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Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, January 28, 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, 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.
- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** on Sunday, February 11 in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the church office.
- Pastor Ken is currently **out of the office**, returning Tuesday, February 5. Please contact Walter Jones if any pastoral concerns arise. 404-316-8757

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 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

Katie O’Gwin

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never-ending. Enable us to love you with all our hearts and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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.)

Eternal God, our judge and our reformer, we confess that we are not yet all that we should be. By our actions and by failure to act, we have fallen short of Christ’s teachings and far short of His example. Forgive us when our pace is slow. Remove the fears and self-doubts which hold us back from loving first, loving all, which is our stated mission as a congregation and our mandate as your people. Give us the confidence of Your direction and the courage of Your Spirit for the days ahead, for we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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The Call to Worship is Psalm 111:1-3.

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

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

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

S Selvidge Street

Glor - y be to God the Fath - er, and to the Son: and to the Hol - y Ghost; As it

was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be:

world with - out end. A - men, 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

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 12:1-11

NRSVUE

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. ²You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Community of Faith

G. Hawthorne & J. Purifoy

*A community of faith, a community of love,
A community that generates the love of God,
A community that nourishes the Spirit endlessly,
All of this is what the Church is meant to be.*

*From a fellowship of minds come a fellowship of souls
And a fellowship that has the will to reach its goals.
Yes, a fellowship that takes the time to work its problems through,
All of this is what the Church is meant to be.*

*We're believers together, a priesthood set apart
With Jesus as the head and our devotion as the heart of the Church.*

*It's the strength of Christian love that creates a mighty bond,
That it's clear to see transcend the world and goes beyond.
It's the kind of love that people know is very, very rare,
All of this is what the Church is meant to share.*

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

NRSVUE

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

SERMON

“One Body, Many Members”

Rev. Dr. Walter Jones

*HYMN 300

We are one in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians

*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 300 Note:
A parish priest at St. Brendan’s on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

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 838

Standing on the Promises

Promises

*ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

He has no hands but our hands
To do his work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in his way;
He had no voice but our voice
To tell men how he died;
He has no help but our help
To lead them to his side.

*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

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 838 Note:

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of “stand” and “promise(s),” the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
1/28	Katie O'Gwin	Nathalie Sanders & Kathryn Sellers	Mary Hubbs
2/4	Laura Allgood	TBD	Kaye Clark

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

January 28-February 4

Pastor Ken out of the office
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.

Friday, February 2
The Book Spot
7:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 4
Sunday School
9:15 a.m.

Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship - Scout Sunday
FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 6
Saturday Sacks
10:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7
Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m

Thursday, February 8
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.