcare will be available. All are welcome!
- On Sunday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m., The DEO Clinic, in partnership with FPC, is hosting a concert featuring **The Atlanta Mandolin Orchestra**. They are an ensemble of mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos, guitars, and bass. The Orchestra’s broad repertoire includes pieces by Bach, Mozart, Joplin, Ellington, the Beatles, and more. The Atlanta Mandolin Orchestra is the performing unit of the Atlanta Mandolin Society, Inc., established in 1994. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering. Go to <http://woodsongsdalton.com> for ticket information.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence B. Price
(1887-1953)

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

Lux Aeterna

Plainchant

Lux aeterna luceat Domine, cum sanctis in aeternum, quia pius est.

Translation

*May eternal light shine on them, Lord,
with your saints forever, for you are good.
Give them eternal rest, Lord,
and may light perpetual shine upon them, for you are good.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Hallsworth

We gather in the Name of the Triune God,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Still your voices, calm your spirits, open your hearts;
The King of Glory waits at the door!
Let us invite Him in and worship Him with all that we are!
Let us worship God!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We await Your word with joyful hearts, open ears, receptive spirits and expectant minds. Come, O Lord speak your will to us. Challenge and change us during this hour that we might be your obedient servants, working Your purposes in Your world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cover Art:

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Hymn 14 Note:

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

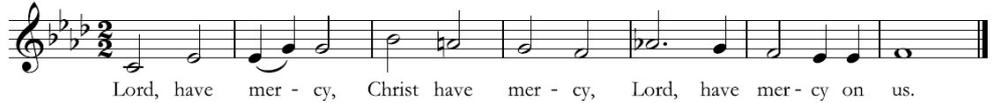
(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

We are gathered, Lord, in Holy array. Yet the clothing of our souls is tattered and torn. We are soiled by our sinfulness and threadbare in our pride. Take us, we pray and weave us anew on the loom of Your grace. Adorn us with your loving kindness and grant us the shoes of faith which stride confidently toward Your kingdom come. This we pray, through Him who suffered and died for us, Lord Jesus our King. Amen.

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

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

NRSVUE

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are

entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 3: 1-9

NRSVUE

¹And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴ For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not all too human?

⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are God’s coworkers, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

B. Phillips
(b. 1955)

*Jesus loves me, for this I know.
Jesus loves me for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but he is so strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
The Bible tells me so.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alle, Alleluia, Alle, Alleluia, Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5: 21-37

NRSVUE

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, ‘You fool,’

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Hymn 12 Note:

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

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.

you will be liable to the hell of fire.²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’³⁴ But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.³⁷ Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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

SERMON

“But I Say to You...”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Apostles’ Creed”

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

Variations on *Monkland*

arr. A. Burnette

*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 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Bourbon

*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

Prelude Note: Florence Beatrice Price was the first black American female composer to have a symphonic work performed by a major symphony orchestra. Born in Little Rock in 1887, under the tutelage of her mother, Price gave her public debut at the age of four – and although now lost, her first published composition appeared on music shop counters throughout the Midwest at age eleven. After graduating from the most distinguished New England Conservatory at 19, she returned to her native Arkadelphia, Arkansas to form what would become a flourishing conservatory at the Cotton Plant Academy, a Jim Crow Era boarding school for Black Americans. She was the head of the music department at the University of Atlanta from 1910-1912. A prolific composer, a staggering, practically Schubertian figure of 458 works survive. Most notably, her “Symphony No. 1 in E minor” was premiered by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on June 15, 1933 under the baton of Mo. Frederick Stock.

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 718 Note:

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

| Date | Liturgist | Ushers | Flowers | Joy Makers | Faith Explorers |
|------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2/12 | Nancy Hallsworth | Margaret Venable & Mary Hubbs | Mary Hubbs | Leanna Granillo Judi McPherson | Jeff Granillo Eric Haugen |
| 2/19 | Laura Allgood | Mike & Priscilla Brown | Jeane Jones | Laura Goins Leanna Granillo | Jean Lowrey Priscilla Brown |

MONTHLY

| Communion (February 22 - Ash Wednesday) | | Congregational Care | |
|--|--|---------------------|--------------|
| Prep | Kathryn Sellers | February | Joanne Lewis |
| Servers | Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Hilliard Jolly, Jean Lowrey, Henry & Julie Tharpe | March | Becky Jolly |

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Fran Lewis, recovering at Regency Park from hip replacement surgery, please no visitors for now;

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:

Roger and Peggy Rollins

The family of Shirley Owens, friend, as they mourn her death;

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;

Cecilia Pasmore, at home;

Comer Turley, brother-in-law of Fran Lewis, received a good report from oncologist;

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 12

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday

Fellowship Lunch &

Scavenger Hunt

after lunch

Connection Team Mtg

after Scavenger Hunt

Monday, February 13

Soup & Scripture

noon-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14

Saturday Sacks

10:00 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

Handbell Rehearsal

5:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 16

Women's Book Club

noon

Presbyterians at the Pub

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 19

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, February 20

Soup & Scripture

noon-1

Tuesday, February 21

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.