



FIRST
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CHURCH

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Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, July 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

- Today, we bid goodbye to **Alex Andrews** as he leaves for the US Naval Academy Prep School to begin his journey toward attending the US Naval Academy in the Summer of 2025 and then to proudly serve in the US Navy. We thank Alex for all he has done and meant to this congregation and wish him “fair winds and following seas”.
- Stepping into Alex’s place, we also welcome today **Ellis Stephens**, a senior at Dalton High School, as he joins our congregation, serving as our Audio/Visual livestream coordinator.
- Today, immediately following Worship, please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** in Hollis Hall. All are welcome! After lunch stay for the **Connection Team** meeting and see how you can help.
- **Nursery volunteers** are needed. Please contact Leanna Granillo 423-710-5934 or Rob Lively 706-537-2064 if interested.
- The Congregational Life Team will once again host **Lemonade on the Lawn**. Join the congregation for light refreshments after Worship on Sunday, July 28.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORLD

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

Be Still

B. Edwards

Be still and know that I am God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alex Andrews

Let us hear what God the LORD will speak for He will speak peace to His people,
to His faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts.

Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him,
that His glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before Him,
and will make a path for His steps.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of the nations, help us to have the eyes and ears of children, eager and expectant to hear You speak words of love and comfort to us. Lift us up into Your arms and tell us the stories of Your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Father God, as hard as we try, we continue to fail to meet Your expectations. We know we should be patient, but we seek instant gratification. We know we should be kind to others, but there are bullies all around us. We know we should trust You, but we would rather handle things on our own. Forgive us, and love us through our imperfections and rebellions, as only You – our Perfect Parent – can love. Amen.

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The Call to Worship is from Psalm 85:8-13.

Hymn 35 Note:

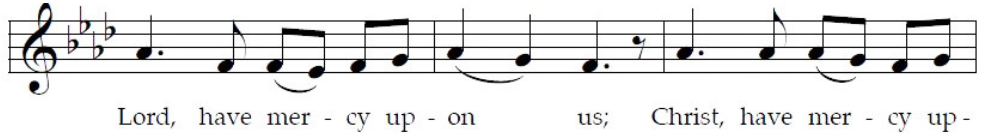
This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

*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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

Amos 7:7-15

NRSVUE

⁷ This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will spare them no longer;

⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’ ”

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet nor a prophet’s son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Children of the Lord

P. F. Blevins
(b. 1946)

Refrain

*Now gather round all ye children of the Lord.
Come hear our song and the message from above.
Sing and shout! Praise His name forevermore,
And tell the blessed story of the Lord.*

*God sent His son to save us, and take our guilt away.
He told us how we ought to live; His word we should obey.
God cares for all His children. A home He will provide.
So come and join our chorus, We’re on the good Lord’s side. Refrain*

*God promised He would give us salvation full and free.
Just turn out thoughts toward Heaven, and happy we shall be.
God cares for all His children. A home He will provide.
So come and join our chorus, We’re on the good Lord’s side. Refrain*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

NRSV

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Divine Inheritance"

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn 342 Note:

More than a century after it was written, this plea for national purification has lost none of its power, nor has the need for social justice grown less acute. It is set to a traditional Welsh tune named for a long-inhabited town in north Wales overlooking the River Clywd.

*HYMN 342

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

Rhuddlan

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death, we belong to God...

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel...

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father...

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth...

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still...

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

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 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Assurance

*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 839 Note:

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymn writer wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
7/14	Alex Andrews	Walter & Jeane Jones	Jeane Jones
7/21	Greg Epps	TBD	Susan Bisson

MONTHLY

Communion (August 4)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Becky Jolly	July	Bobbie Anderson	July	Beverly Higdon
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Hilliard & Becky Jolly and Steve Farrow	August	Annelle Scott	August	Walter & Jeane Jones

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

Peck Spivey and family in Hitchcock and Houston, who are recovering from flood and wind damage from Hurricane Beryl;

Emily Bringardner, friend of Kathy Bridges and Sue Spivey, who is hospitalized due to a fall and complications from Parkinson's Disease;

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

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 new pastor *Nicole, and her family*, as they transition into our church family;

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 14

Adult 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.

Connection Team

Meeting

12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 18

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 21

Adult Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Session Meeting

11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 23

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 25

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 28

Adult Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

