



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, August 11, 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](http://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

- There will be a **Congregational Meeting** today and on Sunday, August 18, for the purpose of electing one male and one female member of the congregation to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee. Please be prepared to nominate, by secret ballot, one male and one female member today. The two males and the two females who receive the most votes will appear on the second ballot for the final election by secret ballot on August 18. Currently active elders are not eligible for election by the congregation.
- Immediately following the Congregational Meeting today, please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** in Hollis Hall. All are welcome!
- An original **stained-glass window** from the Martin House has been temporarily affixed to one of the windows in the Narthex. This is one option that has been discussed as a possible permanent location for the piece. If chosen, its twin would also be installed in the other window. Installation will require Session approval, but we would like to hear your thoughts on the location. You may contact the church office, Pastor Nicole, or Kathryn Sellers, and we will share your comments with the Facilities Committee.

# SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 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

Jodi Johnson

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise will always be in my mouth.

**I praise the Lord – let the suffering listen and rejoice.**

Magnify the Lord with me! Together let us lift his name up high!

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me. He delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to God will shine; their faces are never ashamed.

**This suffering person cried out: the Lord listened and saved him from every trouble.**

On every side, the Lord's messenger protects those who honor God; and he delivers them.

**Taste and see how good the Lord is! The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!**

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Lord, we are hungry, but we have little to offer. Feed us, nourish us, calm our fears. We ask you to enter this space and lavish us with your loving presence. Provide to us our daily bread, who is Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 401

Here in This Place

*Gather Us In*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)*

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

### Cover Art:

Bread of Life, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-image/act-image-link.pl?RC=54927> [retrieved August 6, 2024]. Original source: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/wolfgangfoto/2337441318/>.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 34:1-8.

### Hymn 401 Note:

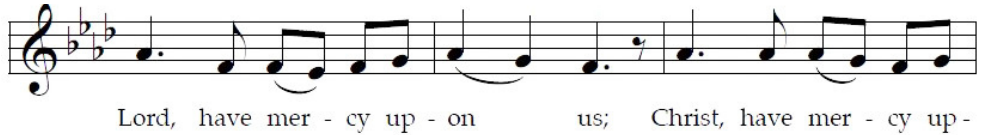
The “you/your” mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

\*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 Selwidge Street*



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you. In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations. There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring— of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become.

God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all. Be with us as we ride the bus. Be with us as we walk. Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes. However we get there, and whatever we wear, bless this journey into something new.

**God, as these students carry their backpacks each day, may they be surrounded by the love and care this congregation has for them.**

For the grown-ups going back to school, With-Us God, be with them too. Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders, and for all they do to help us

learn and grow. God, our friend who's full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands.

**May they, too, remember this congregation supports them in their roles and surrounds them with our love and care.**

**Loving and merciful God, surround our children and their leaders with your protection. May our schools always be safe places for all who enter. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **\*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**

1 Kings 19:4-8

CEB

<sup>4</sup> He himself went farther on into the desert a day's journey. He finally sat down under a solitary broom bush. He longed for his own death: "It's more than enough, Lord! Take my life because I'm no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup> He lay down and slept under the solitary broom bush.

Then suddenly a messenger tapped him and said to him, "Get up! Eat something!" <sup>6</sup> Elijah opened his eyes and saw flatbread baked on glowing coals and a jar of water right by his head. He ate and drank, and then went back to sleep. <sup>7</sup> The Lord's messenger returned a second time and tapped him. "Get up!" the messenger said. "Eat something, because you have a difficult road ahead of you." <sup>8</sup> Elijah got up, ate and drank, and went refreshed by that food for forty days and nights until he arrived at Horeb, God's mountain.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **ANTHEM**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

D. Wood  
(1934-2003)

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With Thy wonted loving kindness bear Thy servants as they pray,  
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:35; 41-51

NRSVUE

<sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup> They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

### Hymn 524 Note:

For the rice-based peoples of Asia, Jesus’ self-disclosure as the Bread of Life (John 6:35, 51) does not relate to daily experience as it does in Western societies. This hymn seeks to bridge that gap and to alert us to such assumptions. The tune name is Taiwanese for “rice-food.”

### 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“The Bread of Life”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### \*HYMN 524

The Rice of Life

*Bí-níu*

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being born in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God, “Jesus Christ is Lord!” Amen.**

- Philippians 2:5-11

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD’S PRAYER



## THE OFFERING

[www.firstpresdalton.org/giving/](http://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

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*Here I Am (Schutte)*

### \*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

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### Offering Note:

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

### Hymn 69 Note:

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.



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# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers	Nursery
8/11	Jodi Johnson	Larry & Sharon Cooper	Mary Hubbs	Alice Ensley
8/18	Emma Lively	Bob & Mary Hubbs	Becky Jolly	TBD

## MONTHLY

Communion (September 1)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Margaret Venable	August	Annelle Scott	August	Walter & Jeane Jones
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Annelle Scott, Margaret Venable and Kathryn Sellers	September	TBD	September	Kathryn Sellers & Annelle Scott

## PRAYERS

### For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

*Sue Neelly*, recovering from hip replacement surgery;  
*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;

### For Friends of First Presbyterian, Dalton

*Mark A. Spivey*, brother-in-law to Sue Spivey, who was hospitalized in Norfolk, VA following a fall and a stroke;

*Renee Schuette*, who will be on a fire engine detail with the Forestry Service in Oregon from August 7-22;

*Martha Bracey Henson*, cousin of Mary Hubbs, who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor, is recovering from surgery and is receiving treatment;

*Peck Spivey and family* who have successfully survived the recent flooding at home and also in the clinics in Houston;

*Emily Bringardner*, friend of Kathy Bridges and Sue Spivey, who has returned home and is having physical therapy for her hip surgery. Her Parkinson problems continue;

*John Hinkle*, who has finished treatment for bladder cancer and is awaiting results;

*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 still recovering from breast cancer surgery;

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

*Caregivers and aging parents.*

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, August 11

Adult Sunday School  
9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Congregational Meeting  
11:30 a.m.

Second Sunday

Fellowship Lunch

11:45 a.m.

### Tuesday, August 13

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 14

Finance Team Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Thursday, August 15

Presbyterians at the Pub

5:00 p.m.

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, August 18

Adult Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Congregational Meeting  
11:30 a.m.

Session Meeting

11:45 a.m.

### Tuesday, August 20

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 21

Missions Team Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

**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.