



FIRST
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CHURCH

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Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, September 15, 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

- Weekly **Monday Morning Prayers** have returned. Join us in the Martin House at 11:30 a.m. as we lift up those in need of prayer. The Lunch Bunch will follow at noon.
- Pastor Nicole has started a weekly **Lunch Bunch** study group on Monday’s at noon in Hollis Hall based on Barbara Brown Taylor’s book: *Always a Guest*. Books are available to purchase for \$17.50 from the church. See Nicole to pick yours up. All are welcome!
- Rev. Nicole Jiskoot will be officially installed as the **Minister of Word and Sacrament** for First Presbyterian Church, Dalton today 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 in the Martin House following the service.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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

(from Psalm 19)

Jodi Johnson

Heaven is declaring God's glory;

The sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

One day gushes the news to the next,

And one night informs another what needs to be known.

Of course, there's no speech, no words—

Their voices can't be heard—

But their sound extends throughout the world;

Their words reach the ends of the earth.

The Lord's judgments are true.

All of these are righteous!

They are more desirable than gold—than tons of pure gold!

They are sweeter than honey—even dripping off the honeycomb!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God, you created the world through your Word. Your Word is powerful!

And so are our words. They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of

love; but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth. Give us your

wisdom, God of the Word, so that, as a church and as individuals, we use

our words to build up and not to destroy. Amen.

*HYMN 61

Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect

Christus, der ist mein leben

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hymn 61 Note:

Celebrating God's law in this paraphrase of the second half of Psalm 19 may seem odd if "law" is thought of simply as a list of things not to do. But in Jewish understanding, the law is seen as a gift, because it provides the signposts that show how to live as the people of God.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.

Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.

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

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 1:20-27; 32-33

CEB

- ²⁰ Wisdom shouts in the street;
in the public square she raises her voice.
- ²¹ Above the noisy crowd, she calls out.
At the entrances of the city gates, she has her say:
- ²² “How long will you clueless people love your naïveté,
mockers hold their mocking dear,
and fools hate knowledge?
- ²³ You should respond when I correct you.
Look, I’ll pour out my spirit on you.
I’ll reveal my words to you.
- ²⁴ I invited you, but you rejected me;
I stretched out my hand to you,
but you paid no attention.
- ²⁵ You ignored all my advice,
and you didn’t want me to correct you.
- ²⁶ So I’ll laugh at your disaster;
I’ll make fun of you when dread comes over you,
- ²⁷ when terror hits you like a hurricane,
and your disaster comes in like a tornado,
when distress and oppression overcome you.
- ³⁴ The immature will die because they turn away;
smugness will destroy fools.
- ³³ Those who obey me will dwell securely,
untroubled by the dread of harm.”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 3:1-5a

CEB

¹ My brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers, because we know that we teachers will be judged more strictly. ² We all make mistakes often, but those who don’t make mistakes with their words have reached full maturity. Like a bridled horse, they can control themselves entirely. ³ When we bridle horses and put bits in their mouths to lead them wherever we want, we can control their whole bodies.

⁴ Consider ships: They are so large that strong winds are needed to drive them. But pilots direct their ships wherever they want with a little rudder. ⁵ In the same way, even though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts wildly.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Open My Eyes

K. L. Scott
(b.1950)

*Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments.*

*O God, be my only Lord, and beside you let there be none else,
No other, none else with you.*

*Teach me to worship you and serve you in all my understandings
With truth of spirit, with honor of body,
With blessing of mouth, both in public and private.*

*Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

CEB

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

²⁸ They told him, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets.”

²⁹ He asked them, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: “The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead.” ³² He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. ³³ Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: “Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God’s thoughts but human thoughts.”

³⁴ After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. ³⁵ All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. ³⁶ Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? ³⁷ What will people give in exchange for their lives? ³⁸ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Words We Speak”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Bourbon

*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.

- Phillipians 2:5-11

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

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 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel’s Story

Hymn 718 Note:

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 742 Note:

Written to highlight the promises made by the author’s daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

*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
9/15	Jodi Johnson	Kathryn Sellers and Margaret Venable	Sarah McCown
9/22	Margaret Venable	Bob & Mary Hubbs and Peggy Rollins	Susan Bisson

CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders
9/15	Alice Ensley	Alice Ensley & Susan Bisson	Jeane Jones & Mary Hubbs
9/22	Mary Hubbs	Leanna & Jeff Granillo	Bjorn & Nicole Jiskoot

MONTHLY

Communion (October 6)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Jean Lowrey	September	Kathryn Sellers & Annelle Scott	September	Kathryn Sellers & Annelle Scott
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Rob Lively, Mary Ellen Gurley & Sarah McCown	October	Mary Hubbs	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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 15

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)
10:30 a.m.
Installation Service
FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)
4:00 p.m.

Monday, September 16

Morning Prayers
11:30 a.m.
The Lunch Bunch
noon

Tuesday, September 17

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18

Missions Team Meeting
5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 19

Presbyterians at the Pub
5:00 p.m.
Knitting Group
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 22

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)
10:30 a.m.
Session Meeting
11:45 p.m.

Monday, September 23

Morning Prayers
11:30 a.m.
The Lunch Bunch
noon

Tuesday, September 24

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

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

Paula Morron, friend of Sarah McCown and of the church, who's Lukemia has relapsed and is awaiting a plan for a bone marrow transplant;

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.