



FIRST
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CHURCH

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Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, June 23, 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 a **“Farewell Reception”** to honor our Interim Pastor, Ken McKenzie, immediately following Worship today in the Martin House. A light lunch will be provided as we celebrate the time Pastor Ken devoted to FPC. His last Sunday with us will be June 30.
- The Congregational Life Team invites everyone to a **“Watch Party”** today as we live stream the Ordination of our new Pastor, Nicole Jiskoot at 4:00 p.m. in Hollis Hall.
- The Congregational Life Team is putting together a **welcome basket** for Nicole and her family and they’d like your help. On Sundays there will be a basket in the Commons where you can drop off non-perishable food items, gift cards, snacks, activities for the children, cards with words of welcome, etc.- anything that will help make them feel welcome and at home! The basket will be delivered to them on Monday, July 1. Thank you for your help!
- **Hayden Poe**, one of our Choral Scholars, will be in New York City to compete in the Jimmy Awards on Monday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. See the Midweek News for more information and live stream links.
- Don’t miss our own **Adam Stark** in *Little Shop of Horrors* at Dalton Little Theatre. Go and support Adam and the arts in Dalton. Go to www.daltonlittletheatre.com/tickets for dates and times.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 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

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

J. Berthier
(1923-1994)

Veni Sancte Spiritus, tui amoris ignem accende.

Veni Sancte Spiritus, Veni Sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, come to us; kindle in us the fire of your love.

Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Henry Tharpe

Your hand is upon us, O God.

You guide and protect us through the ages.

Keep in Your service those You have called and anointed.

Do not let the powers of this world overwhelm us.

Rather, secure in Your love, may we carry out Your will in the face of all adversity.

Amen and amen! Let us worship God!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, open our ears to hear Your word; our spirits to sense Your presence, and our hearts to receive Your love. Draw us closer to You that the whole world may be one with You as You are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Forgive us for sitting in our stubbornness like petulant children, O God.

Remove our pride, our anger, our greed and our fear. Speak words of compassion and acceptance in the midst of our self-centeredness and take us gently by the hand. Lead us on the path which leads us not to hatred and warfare, but rather to that kingdom which shall know neither weeping nor fear but, rather the exultant exclamations of the redeemed. Amen.

Cover Art:

Rembrandt

Harmenszoon van Rijn, 1606-1669. Storm on the Sea of Galilee, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-image/act-link.pl?RC=57953> [retrieved June 17, 2024]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rembrandt_Christ_in_the_Storm_on_the_Lake_of_Galilee.jpg

Hymn 1 Note:

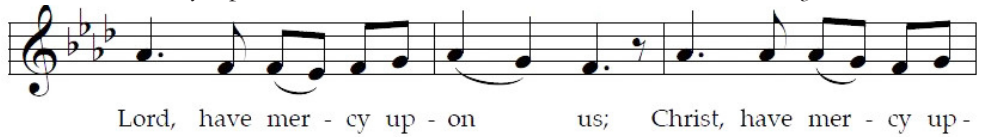
Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

*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

Gloria 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

I Samuel 17: 32-49

NRSV

³²David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." ³⁴But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it.

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³⁶Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.”

³⁷David said, “The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the LORD be with you!”

³⁸Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹David strapped Saul’s sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.” So David removed them. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

⁴¹The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴²When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” ⁴⁵But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s and he will give you into our hand.”

⁴⁸When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Corinthians 6: 1-13

NRSV

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.

¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return — I speak as to children — open wide your hearts also.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Christus Paradox

A. V. Fedak
(b. 1953)

*You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.*

*Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.*

*You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach away that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.*

*Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.*

Alleluia,

Praise to You, who are our death and our life.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4: 35-41

NRSV

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Against All Odds”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

Hymn 307 Note:

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The 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.

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

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 643

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

*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 643 Note:

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years’ War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
6/23	Henry Tharpe	Nathalie Sanders	Laura Allgood
6/30	Hilliard Jolly	Joanne Lewis	Mary Hubbs

MONTHLY

Communion (July 7)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Annelle Scott	June	Becky Jolly	June	Valerie George
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Jean Lowrey, Larry Cooper and Tate O'Gwin	July	Bobbie Anderson	July	Beverly Higdon

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

Kenyon Tribble, friend of Sue Spivey and Kathy Bridges as he recovers from a broken vertebrae;

Margaret Spivey, sister-in-law and aunt to Sue Spivey and Kathy Bridges, as she battles Breast Carcinoma;

John Hinkle, who is undergoing treatment for bladder cancer;

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 is undergoing treatment after surgery for breast cancer diagnosis;

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;

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 23

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Farewell Reception for Pastor Ken

11:30 a.m.

Nicole's Ordination

Watch Party

4:00 p.m.

Monday, June 24

Soup & Scripture noon

Tuesday, June 25

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 27

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 30

Adult Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 2

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 3

No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 7

Adult Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

COVER ART NOTE: *Storm on the Sea of Galilee* Rembrandt's only seascape, was stolen in 1990 from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum of Boston

While not strictly a visual depiction of Psalm 93, Rembrandt van Rijn's painting depicts a Gospel story (Matthew 8:23–27; Mark 4:35–41; Luke 8:22–25) that strongly echoes the Psalmist's imagery of God's mightiness over the raging waters of the sea. Rembrandt's painting captures the complexity of both the psalm's imagery and the psychology of the various characters in the Gospel scene.

Biblically, water is a multivalent image, at times lifesaving ('As a deer longs for flowing streams', Psalm 42:1) and at other times life-threatening (as in the story of the Flood, Genesis 6–9). Similarly, the Psalmist is unclear about whether the waters are lifted in praise of God or are in rebellion against God. Rembrandt conveys this ambiguity as our eyes move about the painting. On the right, the waves and sky are dark, brooding, threatening. But on the left, the clouds part, light comes in, and the bubbly-white waves are painted with delicate texture, more fluffy than frightful (Walsh 1985: 48–49).

Whereas the Gospel accounts of this scene portray the disciples as a group, every figure in Rembrandt's visual meditation adds detail to its narrative drama. For example, five disciples hold tight the sails, trying to keep the boat afloat, not realizing the true source of their impending deliverance. One vomits overboard, too afflicted in body to focus on his master.

The characters' gazes also convey important dynamics of the scene. Only three look at Jesus, who appears serene, perhaps having just awoken from his nap. One disciple turns his back both to us and to Jesus: is he dozing through the storm, like Jonah? Or is he so trusting in God that he doesn't feel the need to wake Jesus at all? The disciple next to him gazes directly at us. His staring eyes, coupled with the variety of responses catalogued in the painting, ask the viewer the same challenging questions the story asks the reader: 'What sort of man is this?'; 'Where is your faith?' (Durham 2004: 14–15, 30–33).