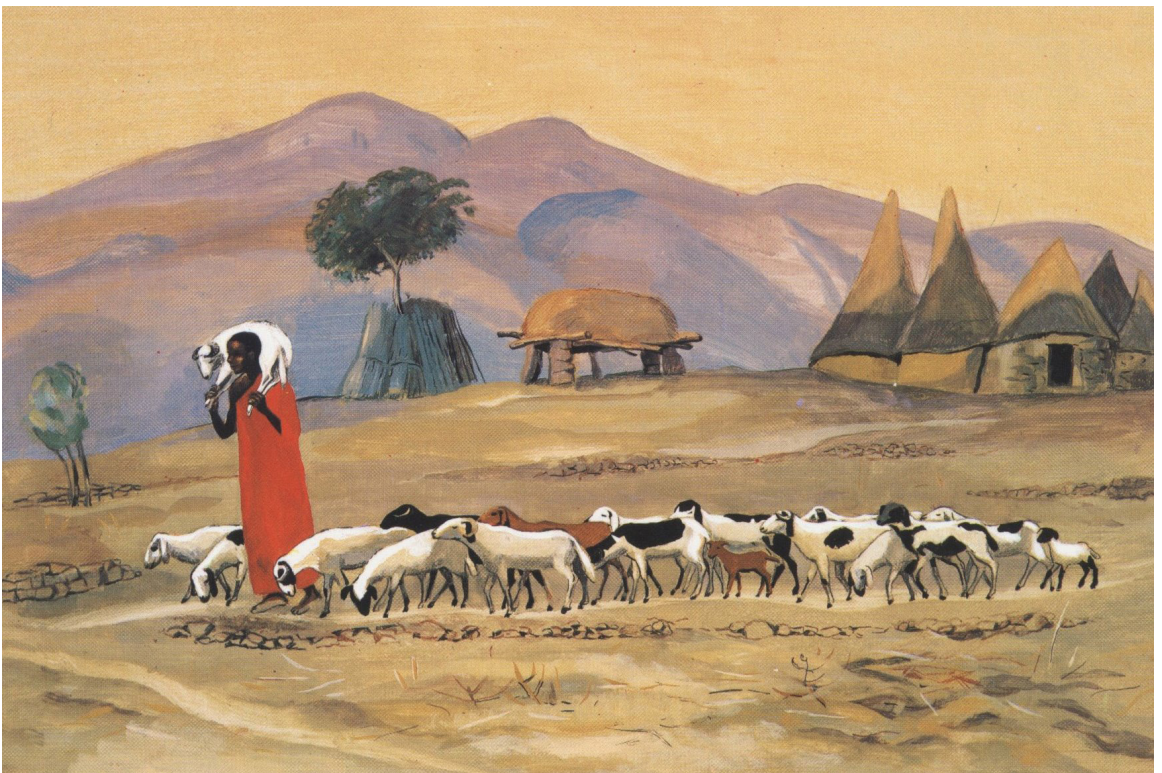




FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Fourth Sunday After Easter

Sunday, April 21, 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

- 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!
- The Congregational Life Team will once again host **Lemonade on the Lawn**. Join the congregation for light refreshments after Worship, Sunday, April 28.
- Church Women United would like to invite the ladies of the church to their **2024 May Friendship Day** on Friday, May 3. The event will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church beginning at 11:00 a.m. The lunch will feature speaker Robert Hill from Greater Works and the food will be potluck style. They ask that you bring items for the Greater Works food pantry. Please contact Laura Allgood or Jeane Jones if you have any questions.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 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

Robert Smalley

We come to hear the voice of the Shepherd.

We come to be led to green pastures.

We come to feel again the comfort of His call.

We come to drink from the still waters of His love. We come to worship God.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, You stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of Your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be Your people. Amen.

*HYMN 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Open our hearts, O God, to Your power moving around us, between us, and within us. Transform our sin to sacred service and guide our feet from rocky paths of selfishness to the true highway of Your grace. Reveal, we pray, Your glory in our love for both friend and enemy and the healing of all that is broken. Amen.

Cover Art:

JESUS MAFA. The good shepherd, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-im-agelink.pl?RC=48288> [retrieved April 16, 2024]. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>).

Hymn 2 Note:

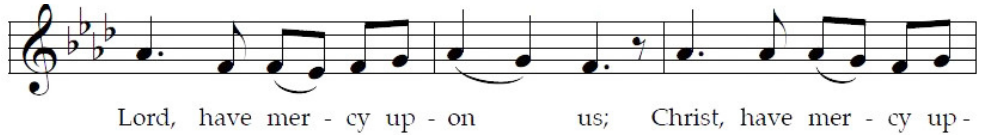
The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

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

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

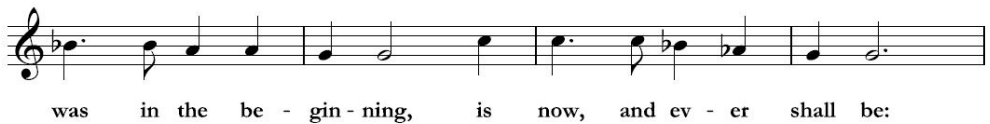
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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 23

NRSV

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I John 3:16-24

NRSV

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. J. N. Beck
(1930-1987)

*The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His, And He is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still; Thy cross before to guide me.*

*And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.*

Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10: 11-18

NRSV

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Sheep of the Fold”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

*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 803 Note:

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a “living stream” to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet’s masterful use of single-syllable words.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in 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

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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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 801

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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*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

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 801 Note:

This paraphrase of Psalm 23 comes from the so-called Scottish Psalter of 1650, actually produced by the Westminster Assembly and intended for use by all Presbyterians in the British Isles, in place of the Sternhold and Hopkins "Old Version" of the Church of England.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
4/21	Robert Smalley	Nancy Hallsworth & Joanne Lewis	Kaye Clark
4/28	Sue Spivey	Nancy Hallsworth	Margaret Venable

MONTHLY

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!

Our incoming pastor *Nicole and her family*, as we plan together their move to FPC;

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: JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

Upcoming Events

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.

Wednesday, April 24

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 25

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 28

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Lemonade on the Lawn

11:30 a.m.

DEO Clinic Concert

2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 29

Soup & Scripture

noon

Tuesday, April 30

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1

Missions Team Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

