



FIRST
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The Celebration of All Saints

Sunday, November 5, 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 during Worship we celebrate **All Saints’ Day**. This is a light and remembrance service recalling those of our congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past 12 months.
- As a result of Sunday’s action by the congregation, Annelle Scott and Dan Strain will serve on the **Elder Nominating Committee**. Also by Session selection, Alice Ensley will join with them to complete the team. Let us add to our prayers these three as they begin their important discernment process.
- Our stewardship theme for this year is **“Small Church, Large Hearts.”** Stop and consider our astonishing impact, near and far, as we proclaim Christ through our various ministries. Our Midweek News will feature members who answer the questions, “What does stewardship mean to you and your family? What motivates you to give to FPC?”
- Join us in Worship for our **Commitment Sunday**, November 19, as we offer and dedicate our pledges for the upcoming year. We also invite you to remember your baptism as you dedicate your pledge during the service. You can mail in your card or return an electronic pledge card which can be found in the Midweek News or your email. You can also give through our website: firstpresdalton.org/giving.
- Immediately following Worship, Sunday, November 12, please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** in Hollis Hall. Please RSVP to the church office if you’d like to attend.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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

Kathryn Sellers

The sun shall be no more your light by day,
Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.
But the Lord will be our everlasting light,
And our God will be our glory!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, You have called us into the fellowship of faith, surrounded by the faithful of all times and places. Though we cannot see or hear them, we rejoice that they find their rest in you. Grant that the flames of memory and love may be fanned in this moment, reminding us of Your providence for all of us in life, in death, and in life beyond death, Amen.

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Almighty God, we inhabit eternity but life for the moment. Grant that our perspective may be broadened to see the vast panoply of those who have gone before, those who shall follow in faith, and those whose time we humbly share. Help us to see our part in Your purpose and guide us, by Your peace, to a safe lodging and a holy rest. This we ask in the name of Christ, our brother and Lord. Amen.

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Tanner, Henry Ossawa, 1859-1937. Thankful, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56998> [retrieved October 31, 2023]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:The_Thankful_Poor,_1894._Henry_Ossawa_Tanner.jpg.

Hymn 463 Note:

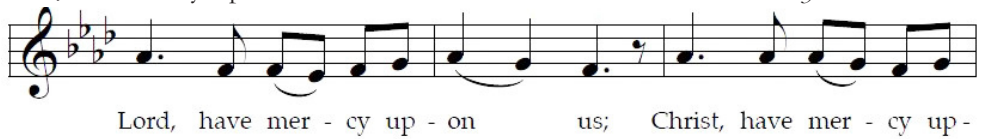
It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELIS, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

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

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

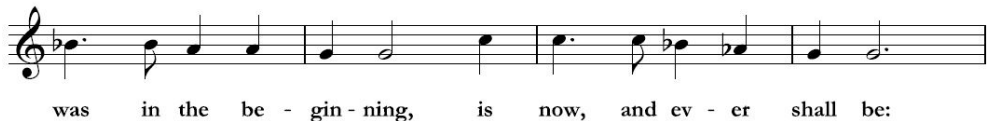
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glora 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Sarah McCown

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 26:12-22

NRSVUE

¹² Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. ¹³ The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. ¹⁴ He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵ So all the wells that his

father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth.

¹⁶ Then Abimelek said to Isaac, "Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us."

¹⁷ So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar, where he settled. ¹⁸ Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.

¹⁹ Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there.

²⁰ But the herders of Gerar quarreled with those of Isaac and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek, because they disputed with him. ²¹ Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah.

²² He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land."

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I John 3:1-3

NRSVUE

¹See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God is My Shepherd

G. Young
(1919-1998)

Mary Ellen Gurley, soloist

*God is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters, He restoreth my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me, comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
All the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever!*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:22-34

NRSVUE

²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?”

²⁷ “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

SERMON

“Digging Again the Wells of our Fathers”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

MEDITATION

*HYMN 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Grand Isle

SILENT MEDITATION

NECROLOGY

Trammell Scott	September 21, 2022	Greg George	September 21, 2023
Mac Thomas	January 9, 2023	Mary Dover	October 11, 2023
Fran Lewis	March 3, 2023		

*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.

Hymn 730 Note:

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont’s Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

THE OFFERING

www.firstpresdalton.org/giving/

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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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.

It is indeed right, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, true and living God, through Jesus Christ. You are the source of life for all creation and you made us in your own image. In your love for us, you sent your Son to be our Savior. In the fullness of time he became incarnate, and suffered death on a cross. You raised him in triumph, and exalted him in glory. Through him you send your Holy Spirit upon your church and make us your people. And so we proclaim your glory, as we sing to your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Schubert

(All sing together)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory;

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

To you indeed be glory, almighty God. Recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness.

Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ, and give us your peace.

All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Offering Note:

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

*"The Great Thanksgiving" adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book, Harper One, 1997.

Hymn 326 Note:

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

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 elements are available from the left aisle.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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 326

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

*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
11/5	Kathryn Sellers	Walter Jones	Becky Jolly
11/12	Henry Tharpe	Walter Jones	Kaye Clark

MONTHLY

Communion (November 5)		Congregational Care	
Prep	Nancy Hallsworth	November	Jeane Jones
Servers	Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Kathryn Sellers, Jeane Jones and Kathy Bridges	December	TBD

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

The Elder Nominating Committee, as they begin 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;

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;

Nikeki 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, November 5

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship - All Saints’

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.

Staff Team Meeting

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7

Saturday Sacks

10:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8

Congregational Life

Team Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 9

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 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.

Connection Team

Meeting

12:30 p.m.

Praises and Continuing Prayers!

For Tate O'Gwin, who received a very encouraging report following colon cancer surgery at Vanderbilt University Hospital last Friday. 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.