



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Christ the King

Sunday, November 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

- Everyone is invited to join us today, after Worship, for this year’s **Hanging of the Greens**, hosted by the Congregational Life Team. A pizza lunch will be provided. Come help us decorate for the Advent and Christmas seasons!
- The Advent Season is right around the corner and the **calendar** is once again full! Be on the look out for the 2023 calendar so you don’t miss any events. There will soon be copies in the Commons and it will also be emailed out each week.
- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** on Sunday, December 10 in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the church office.
- Please join us for a **Family Advent Festival** on Sunday, December 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Hollis Hall. Everyone is invited to gather for a festive time of refreshments, singing, homemade craft projects, and take home “Goodie Bags” for children.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

PRELUDE

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

Let Us Gather and Praise the Lord!

B. Edwards

Let us gather and praise the Lord,

O sing praises to the Lord!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ian Lively

Day and night around the throne they never stop singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come!

Let us worship God!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of power and love, You raised Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation. Free the world to rejoice in His peace, to glory in His justice and to live in His love. Unite all of humankind in Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

God of all the living, in the resurrection of Christ Jesus, You have given us the promise of life which death, itself, cannot destroy. In the strength of this unshakeable promise, give us a new heart to live, even now, as Your new creation. We ask this through Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever more. Amen.

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

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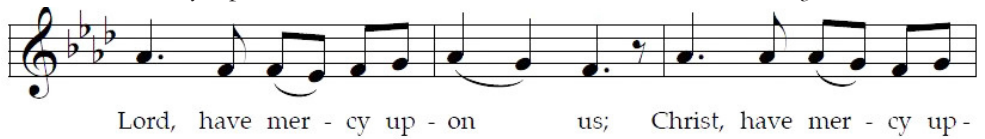
Hymn 263 Note:

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

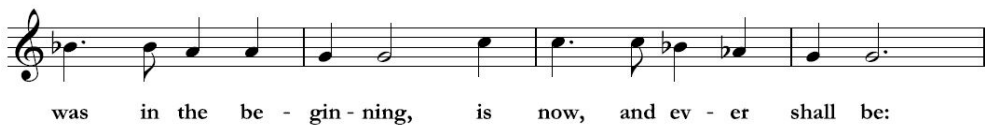
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

S Selvidge Street



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

Ezekiel 34:1-16, 20-24

NRSV

¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: To the shepherds—thus says the Lord God: Woe, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³You eat the fat; you clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatted calves, but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴You have not strengthened the weak; you have not healed the sick; you have not bound up the

injured; you have not brought back the strays; you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵ So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and scattered they became food for all the wild animals. ⁶ My sheep were scattered; they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

⁷ Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ⁸ As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord God: I am against the shepherds, and I will hold them accountable for my sheep and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

NRSV

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the

saints,¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Brightest and Best

P. Sjolund
(b. 1935)

*Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

*Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch, and Savior of all.*

*Shall we now give him, in costly devotion,
Gifts of incense and off'rings divine;
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?*

*Vainly we offer the rarest oblation;
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.*

*Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

NRSV

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in

prison and you visited me.’³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?’³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?’³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;’⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“And On That Day...”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 264

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Nicene Creed”

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again; in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hymn 264 Note:

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 268 Note:

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

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

*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 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

*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.

*POSTLUDE



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
11/26	Ian Lively	Nathalie Sanders	Joanne Lewis
12/3	James Hoskins	Mike & Priscilla Brown	The Flower Team

MONTHLY

Communion (December 3)		Congregational Care	
Prep	Katie O’Gwin	November	Jeane Jones
Servers	Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Bob Hubbs, Susan Bisson & Steve Sides	December	Annelle Scott

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

The Elder Nominating Committee, as they continue their work;
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 battles lung cancer;
The Pastor Nominating Committee, as they faithfully continue our search for a new pastor;

On Going Concerns for our Members:

Cecilia Passmore and her parents, *Kristen and Chance*, as 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;
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;
Caregivers and aging parents.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 26
 Adult Sunday School
 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship
 10:00 a.m.
 Worship - Christ the King
 FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)
 10:30 a.m.
 Hanging of the Greens
 11:30 a.m.

Monday, November 27
 Soup & Scripture
 noon-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28
 Saturday Sacks
 10:30 a.m.
 Grateful Heart AA Mtg
 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29
 Choir Rehearsal
 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 30
 Knitting Group
 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 3
 Adult Sunday School
 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship
 10:00 a.m.
 Worship - Advent I
 FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)
 10:30 a.m.
 Girl Scouts
 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Monday, December 4
 Soup & Scripture
 noon-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5
 Grateful Heart AA Mtg
 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6
 Choir Rehearsal
 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 7
 Knitting Group
 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Praises and Continuing Prayers!

For Tate O'Gwin, who received a very encouraging report following colon cancer surgery at Vanderbilt University Hospital recently. He continues to recover at home;

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.