



FIRST
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Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 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

- The session is pleased to call a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, March 19, 2023, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing five persons to serve as members of the **Pastor Nominating Committee**. In the words of the Book of Order, the committee “shall be representative of the whole congregation. The committee’s duty shall be to nominate a pastor for election by the congregation.” G.2.082. The Nominating Committee proposes **Steve Farrow, Leanna Granillo, James Hoskins, Jodi Johnson, and Julie Tharpe** to serve as the Pastor Nominating Committee. Nominations will be accepted from the floor on the condition that the nominees have agreed to serve if elected. Please plan to attend and participate in this step forward for our church.
- The Family Support Council has begun their **Heroes Against Child Abuse campaign**. Our church has agreed to participate this year. Family Support Council provides many free opportunities for children and families throughout the area. We are asking \$1.00 per pinwheel and money will be collected throughout March. Individuals who raise \$20.00 or more will receive a Hero t-shirt. Our pinwheels will be displayed on our lawn in April which is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Anything you can contribute would be appreciated.
- 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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

PRELUDE

Prelude in F Major

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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

Psalm 151

Chant, arr. Purcell

*Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord. Lord hear my voice.
O, let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.
If thou Lord will be extreme to mark what is done amiss:
O, Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with Thee, therefore shall Thou be feared.
I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him;
in His word is my trust.
My soul waiteth for the Lord before the morning watch.
O, Israel trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;
And plenteous redemption.
And He shall redeem Israel from all their sins.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Priscilla Brown

Come, let us go to the well!

What is at the well?

The Living Water, the element of our baptism, the common denominator of our existence.

Who will draw this water for us?

We will draw it for the sake of others. Surely, their thirst is our burden!

Then let us go quickly! Let us worship God!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We come to the well of grace, O God, to be refreshed, strengthened and renewed. As You have shared the living water with us, so let us draw deeply for others, that Your word may be shared and Your love known. Amen.

*HYMN 81

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

CALL TO CONFESSION

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the Woman of Samaria,
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Hymn 81 Note:

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 30:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Forgive us, O Lord, when we hoard Your water. We fear that we may run out of Your grace; that Your love is limited and Your abundance is conditional. Remind us that in Your kingdom there are unlimited blessings and that the fount of Your flavor flows plenteous for all. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Castle Road

A. Burnette (b. 1982)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system has two staves: the top staff is for the Cantor and the bottom staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mercy; *Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; *Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy;'. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a slight rise and fall in each phrase.

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

Exodus 17: 1-7

NRSV

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5: 1-11

NRSV

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

If My People

J. Owens
(b. 1930)

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4: 5-42

NRSV

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband' ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.

³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest?’ But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

SERMON

“Samaritan Belief”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 775

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Walk With Me

*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

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THE OFFERTORY

I Surrender All

Surrender

Hymn 775 Note:

The two equal phrases in each line here suggest that this African American spiritual shares some characteristics of work or field songs that were used to coordinate the efforts of slaves involved in tasks (road clearing, ditch digging, etc.) that needed combined rhythmic strokes.

Hymn 649 Note:

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

Offering Note:

Copy and paste the link under the Offertory onto 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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

*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.

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
3/12	Priscilla Brown	Jean Lowrey & Pam Partian	The Flower Team	Leanna Granillo Judi McPherson	Jeff Granillo Eric Haugen
3/19	Bob Hubbs	Jean Lowrey	The Flower Team	Laura Goins Leanna Granillo	Jean Lowrey Priscilla Brown

MONTHLY

Communion (April 2 - Palm Sunday)		Congregational Care	
Prep	Margaret Venable	March	Becky Jolly
Servers	Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Jack & Pam Partian & Leanna Granillo	April	TBD
Communion (April 6 - Maundy Thursday)			
Prep	Jean Lowrey		
Servers	Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Charles & Laura Allgood & Sarah McCown		

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

The family of Fran Lewis, as they mourn her death;
Cecilia Passmore, recovering from surgery;
Nancy Rhine, in assisted living located near her daughter;
Mary Dover, in rehabilitation at Regency Park;
Greg George, kidney disease and recent surgery;
Noel and Coy Temples, as they continue to adjust together;
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

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;

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 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
 11:45 a.m.
 Worship Team Meeting
 after fellowship lunch
 DEO Clinic Concert
 2:00 p.m.

Monday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 14

Saturday Sacks
 10:00 a.m.
 Grateful Heart AA Mtg
 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

Congregational Life
 Team Meeting
 10:00 a.m.
 Handbell Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m.
 Choir Rehearsal
 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 16
 Women's Book Club
 noon
 Presbyterians at the Pub
 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 19

Sunday School
 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship
 10:00 a.m.
 Worship
 FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)
 10:30 a.m.
 Congregational Meeting
 11:30 a.m.
 Session Meeting
 11:45 a.m.

