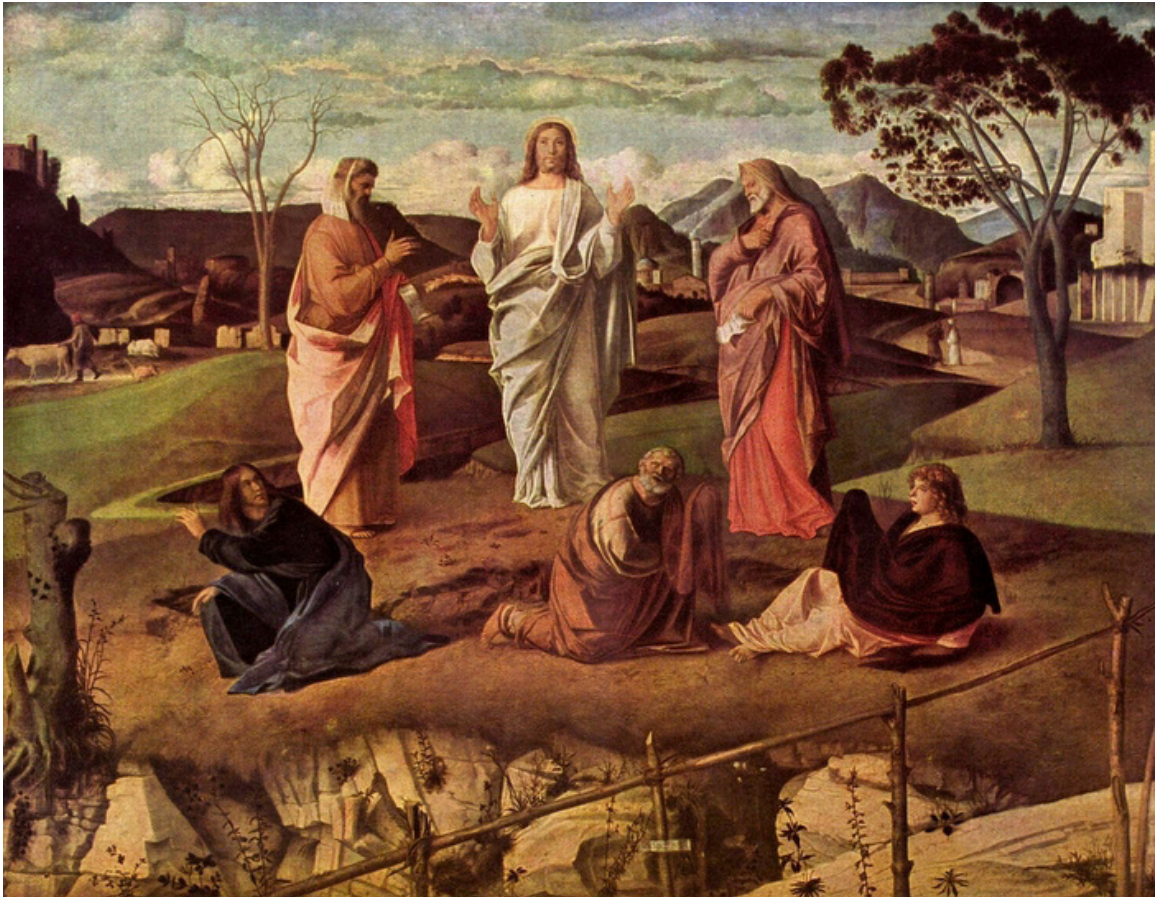




FIRST
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Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday, February 19, 2023

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 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!
- The story of Jesus’s death is not something we just read: we think about it, and we experience it. During the **Sundays of Lent**, using *Witness at the Cross*, by author Amy-Jill Levine, we will discover the unique memories and insights given by those who were there, at the cross with Jesus. Come join the discussion at 9:15 a.m. in Hollis Hall.
- Beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing throughout Lent, the Christian Education Team invites members of our congregation to write a brief, one-page **reflection on some aspect of Lent**. Your reflections will be posted daily to our Facebook FPC Dalton Connect page, Lenten Reflections 2023. Please send your submissions to Jean Strain, jstrain@firstpresdalton.org
- 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. 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 19, 2023

PRELUDE

Voluntary

M. Greene
(1695-1755)

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

Send Forth Thy Light

M. Balikirev
(1836-1910)

Send forth Thy light, send forth Thy truth, and let them lead me to thy holy hill.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Allgood

On a wild and windy mountain our Lord calls to us.

For what is He calling us?

He calls us to dare to join Him there.

What does He want with us?

He offers us the challenge of transfiguration; the opportunity to be something new.

We dare to climb the mountain, see the miracle and touch the Holy.

Let us worship God!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We stand amazed, O Lord, like the disciples who witnessed Your glory on the mountaintop. Transfigure our souls in this hour that we might more fully reflect Your graceful glory to our suffering world. Then lead us from the mountaintop to the valley of service where we may find our own discipleship and calls. Amen.

*HYMN 394

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Like weary and frightened children, we gather around the light of Your love. Forgive us our childish ways, but we are easily made fearful and fearsome. We lash out at things we do not understand and make violence our tool of choice. Restore us, we pray, to our true place as the children of Your love. Light our paths that we may turn to you and grow in Your grace. Through Jesus, the bringer of Light, Amen.

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Bellini, Giovanni, 1426?-1516. Transfiguration of Christ, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=46565> [retrieved February 14, 2023].

Hymn 394 Note:

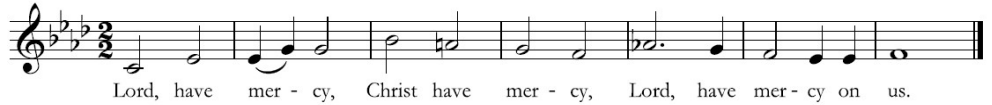
Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

*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 Schidge 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

Exodus 24: 12-18

NRSVUE

¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 3: 1-9

NRSVUE

¹ And 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

Alleluia

R. Thompson
(1899-1994)

Alleluia.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 17: 1-6

NRSVUE

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Challenge of Transformation"

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 190

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

Anthem Note by

Adam Burnette:

It's not often one encounters a piece of music whose long limbs and sinews are made of stuff plainly not of this earth. It's as if the notes are discovered naturally occurring like bright, kiwi green moss in the grin of a rockface deep within the recesses of a dewy hollow.

It's no less a revelation to the ear than the blessing of a shooting star for the eye upon each hearing. This simple musical form tilted forward by a repeated sequence of honest interjections speaks for those at a point of need - eyes closed, bereft of articulate language, full of tears and gratitude.

As a composer, I wonder how Thompson must've felt that night when he sat down at the same desk, chair - with the same pencil, paper, and lamp - and the Divine.

Hymn 190 Note:

The first two stanzas of this 20th-century Transfiguration hymn guide singers through a contemplation of the disciples' experience of that event. The final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for enlightenment and for a renewed sense of commitment to doing God's will.

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.

Offering Note:

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

*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

www.firstpresdalton.org/giving/

THE OFFERTORY

I Shall Not Want

Audrey Assad
(b.1983)

Amanda Karge, soloist

*From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God*

*From the need to be understood
From the need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me O God
Deliver me O God*

*And I shall not want, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want*

*From the fear of serving others
From the fear of death or trial
From the fear of humility
Deliver me O God
Deliver me O God*

*And I shall not want, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want*

*No, I shall not want, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want*

When I taste Your goodness I shall not want

***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.**

Old 100th

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN 826**

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

***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.**

Traditional

***POSTLUDE**



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers	Joy Makers	Faith Explorers
2/19	Laura Allgood	Mike & Priscilla Brown	Jeane Jones	Laura Goins Leanna Granillo	Jean Lowrey Priscilla Brown
2/26	Alice Ensley	Charles Allgood, Nathalie Sanders, Peggy Rollins and Valerie George	Joanne Lewis	Jeff & Leanna Granillo	Jodi Johnson Rachel Smalley

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

Hymn 826 Note:

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Ash Wednesday we are marked as Christ's own forever.

Upcoming Events

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.
Wednesday, February 22
 Ash Wednesday
 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 26
 Sunday School
 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship
 10:00 a.m.
 Worship
 FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)
 10:30 a.m.
 DEO Clinic Concert
 2:00 p.m.
Monday, February 27
 Soup & Scripture
 noon-1:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Nancy Rhine, in assisted living located near her daughter;
Bill and Kaye Clark & family, as they mourn the death of Bill's brother, Roddy Joseph Haynes Clark;
Fran Lewis, recovering in the hospital, 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

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



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