



FIRST
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Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, January 14, 2024

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

- Join us today during Worship as we install Julie Tharpe (Finance), Rob Lively (Christian Education), and ordain and install Mike Brown (Connection) into the **Session Class of 2026**.
- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** today, in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship. All are welcome!
- The **church office will be closed** tomorrow, January 15. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 16.
- On Saturday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m., The DEO Clinic, in partnership with FPC, is hosting a concert featuring **High Fidelity Bluegrass Band**. They are a rising bluegrass band that draws their inspiration from classic styles from the much loved 50s and 60s era. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering. Go to <http://woodsongsdalton.com> for ticket information.
- The **Adult Sunday School Class** has started new study focusing on the book *Real World Faith* by Walter Brueggemann. Join us every week in Hollis Hall at 9:15 a.m. as together we explore what it means to practice and deepen our faith in the real world and in our daily lives.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

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

Be Still

B. Edwards

Be still, and know that I am God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Nations shall come to your light
And rulers to the brightness of your rising.

Julie Tharpe

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of Your glory rising in splendor. The radiance of Your incarnate word pierces the night that covers the Earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. May His brightness illumine our lives and beckon all nations to walk as one in Your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit in the splendor of eternal light, one God forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

God of Glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal Your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of Your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin and baptize us once again with Your spirit that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth Your glory, shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Cover Art:

Tissot, James, 1836-1902. Nathanael Under the Fig Tree, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56456> [retrieved January 9, 2024]. Original source: [https://commons.m.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Brooklyn_Museum_-_Nathaniel_Under_the_Fig_Tree_\(Nathana%C3%ABl_sous_le_figuier\)_-_James_Tissot_-_overall.jpg](https://commons.m.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Brooklyn_Museum_-_Nathaniel_Under_the_Fig_Tree_(Nathana%C3%ABl_sous_le_figuier)_-_James_Tissot_-_overall.jpg)

Hymn 307 Note:

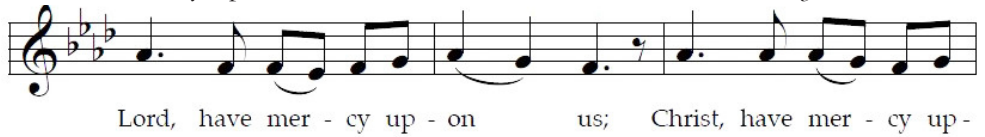
This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

*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

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

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

NRSV

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.

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- 5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- 13 For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
- 17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 I try to count them — they are more than the sand;
I come to the end — I am still with you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 6: 12-20

NRSV

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

J. Carter
(b. 1930)

*How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good tidings,
Who brings words of peace and salvation;
How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good tidings of peace.*

*Break forth together into singing,
You waste places of Jerusalem,
For the Lord has comforted his people,
He has redeemed Jerusalem.*

*How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good tidings,
Who brings words of peace and salvation;
How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good tidings of peace.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1: 43-51

NRSV

I Corinthians

Scripture Lesson:

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him,

“Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you come to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

SERMON

“Call and Confession”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Apostles’ Creed”

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you?

Hymn 331 Note:

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service?

Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept Julie Tharpe, Rob Lively and Mike Brown as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

STATEMENT TO THE ORDAINED

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Baptized in Water

**Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit,
we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Bunessan

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 339 Note:

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

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/

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 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

*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
1/14	Julie Tharpe	Larry & Sharon Cooper	Margaret Venable
1/21	Ben Johnson	Walter & Jeane Jones	Laura Allgood

MONTHLY

Communion (February 4)		Congregational Care	
Prep	Mary Hubbs	January	Sue Neelly
Servers	Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Annelle Scott, Dan Strain & Kaye Clark	February	Joanne Lewis

MISSION

The Book Spot		Little Free Pantry Pal	
1/12	Priscilla Brown & Don Hoffmeyer	January	Peggy Rollins
1/19	Alice Ensley & Peggy Rollins	February	Mary Hubbs

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Jeff Granillo and family, as they mourn the death of his uncle, Dennis Moore;
Noel Temples and family, as they mourn the death of *Coy Temples*;
Bob Hubbs, as he recovers at home from hip replacement surgery;
Charles Allgood, as he battles lung cancer;

On-Going Concerns for our Members:

The Pastor Nominating Committee, as they faithfully 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;
Stan Crawford, multiple health challenges including spinal stenosis;

Friends of First Presbyterian, Dalton

Rhonda Smith and family, as they mourn the death of her father, Gene Smith;
Nikeki Collins and her family, as they go through the difficult experience of losing their home in a house fire;
The peace of Israel and Palestine;
The families of victims of substance abuse;
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, January 14

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.

Monday, January 15

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 16

Church Women United
 11:00 a.m.
 Grateful Heart AA Mtg
 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17

Congregational Life
 Team Meeting
 10:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal
 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 18

Womens Book Club
 noon

Presbyterians at the Pub
 5:00 p.m.

Knitting Group
 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 19

The Book Spot
 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 21

Sunday School
 9:15 a.m.

Fellowship
 10:00 a.m.

Worship
 FPC Sanctuary (&
 Facebook livestream)
 10:30 a.m.

Session Meeting
 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, January

Saturday Sacks
 10:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
 8:00 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;
Becky Hansberry, daughter of Kaye Clark, who has moved to Atlanta, and is continuing her cancer treatment at Emory.

Cover Art Note:

Nathanael Under the Fig Tree

by James Tissot
(1836-1902)

“...when his (Tissot) carefully researched collection of 350 watercolors depicting the life of Jesus was first published as a book in 1896, it found a large and enthusiastic audience. No one who had followed his previous career could have anticipated that this painter of urban life in Paris and London would undertake the project of painting virtually every event in the Gospels.

The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ project took nearly ten years to complete. When it was done, it chronicled the entire life of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament in a series of 350 watercolors. To research the project Tissot traveled to Egypt, Syria, and Palestine in 1886–87, and again in 1890.

While in the Holy Land he closely observed the landscape, the vegetation, the architecture, and the manner of dress, and filled sketchbooks with what he saw. He talked with rabbis and studied Talmudic literature as well as theological and historical volumes. He believed that there was still a remaining “aura” in the places where the Gospel events took place, and he spoke of having mystical experiences that added to his careful research. What he wanted to create was something as close as possible to an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus.” [from Terry Glaspey’s “75 Masterpieces Every Christian Should Know”]