



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 29, 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

- Today we welcome bagpiper **Michael Whinery**. Michael has been playing the Highland Bagpipes since 1996 and is currently a member of the Chattanooga and Nashville pipe bands. Visit www.probagpiper.com/information for his full bio.
- The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** today, immediately following Worship, for the purpose of voting on the nominations for the Officer Nominating Committee. The nominees include: Dan Strain, Henry Tharpe, Mary Hubbs and Annelle Scott.
- Next Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate **All Saints’ Day**. This will be a service remembering those of our congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past 12 months. Please plan to join us for this service of light and remembrance.
- The Connection Team has let the **Biography Project** take a Sabbatical, but we are ready to resume collecting biographies! Why? These biographies help us get to know one another better. They help us CONNECT! Moreover, they allow us to share our stories not only for members and friends today, but also for members and friends in the future. Pick up a form today in the Commons or see the Midweek News for a digital version.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

Highland Cathedral

Cathair-eaglais na Gàidhealtachd

Michael Whinery, piper

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE GREETING

At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for worship.

INTROIT

Psalm 150

G. Talbot
(1875-1918)

Hallelujah!
O Praise God in His holiness;
Praise Him in the firmament of His pow'r.
Praise Him for His noble acts;
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him in the blast of the ram's horn;
Praise Him upon the lute and harp.
Praise Him with timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with strings and pipe.
Praise Him with resounding cymbals;
Praise Him with loud clanging cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord.
Hallelujah!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Houston

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;

And prosper for us the work of our hands.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, we gather in gratitude to hear your story again and we listen with hope of promises to come. Speak to us through your Spirit. Remind us of the great example of our ancestors of the faith. Give us the help of their wisdom and courage, and teach us how to follow in the old and familiar way of Jesus, that your whole creation would become new. We pray in Christ, our Lord yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

Cover Art:

The clergy tartan is traditionally worn by members of the clergy of the Church of Scotland but is also associated with the church generally.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 90.

Hymn 1 Note:

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

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

Prayer of Confession:
 Prayer modified from
 The Book of Common
 Order of the Church
 of Scotland.

Kirkin' Note:
 The Rev. Peter Marshall,
 Pastor of New York
 Presbyterian Church
 in Washington D.C.
 and chaplain to the
 United States Senate,
 created "Kirkin' of
 the Tartans" as an
 element of worship
 in 1941. Originally a
 call to Presbyterians in
 America to remember
 their connection to
 their parent church in
 Scotland, Marshall, a
 Scot, intended such
 remembrances to
 strengthen the
 connection between
 the United States
 and United Kingdom
 during World War II.
 The first service, in
 1941, raised money to
 fund British war relief.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Merciful God, we humble ourselves in your presence, confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in your sight. We have broken your holy law. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have been anxious and troubled about many things, and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, or done to others as we would that they should do to us. Most Gracious God, our heavenly Father, who has given your Son, Jesus Christ, to save your people from their sins; forgive us, we beseech you; cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us; through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Land of Rest

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
 mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
 Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri (Scottish)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. 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 34: 1-12

NRSV

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain — that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees — as far as Zoar. ⁴The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” ⁵Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹²and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Thessalonians 2: 1-8

NRSV

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

ANTHEM

The Road Home

S. Paulus
(1949-2014)

*Tell me where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost, so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know
There’s a way, there’s a road that will lead me home?*

I Thessalonians

Scripture Lesson:

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

*After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling from far away,
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.*

*Rise up, follow me, come away is the call,
With the love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty as where you belong,
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22: 34-46

NRSV

Hymn 45 Note:

Although the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 121 draws heavily on 17th-century Scottish psalters, most of this version dates from the early 20th century. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned for use with a specific psalm.

The Affirmation of

Faith is an excerpt from the Scots Confession. The Scots Confession was an act of Scottish Parliament in 1560 to unify standards of faith and confession in the church throughout Scotland. Led by church reformers—among them John Knox, the father of Presbyterianism—the document borrows from the Reformed theology of John Calvin to clarify traditional reformed emphases like the sovereignty of God, the importance of scripture, and the formation of a church distinguished from Roman Catholicism.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹and a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”?’

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Changing of the Guard”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 45

I to the Hill Will Lift My Eyes

Dundee

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his glory.

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

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

Michael Whinery, piper

New Britain

*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. Amen.**

Old 100th

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundreth

*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

Highland Wedding

Michael Whinery, piper

Trad. Scottish Tune

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 385 Note:

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
10/29	Carol Houston	Mike & Priscilla Brown	Jeane Jones
11/5	Kathryn Sellers	TBD	TBD

MONTHLY

Communion (November 5)		Congregational Care	
Prep	Nancy Hallsworth	October	Priscilla Brown
Servers	Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Robert & Rachel Smalley and Kathy Bridges	November	Jeane Jones

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

For Tate O'Gwin, as he prepares for his upcoming surgery following his diagnosis of colon cancer;

Peggy Rollins and family, as they mourn the death of her sister, Mary "Freckles" Paulk;

Valerie George and family, as they mourn the death of husband and father, Greg George;

Jodi Johnson and family, as they mourn the death of her father, Joe Smith;

Charles Allgood, as he recovers from back surgery;

The Pastor Nominating Committee, as they continue our search for a new pastor;

Cecilia Passmore and her parents, *Kristen and Chance*, as they settle into their new home in Dawsonville to be closer to family;

Nancy Rhine, in assisted living located near her daughter;

Noel and *Coy Temples*;

Stan Crawford, multiple health challenges including spinal stenosis;

Friends of First Presbyterian, Dalton

Gene Smith, father of Rhonda Smith, who is in declining health;

The family of Mary Dover, as they mourn her death;

Nikki Collins and her family, as they go through the difficult experience of losing their home in a house fire;

The peace of Israel;

The families of victims of substance abuse;

Rev. John Ryan, as he mourns the death of his mother, Joyce Frain;

Dora and John Hinkle, friends of the church, on the death of Dora's sister, Doris, in NY;

Kathy Householder, friend of Debbie and Mary Dennard, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer;

Arden Brown, son of Amanda and Chris Brown, as they seek a cure for DMD;

Families affected by COVID-19;

Caregivers and aging parents.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 29

Fellowship (No Sunday School)

9:15 a.m.

Worship - Reformation

FPC Sanctuary (&

Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Congregational Meeting

11:30 a.m.

Monday, October 30

Soup & Scripture

noon-1:00 p.m.

Facilities Team Meeting

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 1

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 2

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 5

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship - All Saints' Day

FPC Sanctuary (&

Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Worship Team Meeting

11:45 p.m.

Girl Scouts

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Monday, November 6

Soup & Scripture

noon-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7

Saturday Sacks

10:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Praises and Continuing Prayers!

Josh and Sukanya Hendrix, on the birth of their daughter, Maya Anjali;

Becky Hansberry, daughter of Kaye Clark, who has moved to Atlanta, and is continuing her cancer treatment at Emory.