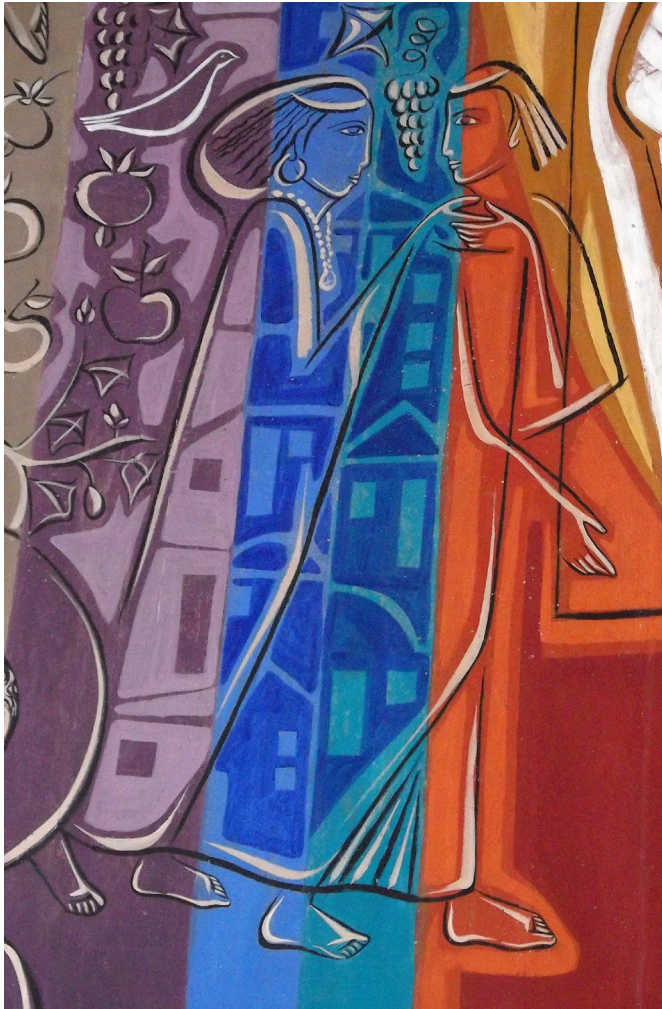




FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, September 1, 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

- Immediately following Worship, Sunday, September 8, please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** in Hollis Hall. Please RSVP to Laura Allgood if you’d like to attend. After lunch stay for the **Connection Team meeting** and see how you can help.
- Don’t forget that **Children’s Sunday School** starts back next Sunday, September 8. The Joy Makers (ages PK-3rd) and the Faith Builders (grades 4th-8th) will meet upstairs in the Martin House beginning at 9:15 a.m.
- 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. Light refreshments will be served at a reception following the service.
- The **church office will be closed** tomorrow, September 2 and will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, September 3.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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

Laura Allgood

Who may abide in the presence of God?

**Who may live on God's holy mountain?**

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

**All those who speak truth from their heart.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you have shown us the truth of your commandments. Give us sincere hearts that we may serve you with joy, obey you with love, and manifest your wisdom to the world; through Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN 14

For The Beauty of the Earth

*Dix*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth.**

**We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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Pastro, Cláudio. Song of Solomon - "Arise my love ... and come away..."; 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=56599> [retrieved August 26, 2024]. Original source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Virgin%27s\\_Monastery\\_\(benedictine\\_nuns\),\\_Petr%C3%B3polis,\\_Rio\\_de\\_Janeiro\\_State,\\_Brazil10.JPG](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Virgin%27s_Monastery_(benedictine_nuns),_Petr%C3%B3polis,_Rio_de_Janeiro_State,_Brazil10.JPG) - Eugenio Hansen.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 15.

**Hymn 14 Note:**

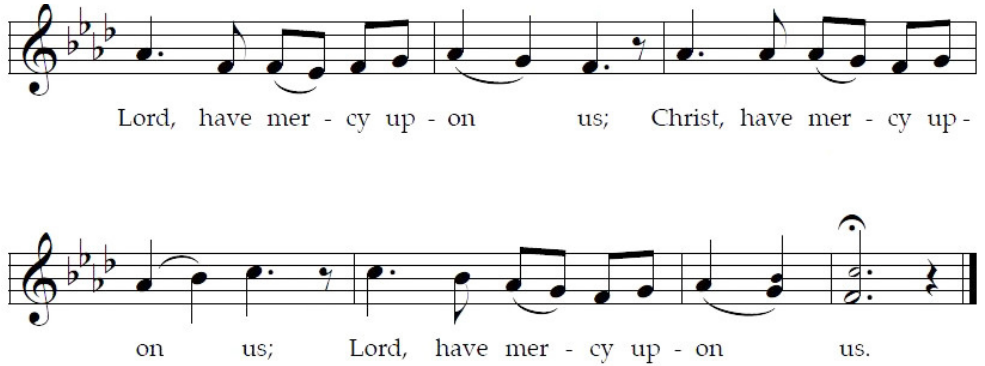
In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

\*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

Gloria Patri

*S Selvidge 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

## 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

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

NRSVUE

<sup>8</sup> The voice of my beloved!  
Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.  
<sup>9</sup> My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.  
<sup>10</sup> My beloved speaks and says to me:  
“Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away,  
<sup>11</sup> for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.  
<sup>12</sup> The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.  
<sup>13</sup> The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

B. Ellingboe  
(b.1958)

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

*Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone.  
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!*

*Jesus lives again earth can breathe again pass the word around: loaves abound!*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 1:17-27

NRSVUE

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, <sup>20</sup> for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

<sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Loving First, As We Are Loved”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN 442

Just as I Am, without One Plea

*Woodworth*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Nicene Creed”

**We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius**

### Hymn 442 Note:

When an illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply-felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.

### The Nicene Creed:

“The Nicene Creed was the first and in fact is the only creed used ecumenically by the vast majority of Christians throughout the world. For more than fifteen hundred years, it has been the hallmark of orthodoxy.” —from the PC (USA) Book of Confessions.

The Nicene Creed is particularly important because it settled a long-running debate about how Christians could reconcile the divinity of Jesus with Jewish monotheism. The creed claims that Jesus is “of one Being with the Father.”

Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again; in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE OFFERING

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

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, you made the world to hum in harmony; you listened, and you called it good. In time, we broke off from singing the song and went our own way, but you called us back and when the time was right, you came in flesh and blood to live as one of us. Therefore, we join our voices with all those who sing your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Schubert*

*(All sing together)*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might.**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory;  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory;  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

### Offering Note:

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

In Christ, dividing walls are broken down – no Jew or Greek, no male or female, no slave or free. You are there on every spectrum, in every color, at every table. By your Spirit, make us one. By your Spirit, make us whole. By your Spirit, make this bread and wine your body and blood, that we may know communion with you and with each other. Take our hearts, our lives, our hands; mold us, change us, and send us out, that we may be your body in the world you so love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION

*We invite you to come forward for communion via the nearest accessible main aisle and return to your seat the way you came. Communion is served by intinction. Take a piece of bread held by one elder, dip it in the cup held by another, and then, “Taste and see that the Lord is good.” Gluten-free elements are available from the left aisle.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN 340

This Is My Song

*Finlandia*

### \*CHARGE AND 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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#### Hymn 340 Note:

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century’s two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord’s Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.



**NOTES:**



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, September 1

Adult Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

### Monday, September 2

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, September 3

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 4

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Thursday, September 5

Presbyterians at the Pub

5:00 p.m.

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, September 8

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.

### Monday, September 9

Morning Prayers

11:30 a.m.

The Lunch Bunch

noon

### Tuesday, September 10

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 11

Congregational Life

Team Meeting

10:00 a.m.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
9/1	Laura Allgood	Jean Lowrey & Margaret Venable	Joanne Lewis
9/8	Katie O'Gwin	Walter & Jeane Jones and Kathryn Sellers	Kaye Clark

### CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders
9/1	Priscilla Brown	_____	_____
9/8	Laura Goins	Laura Goins & Leanna Granillo	Eric Haugen & Jeff Granillo

### MONTHLY

Communion (September 1)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Margaret Venable	September	TBD	September	Kathryn Sellers & Annelle Scott
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Annelle Scott, Margaret Venable and Kathryn Sellers	October	TBD	October	Jean Lowrey & Carol Houston

Installation Service Communion (September 15 @ 4:00 p.m.)	
Prep	Annelle Scott
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Jodi Johnson, Julie Tharpe & Leanna Granillo

## PRAYERS

### **For Healing and Comfort for our Members:**

*Debbie Dennard*, as she recovers from shoulder surgery;

*Jenny Cranford*, who is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery;

*The Elder Nominating Committee*, as they begin their work;

*Charles Allgood*, as he battles lung cancer;

### **Ongoing Concerns for our Members:**

*Nancy Rhine*, in assisted living located near her daughter;

*Stan Cranford*, multiple health challenges including spinal stenosis;

### **For Friends of First Presbyterian, Dalton**

*Margaret Spivey*, sister-in-law of Sue Spivey and Aunt of Kathy Bridges, who is receiving radiation treatment for breast cancer

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

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

*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;

*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 in New Mexico;

*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 and add finishing touches prior to moving into their new home;;

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



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