



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, September 22, 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

- The Missions Team is asking for help collecting desserts for the **Friendship House’s Spaghetti Supper**. Please individually package the desserts for use in the drive thru. Donations can be dropped off at First Baptist Church Dalton on Thursday, September 26. Contact Holli Thompson at 706-217-8524 if you have any questions.
- Teen Maze needs volunteers! **Teen Maze** is designed as an interactive game of life where students see the consequences of life choices in a hands-on, realistic, and educational way. There are volunteer opportunities from September 23-27. See the Midweek News for sign up information through the United Way.
- This afternoon, there will be **“Smiley Gregg” Memorial Benefit Concert** at Dalton First United Methodist Church. Dalton High School Choir, where Hayden Poe attends, will be joining, and a few from FPC are singing. It’s a community event that will bring together local residents for music and entertainment. A love offering will be received and divided in half for Habitat for Humanity (Dalton) and Big Brother/Big Sister of NWGA.

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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

Margaret Venable

Happy are the people who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that they follow,

**Or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

**And they meditate on God's law day and night.**

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

**But the way of the wicked will perish.**

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of the first and last, give us strength of mind, that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship without wasting our time thinking about who is more important. Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may be like children, totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*St. Denio*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.**

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The Call to Worship is from Psalm 1:1-2, 6.

### Hymn 12 Note:

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

\*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 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 31:10-31

NRSVUE

- <sup>10</sup> A woman of strength who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels.
- <sup>11</sup> The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.
- <sup>12</sup> She does him good and not harm  
all the days of her life.
- <sup>13</sup> She seeks wool and flax  
and works with willing hands.
- <sup>14</sup> She is like the ships of the merchant;  
she brings her food from far away.
- <sup>15</sup> She rises while it is still night  
and provides food for her household  
and tasks for her female servants.
- <sup>16</sup> She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- <sup>17</sup> She girds herself with strength  
and makes her arms strong.
- <sup>18</sup> She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- <sup>19</sup> She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.
- <sup>20</sup> She opens her hand to the poor  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- <sup>21</sup> She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- <sup>22</sup> She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- <sup>23</sup> Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- <sup>24</sup> She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
- <sup>25</sup> Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.
- <sup>26</sup> She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- <sup>27</sup> She looks well to the ways of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- <sup>28</sup> Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband, too, and he praises her:
- <sup>29</sup> "Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all."
- <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
- <sup>31</sup> Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

In Thee Is Gladness

arr. R. A. Nelson  
(1927-2014)

*In thee is gladness, Gone is all sadness!  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By thee are given the joys of heaven,  
Thou the only Savior art.*

*To serve thee ever, Forsake thee never,  
We bow before thee, Love and adore thee.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Our voices soaring, Our hearts adoring,  
Honor we bring thee, Praises we sing thee.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:33-37

NRSVUE

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, <sup>37</sup> “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“A Person of Worth”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### \*HYMN 487

These Treasured Children

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*

#### \*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

#### Hymn 487 Note:

This text emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism, most obvious in the baptism of children (though also present in the baptism of adults), including the worshipping community’s commitment to acquaint children with salvation history and to learn from their humble trust.

## 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/](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 643

Now Thank We All Our God

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*

#### \*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 643 Note:

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.



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# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
9/22	Margaret Venable	Bob & Mary Hubbs and Peggy Rollins	Susan Bisson
9/29	Michelle Lively	Nathalie Sanders, Peggy Rollins and Valerie George	Mary Hubbs

## CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders
9/22	Mary Hubbs	Leanna & Jeff Granillo	Bjorn & Nicole Jiskoot
9/29	Kathryn Sellers	Leanna Granillo & Laura Goins	Laura Allgood & Kathryn Sellers

## MONTHLY

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

## Upcoming Events

### 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.

### Wednesday, September 25

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

### Sunday, September 29

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

### Monday, September 30

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

### Tuesday, October 1

Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 2

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

### Thursday, October 3

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