



FIRST
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CHURCH

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Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, February 5, 2023

How to Connect

- Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Dalton. We are glad you are here!
- The session continues to monitor the current medical and scientific research and recommendations from local, state and national resources. 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 are asked to remain masked when they are involved in children’s Christian Education activities. We are back 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 these procedures 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 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 U.S. Postal 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

- **A congregational meeting and a corporate meeting** are called for today, immediately following worship, for the purpose of receiving the 2022 annual financial report and the 2022 annual report of the activities of the church, and to introduce the Nominating Committee for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC.) At its January 22 meeting, the session designated the 2022-23 Officer Nominating Committee of Alice Ensley, Peggy Rollins and Mike Brown to propose a slate of five members to serve as our PNC. Nominations will also be received from the floor. Please make an effort to attend the service as we begin this important search, and do add our PNC to your prayers.
- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** on Sunday, February 12 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! If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the church office.
- **What is E100?** *The Essential 100* (E100) is a Bible reading plan which provides an overview of the Bible using 50 Old Testament passages and 50 New Testament passages. Participation in the Old Testament portion is not a prerequisite for participating in the New Testament. Join the discussion for this week’s readings at 9:15 a.m. in Hollis Hall. Pick up a copy of the New Testament discussion schedule or see the Midweek News.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023

PRELUDE

Psalm XX

B. Marcello
(1686-1739)

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

Aurora

W. Billings
(1746-1800)
Text: A. Burnette

*O, brilliant light, divine;
Attune our eyes to thine.
Reflect all Heaven's brightest rays
On grateful hearts and joyful praise.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered to worship.

We are gathered to bear witness.

We are gathered to listen.

We are gathered to proclaim God.

Let us praise our God!

Walter Jones

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

From the North, the South, the East and the West, we are gathered to join the feast of the Lamb. Come, Lord Jesus, fill us with the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation. As we are satisfied with the good things of the Kingdom, send us forth to share with those who stand at the door so that all may be filled and brought to the Table of Joy. Amen.

*HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

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Hymn 664 Note:

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of “new” and “first,” each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

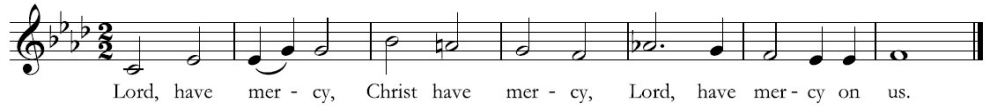
(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

We come in humble contrition, Lord, acknowledging our sins and lamenting our shortcomings. You have promised to receive us as we are, but we are still ashamed to present ourselves to You, sullied and soiled as we are. Yet Your grace is persistent and even irresistible; You draw us to Yourself and offer us the cleansing of our souls and the hope of our salvation. Help us to lay aside our fears of unworthiness and run to Your Arms of Forgiveness. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. 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

Psalms 112: 1-10

NRSVUE

¹ Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴ They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶ For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.

⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

⁸ Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹ They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

¹⁰ The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 2: 1-16

NRSVUE

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling

Beethoven
(1770-1827)

*The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory,
Through all the earth His praise is found.
The seas re-echo the marvelous story:
O man, repeat that glorious sound!
The starry hosts He doth order and number,
He fills the morning's golden springs,
He wakes the sun from his night-curtain'd slumber;
O man, adore the King of Kings!*

*The heavens are His and the earth knows His favor,
His power in all things thou dost see;
The Lord of hosts who for ever and ever
Thy God and Father still shall be.
He is thy Maker whose love shall not waver,
A God of wisdom, ever kind;
Praise Him and love Him with all thy endeavor,
In Him salvation shalt thou find.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5: 13-20

NRSVUE

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Problem of a Low Sodium Diet”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 529

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

Union Seminary

*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.

THE OFFERING

www.firstpresdalton.org/giving/

OFFERTORY

Variations on *Monkland*

arr. Burnette

Hymn 529 Note:

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

Offering Note:

Copy and paste the link under the Offering into your browser to easily submit your online offering.

*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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, you created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful and turned from your ways, you did not forsake us, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and sent prophets to call us back to your way.

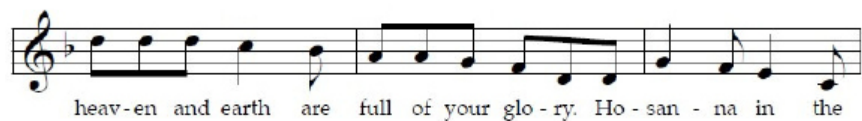
In the fullness of time you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. In him, your Word, dwelling with you from all eternity, became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld your glory, Immanuel!

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

(All sing together)



You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him.

In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place.

Hear our prayer, Lord, and as this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Empower us by your Spirit to be joined in Christ's presence in the world even as he is God-with-us. Give us courage to speak his truth, to seek his justice, and to love with his love. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

We invite you to come forward for communion via the nearest accessible main aisle and return to your seat the way you came. Communion is served by intinction. Take a piece of bread held by one elder, dip it in the cup held by another, and then, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Gluten-free wafers are available from the left aisle.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

O Gracious Light

Eighth Tune

*O gracious Light,
Lord Jesus Christ,
in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he,
and blest are you, his holy Son.*

*Now sunset comes,
but light shines forth,
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit; God
who dwells in the eternal light.*

*Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
wherefore you are
through all the earth
and in the highest heaven adored.*

Hymn 836 Note:
 By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

*HYMN 836

Abide With Me

Eventide

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers	Joy Makers	Faith Explorers
2/5	Walter Jones	Kathryn Sellers Jean Lowrey	Kathryn Sellers	Alice Ensley Lively	Jean Strain Jeane Jones
2/12	Nancy Hallsworth	Margaret Venable	Mary Hubbs	Leanna Granillo Judi McPherson	Jeff Granillo Eric Haugen

MONTHLY

Communion (February 5)		Congregational Care	
Prep	Mary Hubbs	February	Joanne Lewis
Servers	Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Annelle Scott, Dan Strain & Kaye Clark	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 Passmore, at home;

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;

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 5

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting

immediately following worship

Monday, February 6

Soup & Scripture

noon-1

Tuesday, February 7

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:30 p.m.

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.



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