



FIRST
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Third Sunday After Easter

Sunday, April 14, 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

- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** today, in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship and meet our new pastor, Nicole Jiskoot, and her husband Bjorn, and children Layfe and Lovinia. All are welcome!
- Kelli Johnson, opened by regional band Spatial Effects, will be performing at FPC Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. The concert will benefit the **Little Free Pantry**. We encourage you to bring a canned good, boxed meal item, or personal hygiene product. Volunteers are needed. Please contact the church office if you can help. Go to woodsongsdalton.com/tickets for ticket information. You don’t want to miss this concert!
- Don’t forget to fill out the **special tag** you received on Palm Sunday. Please write one thing that you’d like Nicole to know about yourself. If you didn’t receive one, there are extras in the Commons. After you fill it out, please hang it on the tag board or place it in the offering plate during Worship.
- Do you know of any **students graduating** this Spring? We’d love to feature them in the Midweek News. Please send the office a picture of them and the details of their special day and we’ll be sure to share the good news!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 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

O Taste and See

R. V. Williams
(1872-1958)

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rob Lively

Jesus is calling us!

Calling us to go where?

He is calling us to a new adventure in eternal life!

When do we start?

Well, yesterday will be too late, but it will have to do!

Then, quickly, let us worship God!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, ruler of empty tombs and newborn hope, open our eyes to
Your voice and Your deeds which are already in our lives. Help us to
recognize You in all of our days as we seek to discern and follow Your will.
This we ask in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 246

Christ is Alive

Truro

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

God of our Lord Jesus, we fail to see You often times because we are not sure where to look. You show Yourself in the common, everyday affairs of life. But we are prone to look for celestial signs and spectacular miracles. Help us to see You in the mundane as well as the miraculous. Reveal Yourself to us as You did to those disciples years ago when You confirmed Yourself in the eating of bread and fish. Amen.

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Hymn 246 Note:

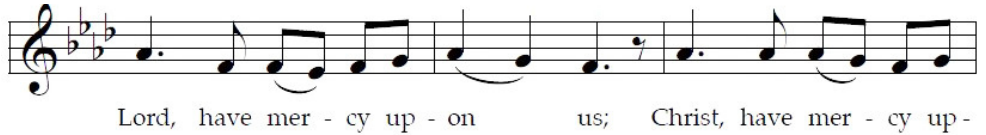
In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

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

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison



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



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 4

NRSV

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

- ² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? *Selah*
- ³ But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.
- ⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*
- ⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶ There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"
- ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.
- ⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I John 3: 1-7

NRSV

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

G. M. Martin
(b. 1941)

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood,*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!*

Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24: 36b-48

NRSV

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Dining al Fresco”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 254

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

*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.

Hymn 254 Note:

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.

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 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*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 Offering onto your browser to easily submit your online offering.

Hymn 260 Note:

The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
4/14	Rob Lively	Bob & Mary Hubbs	Becky Jolly
4/21	Robert Smalley	Nancy Hallsworth & Joanne Lewis	Kaye Clark

Communion (May 5)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Julie Tharpe	April	Mary Hubbs	April	Laura Allgood & Priscilla Brown
Servers	Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Walter & Jeane Jones and Ted Hogshead	May	TBD	May	Wayne & Judy Alderman

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Charles Allgood, as he battles lung cancer;

Ongoing Concerns for our Members:

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 and the well-being of Ukraine;

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!

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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 14

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday

Fellowship Lunch

11:30 a.m.

Worship Team Meeting

12:30 p.m.

Monday, April 15

Soup & Scripture

noon

Tuesday, April 16

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

Women's Book Club

noon

Presbyterians at the Pub

5:00 p.m.

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19

The Book Spot

7:30-8:15 a.m.

Sunday, April 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.

Monday, April 22

Soup & Scripture

noon

Tuesday, April 23

Saturday Sacks

10:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

