



FIRST
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First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 26, 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 story of Jesus’ 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.
- 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.
- This year we invite you to give to **“One Great Hour of Sharing”**. —We will receive collections for this special offering through Easter. See the Midweek News for more information.
- After worship on Sunday, March 5, we will offer a **Basic “Hands Only” CPR training** (not certification.) The training will last about 2 hours, a light lunch will be included, and is limited to 20 participants. It will cover CPR, AED use, bleeding control, and choking. Claudio Leyssen will be teaching the class. Claudio is a seasoned paramedic with experience as both an EMS instructor and current training supervisor at Hamilton EMS. Please RSVP to the church office if you’d like to attend.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

PRELUDE

Terra Beata

arr. F. Sheppard

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 Want Jesus To Walk With Me

Trad. Spiritual

I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me;

All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Goins

The Wilderness stands before us, clad in browns and shades of grey.

There are jagged rocks and steep hills!

There is burning heat by day and bone-chilling cold by night.

The wind blows, the sun tarries, all of life seems barren and dry.

But we are called to journey there during these forty days.

We are called to hear the tempter's voice and learn from our Lord.

Behold, our journey begins; our trek beckons.

Let us worship God as we traverse the trail.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We are people of trepidation, O Lord. We are given to fear and hesitation before our journey. But You have promised us that through the valley of Lent we will yet find the glory of Easter. Send us forth, we pray, guided by Your Holy Spirit to illuminate the dark, to ease our fears, and assure us always of Your love. Through Jesus Christ, our brother in the journey. Amen.

*HYMN 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Simply put, O Lord, we don't want to go. The journey is long, and the way is tedious. You call us to climb mountains of pride and go deep into the valleys of shame. We are not overly fond of minor keys or shadows of despair. We prefer sunny days and easy paths. But since You insist, we will make this pilgrimage. Forgive our hesitancy and equip us with the faith we need to mark a holy Lent which leads to a joyous Easter. Amen.

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Hymn 610 Note:

This text comes from an 18-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

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

Kyrie Note:

Our Lenten Kyrie was composed for and is dedicated to Mrs. Jean Lowrey.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Castle Road

A. Burnette (b. 1982)

Cantor:
Lord, have mer - cy;

Congregation:
Lord, have mer - cy;

Cantor:
*Christ, have mer - cy;

Congregation:
*Christ, have mer - cy;

Cantor:
Lord, have mer - cy;

Congregation:
Lord, have mer - cy;

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

**Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.**

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 32

NRSVUE

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³ While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5: 12-19

NRSVUE

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law.

¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's

act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lead Me, Lord

Lead Me, Lord

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4: 1-11

NRSVUE

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.

² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Our Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 816

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer Nun Den Lieben Gott

*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

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace

*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 546

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Hymn 816 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.

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 546 Note:

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

*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.**

*There will be no postlude during the season of Lent.
Please leave the church in a spirit of prayer.*



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers	Joy Makers	Faith Explorers
2/26	Laura Goins	Charles Allgood, Nathalie Sanders, Peggy Rollins and Valerie George	Kathryn Sellers	Jeff & Leanna Granillo	Jodi Johnson Rachel Smalley
3/5	Annelle Scott	TBD	The Flower Team	Alice Ensley Lively	Jean Strain Jeane Jones

MONTHLY

Communion (March 5)		Congregational Care	
Prep	Jean Lowrey	February	Joanne Lewis
Servers	Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Margaret Venable, Greg & Kim Epps	March	Becky Jolly

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Fran Lewis, at home receiving hospice care;

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;

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, and his wife Mae express their deep gratitude for your prayers and happily share the news that Bill's most recent PET scan was amazingly clear seven months after he was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer that had metastasized to the bones throughout his body. He continues to recover at home;

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.

Upcoming Events

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.

Tuesday, February 28

Saturday Sacks

10:00 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1

Handbell Rehearsal

5:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 5

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

CPR "Hands Only"

Training

11:45 a.m.

Monday, March 6

Soup & Scripture

noon-1

Tuesday, March 7

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8

Missions Team Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Handbell Rehearsal

5:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:30 p.m.

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;