



Fifth Sunday in Lent In Celebration of the Life of the Rev. Dr. Fred Rogers

Sunday, March 17, 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 our church celebrates **Mr. Rogers Day** and our local mission efforts. Mr. Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister who taught generations of children (and adults) to love their neighbor, get along with others, feel good about themselves, and cope with fear. Thank you to everyone who brought in donations of NEW socks for men, women, and children. We will distribute these to local agencies.
- Join us next Sunday, March 24, for **Palm Sunday Worship** and the procession of palms by the choir and children. Sometimes referred to as Passion Sunday, this is the first celebration in Holy Week and commemorates the Triumphant Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. According to tradition, Jesus rode in on a donkey, reminiscent of the entry of King David and thus announced the beginning of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. The people greeted Him with palm branches and pieces of clothing, another symbol of royal welcome.
- A **Called Meeting of the Congregation** for Sunday, March 24, immediately following Worship, has been requested by the Pulpit Nominating Committee for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the report of the same. Please plan to be in attendance for this important event in the life of our church. Stay after the meeting and join us for **Coffee in the Commons** to enjoy light refreshments and fellowship.
- Holy Week begins next Sunday, March 24. See the Midweek News for a list and times of services and special traditions.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 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

Ah, Holy Jesu

R. A. Nelson (1927-2014)

Ah, holy Jesu, How hast Thou offended? That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?

Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee.

Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee. I crucified Thee!

Ah, holy Jesu, since I cannot pay Thee, I will adore Thee Lord.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Walter Jones

This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel, I will put my law within them, I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God,

And they will be my people. Let us worship God!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all living, stand fast with us and give us hope so that, rejoicing in the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*HYMN 401

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Lord of the covenant, in the glory of the cross, Your son embraced the power of death and broke it's hold over Your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to Yourself that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of Your Kingdom, Amen.

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Hymn 401 Note:

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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







ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE



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

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

NRSV

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Today's music is

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make

with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 5: 5-10 NRSV

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

P. Christiansen (1914-1997)

Amanda Karge, solo

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! That caused the Lord of life To bear the heavy cross, What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! That Christ should lay aside His crown for my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul.

What wondrous love, O my soul!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12: 20-33 NRSV

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

SERMON

"We Would See Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Union Seminary

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men.

- from the "Confession of 1967"

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/

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.

Offering Note:

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

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 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusader's Hymn

*CHARGE & 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

Hymn 630 Note:

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
3/17	Walter Jones	Valerie George & Jean Lowrey	Bobbie Andeson
3/24	4 Pam Bob & Mary Hubbs		Joanne Lewis

MONTHLY

Communion (April 7)		Congregational Care	
Prep	Margaret Venable	March	Priscilla Brown
Servers	Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Jeff Granillo and Jack & Pam Partain	April	TBD

MISSION

The Book Spot		Little Free Pantry Pal		
3/22	TBD	March	Alice Ensley & O'Gwins	
3/29	Spring Break - No Reading	April	Laura Allgood & Priscilla Brown	

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Wayne Alderman, as he mourns the death of his sister, Ruth;

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;

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 enjoy 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

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;

The families of victims of substance abuse;

Kathy Householder, friend of Debbie and Mary Dennard, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer;

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 17

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship - Mr. Rogers Day

FPC Sanctuary (&

Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Session Meeting

11:30 a.m.

Monday, March 18

Soup & Scripture

noon

Tuesday, March 19

Saturday Sacks

10:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Congregational Life

Team Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-:800 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

Women's Book Club

noon

Presbyterians at the Pub 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

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

Friday, March 22

The Book Spot 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 24

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship - Palm Sunday

FPC Sanctuary (&

Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Called Congregational

Meeting

11:30 a.m.

Coffee in the Commons

11:45 a.m.

Monday, March 25

Soup & Scripture

noon

Arden Brown, son of Amanda and Chris Brown, as they seek a cure for DMD; Caregivers and aging parents.

Praises and Continuing Prayers!

John and Erin Swinney, on the birth of their daughter, Palmer;

Becky Hansberry, daughter of Kaye Clark, who has moved to Atlanta, and is continuing her cancer treatment at Emory.