



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, August 18, 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

- The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** today, immediately following Worship, for the purpose of voting on the nominations for the Elder Nominating Committee. The nominees include: Larry Cooper and Henry Tharpe; Jodi Johnson, Jeane Jones and Michelle Lively (the women had a three-way tie.)
- Rev. Nicole Jiskoot will be officially installed as the **Minister of Word and Sacrament** for First Presbyterian Church, Dalton, on September 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All members and friends of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend, and there will likely be members of Decatur Presbyterian Church and the Cherokee Presbytery in attendance as well. Please save the date for now; more information to come soon!
- The 2024 Dalton Grand Prix Bicycle Race will affect the Worship service parking availability on **Sunday, August 25**. The race course will run along Selvidge Street in front of the church and turn and go along Gordon Street beside the church. Church attenders will not be able to park on the streets adjacent to the church. You will be able to use the parking lot in front of the Accountability Courts and the post office.
- The Connections Team would like you to pick up a “Love First, Love All” **bookmark** located in the sanctuary pew seats, at the entrances to the sanctuary, and in the Commons. We invite you to take several with you, use them in your own books and put them into books that you lend or donate to others.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 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

Emma Lively

You who are the Lord's holy ones, honor him, because those who honor him don't lack a thing.

Even strong young lions go without and get hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, children, listen to me. Let me teach you how to honor the Lord:

Do you love life; do you relish the chance to enjoy good things?

Then you must keep your tongue from evil and keep your lips from speaking lies!

Turn away from evil! Do good! Seek peace and go after it!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Father in Heaven, we praise you alone and ask that you send us "Mother" Wisdom. May she invite us to sit at her table, so that we may drink of her wine and eat of her bread. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may be filled and made new. In the name of your Son Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

*HYMN 689

When the Morning Stars Together

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Cover Art:

Olusola David, Ayibiowu. Wisdom, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imageLink.pl?RC=57583> [retrieved August 13, 2024]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Artist_Oluso-la_David_Ayibiowu_Title_WISDOM.jpg.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 34:9-14.

Hymn 689 Note:

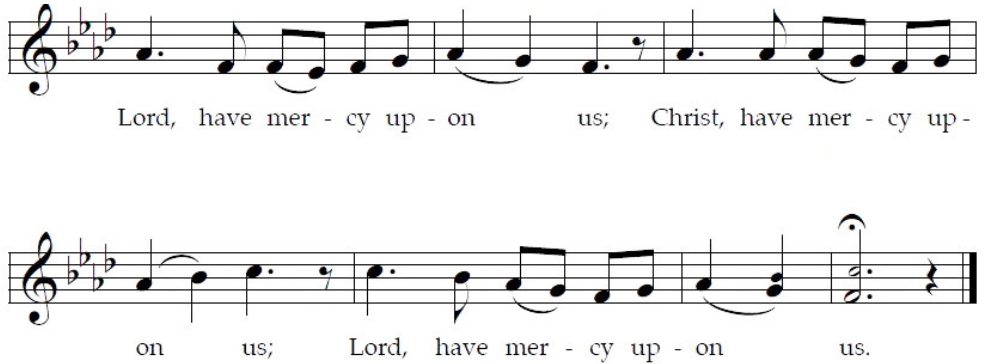
Opening with imagery from Job 38:7, this text celebrates the role of music in worship from earliest times to the present. It is set to a German tune that may have originated as a folk melody. The tune name, German for "white flags," comes from one of the early texts set to it.

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

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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 Selwidge Street



Glor - y be to God the Fath - er, and to the Son: and to the Hol - y Ghost; As it
was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be:
world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE 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

Proverbs 9:1-6

NRSV

- ¹ Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ² She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
- ³ She has sent out her female servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴ “You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
- ⁵ “Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lord, Lead Us Still

J. Brahms
(1833-1897)

*Along the varied paths of life, Through hours of joy and sorrow keen,
In grim temptation's mortal strife, In doubt or confidence serene,
O Lord, lead us still.*

*Through all the changes of the years, Whate'er of good or ill betide,
In laughter gay or bitter tears, O Keep us ever at Thy side;
O Lord, lead us still.*

*And when at last the tale is told, The vict'ry won by Thy good grace,
May we Thy glory, Lord, behold, In that blest Homeland see Thy face;
O Lord, lead us still.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 5:15-20

NRSV

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Hospitality of Woman Wisdom”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 174

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Madeleine

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

- from Romans 8

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

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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

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

Hymn 174 Note:

Drawing on numerous scriptural images of Wisdom (Greek: Sophia), especially in Proverbs, this text offers an alternative perspective on Trinitarian theology. The Wisdom tradition has played a role in Christian mysticism for centuries, as witnessed by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

Offering Note:

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

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.

*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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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

| Date | Liturgist | Ushers | Flowers | Nursery |
|------|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8/18 | Emma Lively | Bob & Mary Hubbs and Peggy Rollins | Becky Jolly | Laura Goins & Valerie George |
| 8/25 | Julie Tharpe | Mike & Priscilla Brown | Margaret Venable | Jeane Jones & Leanna Granillo |

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:

Kathryn Sellers, who had outpatient back surgery on Wednesday and is recovering at home;

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

Ruby, an 8-year-old friend of the Gurley Family, is recovering from a serious accident;

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 now has spots on her spine and a course of treatment is being organized;

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

Caregivers and aging parents.

Upcoming Events

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.

Thursday, August 22

Knitting Group
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 25

Adult 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 p.m.

Tuesday, August 27

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 28

Worship Team Meeting
5:15 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 29

Knitting Group
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Praises and Continuing Prayers!

Our new pastor *Nicole, and her family*, as they transition into our church family and prepare to close on their new home;

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