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Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, January 21, 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 videoconference. 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

• 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.

• Join us next Sunday, January 28, immediately following Worship for **Coffee in the Commons.** Come enjoy light refreshments and fellowship.

• The next stated meeting of **Cherokee Presbytery** will be February 10, 2024 at FPC Dalton, beginning at 10:00 a.m., and we need your help. Volunteers are needed to greet inside and outside, to set up for the lunch, to prepare flowers, etc. Please volunteer or answer the call when asked. Email the church office if you are able to help.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 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

Ben Johnson

Be still, and know that I am God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here, O God, to be redirected and renewed. We are here to faithfully listen and eagerly respond. Give us willing steps and joyful journeys; And may our paths, though winding, lead always to You. Amen.

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

You lead us, O God, to the gates of Your kingdom. Come among us today and help us to hear Your voice afresh. Strengthen our hearts and arms to do Your will and sharpen our vision to behold Your horizon. Amen.

*HYMN 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Like Jonah, O Lord, we are prone to set a heading one hundred and eighty degrees from Your call. We hurry along our own path, thinking that we know best in all things. We confuse our delusions with Your will. Hasten, we pray, to set us on a proper course and bring us at last to the safe port of Your providence and love. This we ask through the saving power of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

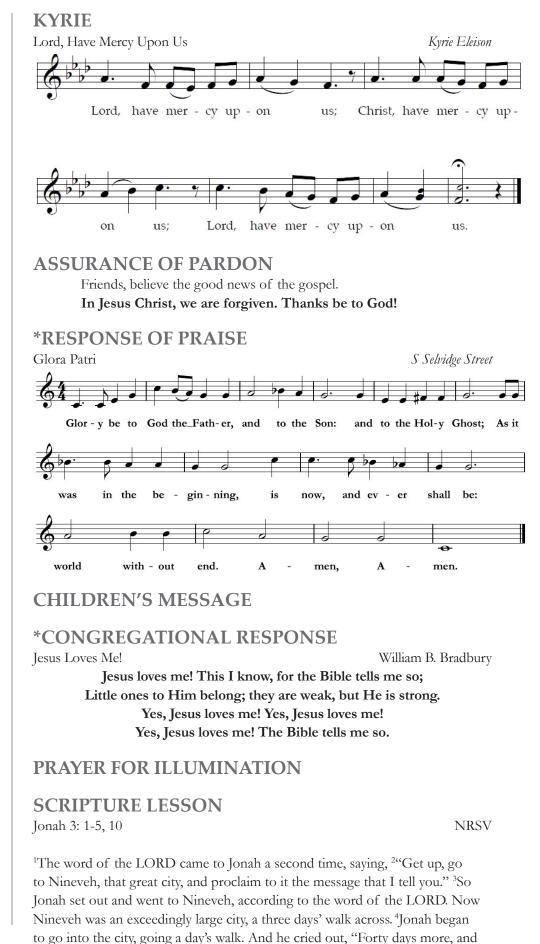
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Hymn 265 Note:

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

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



Today's music is reprinted with permission to reprint/ podcast/stream music in this service is obtained from One License with license #A-722902. All rights reserved. Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 7: 29-31

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

ANTHEM

Here I am, Lord

NRSV

arr. O. Young

(1940-2014)

Beverly Hidgon, Adam Stark, soloists

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

> Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone, I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send?

> Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I will go, Lord. Here I am. ²⁹I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

I Corinthians

Scripture Lesson:

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1: 14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

SERMON "The Art of Annunciation"

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 318 In Christ There Is No East or West

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Apostles' Creed"

St. Peter

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

www.firstpresdalton.org/giving/

THE OFFERTORY

Hymn 318 Note:

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

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 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 329

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Winchester Old

*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.

*POSTLUDE

Traditional

Hymn 329 Note:

The first two stanzas of this very condensed paraphrase of Psalm 46 were created early in the 20th century, and the last two stanzas were prepared near its end. The text is set to a late 16th-century psalm tune that comes from the first such collection to give tunes names.

Old 100th



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers	
1/21	Ben Johnson	Walter & Jeane Jones	Laura Allgood	
1/28	Katie O'Gwin	Nathalie Sanders	Mary Hubbs	

MONTHLY

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

MISSION

The Book Spot		Little Free Pantry Pal	
1/26	Alice Ensley & Priscilla Brown	January	Peggy Rollins
2/2	Kathryn Sellers & Walter Jones	February	Mary Hubbs

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

John McPherson, as he recovers at home from shoulder surgery; *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; *Nikki 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;* Upcoming **Events** 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 23 Saturday Sacks 10:30 a.m. Grateful Heart AA Mtg 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 24 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00 p.m Thursday, January 25 Knitting Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, January 26 The Book Spot 7:30 a.m. Saturday, January 27 DEO Clinic Concert 7:00 p.m. Sunday, January 28 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream) 10:30 a.m. Coffee in the Commons 11:30 a.m. Worship Team Meeting 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, January 30 Grateful Heart AA Mtg 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 31 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00 p.m Thursday, February 1 Presbyterians at the Pub 5:00 p.m. Knitting Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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*.

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.