



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 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

- A **Called Meeting of the Congregation** immediately following Worship today, 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.
- As we reflect on Christ’s sacrifice this **Maundy Thursday**, *The Seven Last Words of Christ* gives us a powerful insight into His thoughts as He took all the sins of mankind upon Himself. Please join our Maundy Thursday Worship, a collaboration between FPC Dalton and DFUMC, on March 28 at 6:00 p.m. at DFUMC.
- Join us on Friday, March 29, for our **Good Friday Worship Service** beginning at noon. Traditionally, this is a simple service which remembers the tortuous death of Jesus upon the cross at Golgotha. It is quiet and reflective, lacking the joy and splendor of the upcoming Easter celebrations.
- Join us on **Easter Sunday**, March 31! This is the glorious day of the Resurrection! Worship is dramatic, building from the quietness of the dawning of morning to the enthusiastic announcement, “Christ is risen!” The congregation responds, “He is risen, indeed!” Following this declaration, the full force of choir, organist and congregation blend their voices in the holiest service of praise in the Liturgical Year.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

M. Hayes
(b. 1953)

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

Hosanna Processional

M. Kellner
(1959-2015)

Adult, Children's, & Handbell Choirs

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Behold, He comes to save His people!

Hosanna in the highest!

Pam Partain

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Artist of souls, You created a people for yourself out of rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us as we take up Your invitation to prayer and simplicity during this Holy Week. Sharpen our senses and inspire our spirits as we walk beside You into our own Jerusalems. Keep us faithful through Your trauma and bring us at last to the empty tomb of Your victory. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Lord, we are continually caught between joy and despair. We long for the fulfillment of Your desire. Forgive us for our brokenness and neediness. Help us to lay aside the burdens of sin and work with You in transforming this world into Your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

Cover Art:

Gospel Book of the Syrian Jacobite Church - Christ's entry into Jerusalem, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54624> [retrieved March 19, 2024]. Original source: http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Datei:Syrischer_Maler_um_1220_001.jpg.

Hymn 197 Note:

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

*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

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glora 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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 18: 1-2, 19-29

NRSV

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

- ² Let Israel say,
 “His steadfast love endures for ever.”
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
 that I may enter through them
 and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
 the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
 and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD’s doing;
 it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
 O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
 We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ The LORD is God,
 and he has given us light.
 Bind the festal procession with branches,
 up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
 you are my God, I will extol you.
- ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Palms

J. Faure
(1830-1914)

Hayden Poe, solo

*O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
 Are strewn this day, in festal preparation.
 Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare;*

Refrain

*Join all and sing, His name declare,
 Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation:
 Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!*

*His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness are restored to light. Refrain*

*Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore. Refrain*

Hymn 198 Note:

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 11: 1-11

NRSV

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Hosanna!"

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

St. Drostan

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Apostles' Creed"

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

How Can I Deep from Singing?

M. Hayes
(b. 1953)

*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 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Raitbbun

*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

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

M. Hayes
(b. 1953)

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 213 Note:

Like Isaac Watts' "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
3/24	Pam Partain	Bob & Mary Hubbs	Joanne Lewis
3/29 Good Friday	_____	Kathryn Sellers	_____
3/31	Judi McPherson	Margaret Venable & Nathalie Sanders	Jeane Jones

MONTHLY

Communion (April 7)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	TBD	March	Priscilla Brown	March	Alice Ensley & O'Gwins
Servers	Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Jeff Granillo and Jack & Pam Partain	April	Mary Hubbs	April	Laura Allgood & Priscilla Brown

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Charles Allgood, as he battles lung cancer;

Nancy Rhine, in assisted living located near her daughter;

Stan Crawford, multiple health challenges including spinal stenosis;

Friends of First Presbyterian, Dalton

John Hinkle, who was recently diagnosed with bladder cancer;

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;

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

Caregivers and aging parents.

Praises and Continuing Prayers!

The Pastor Nominating Committee, as they conclude their work;

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.

Cover Art Note: This Syriac manuscript now held in the Vatican originated in Mar Matthei near Nineveh in the Mosul area of Iraq. Its clearly local Arabic influence combines with a fluid knowledge of biblical and theological Christian traditions. One of its illustrations (not shown here) includes the iconographically significant early Christian motif of the Hand of God extending from the heavens.

Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday, March 26

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27

Mission Team Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-800 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday

Service

6:00 p.m.

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 29

The Book Spot

7:30 a.m.

Good Friday Service

noon

Saturday, March 30

Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m.

DEO Clinic Concert

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship & Flowering of the Cross

9:45 a.m.

Worship - Easter

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed

