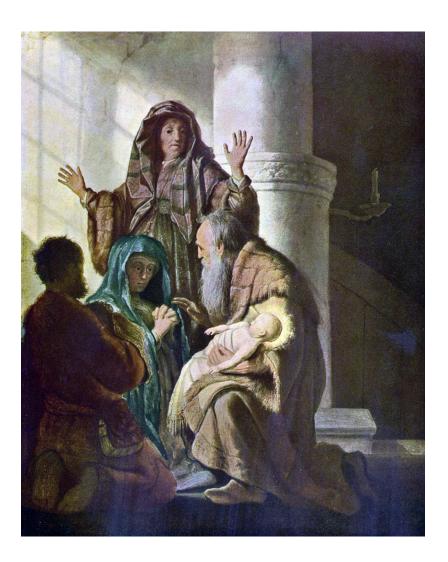


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# Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, February 4, 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

• Today we celebrate **Scout Sunday** to recognize and acknowledge all current and former scouts in our congregation. We would like to especailly thank our Scouts, Luke and Lucy O'Gwin and Hannah Granillo, for assisting with today's service. There is a handout in the Commons if you know of someone interested in learning more about the adventures offered in scouting. So many church leaders of tomorrow wear the Scout uniform today.

• A **congregational meeting** is called for Sunday, February 18, 2024, immediately following Worship, for the purpose of receiving the 2023 annual financial report and the 2023 annual report of the activities of the church.

• 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.

• Join us for **Ash Wednesday worship** at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, as we begin our observance of Lent, a forty-day season of preparation for Easter. The service will include communion and the imposition of ashes. All are welcome!

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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

(From Psalm 147)

Margaret Venable

Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

## **\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

We lift our hearts in thanksgiving, O God, as we marvel at the wonders of creation all around us, at the rhythms of the seasons which mark our years, at the blessings of life and faith which are ours. Just as the stars in the night sky and the winds of the day confirm your presence, so let your Holy Spirit witness through us as we sing of your mighty power. Amen.

\*HYMN 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

## CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Almighty God, you have given us the laws and the lessons of Scripture to guide our living, yet we confess we still lack the courage to fulfil your full hopes for us. Instill in us such a desire to know and to please you that your compassion for the world may become our life's purpose, and in every relationship we shall seek to do what is right in your eyes. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

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#### Hymn 32 Note:

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight fourline stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

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



#### Offering Note:

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

#### \*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.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the reconciliation of men with God and with one another, in which they joyfully eat and drink together at the table of their Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for sinful men so that by participation in it they have communion with him and with all who shall be gathered to him. Partaking in him as they eat the bread and drink the wine in accordance with Christ's appointment, they receive from the risen and living Lord the benefits of his death and resurrection. They rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom which he will bring to consummation at his promised coming, and go out from the Lord's Table with courage and hope for the service to which he has called them.

- from "The Book of Confessions"

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Corinthians 11:17-22; 27-34

NRSVUE

<sup>17</sup> Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup> For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. <sup>20</sup> When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. <sup>21</sup> For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. <sup>22</sup> What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

<sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord.
<sup>28</sup> Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.
<sup>29</sup> For all who eat and drink without discerning the body eat and drink judgment against themselves. <sup>30</sup> For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when

we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

<sup>33</sup> So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. <sup>34</sup> If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

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

**ANTHEM** Wings of the Dawn

L. A. Spencer

NRSVUE

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit and when I rise. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I go from your presence?

> If I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I settle on the far side of the sea, Even there your hand will guide me. Your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say surely darkness will hide me, And the light be dark around me, Not even dark is dark to you. Night will shine like the day.

So I'll praise you, Lift up my voice and I'll praise you, Lord, Father I praise you, praise you my Lord, Yes I'll praise you, Lord.

You created me within, You knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am fearfully made. Your works are wonderful.

And if I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I settle on the far side of the sea, Even there your hand will guide me. Your right hand will hold me fast.

Rise on wings of the dawn.

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in

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

**SERMON** The "Remembering" of Communion

Rev. Dr. Walter Jones

\*HYMN 529 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Union Seminary

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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

Jesus, Remember Me

Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (Repeat)

## CHARGE

**\*HYMN 326** For All the Saints

# **\*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

Sine Nomine

Traditional

#### Hymn 529 Note:

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

#### 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.



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# **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

## WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
2/4	Margaret Venable	Scouts	Kaye Clark
2/11	Laura Allgood	Jean Lowrey	Becky Jolly

## MONTHLY

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

## MISSIONS

The Book Spot		Little Free Pantry Pal	
2/2	Kathryn Sellers & Walter Jones	February	Mary Hubbs
2/9	TBD & Don Hoffmeyer	March	Alice Ensley

## PRAYERS

#### For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Erin Swinney, expectant mother;

*Rob Lively and family,* as they mourn the death of his grandfather, Frank Reed; *John McPherson,* as he recovers 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; Upcoming Events 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. Friday, February 9 The Book Spot 7:30 a.m. Saturday, February 10 Cherokee Presbytery Meeting 10:00 a.m. Sunday, February 11 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship - Souper Bowl FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream) 10:30 a.m. Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch 11:30 a.m. Connection Team Meeting 12:30 p.m. Monday, February 12 Soup & Scripture noon Tuesday, February 13 Grateful Heart AA Mtg 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 p.m

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.* 

#### 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.