



FIRST
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CHURCH

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Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, September 8, 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

- Immediately following Worship today, please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** in Hollis Hall. After lunch stay for the **Connection Team meeting** and see how you can help. All are welcome!
- Weekly **Morning Prayers** have returned beginning Monday, September 9. Join us in Hollis Hall at 11:30 a.m. as we lift up those in need of prayer. The Lunch Bunch will follow at noon.
- Pastor Nicole is starting a weekly **Lunch Bunch** study group beginning Monday, September 9 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.
- 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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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

Be still and know that I am God.

B. Edwards

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD!

Let my whole being praise the LORD!

I will praise the LORD with all my life;

I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

The LORD: who frees prisoners.

The LORD: who makes the blind see.

The LORD: who straightens up those who are bent low.

The LORD: who loves the righteous.

The LORD: who protects immigrants, who helps orphans and widows,
but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!

The LORD will rule forever! Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next!

Praise the LORD!

Katie O’Gwin

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of love, you show your people how to be truly rich in faith, through the gifts you give when least hoped for or expected. Come to your people today with words of both judgement and mercy, that we may be fed from the bread of life. We pray this in your holy triune name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cover Art:

Frith, William Powell, 1819-1909. Poverty and Wealth, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55351> [retrieved August 27, 2024]. Original source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:William_Powell_Frith_-_Poverty_and_Wealth.JPG.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 146.

Hymn 645 Note:

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza’s image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God’s self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

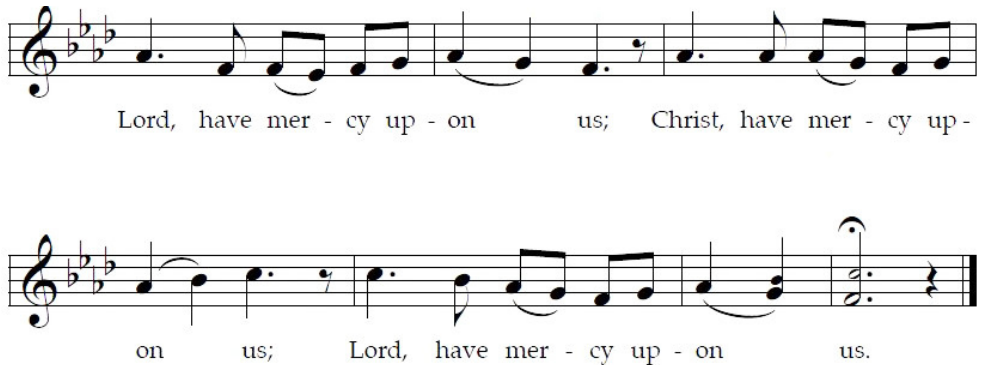
(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name. 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 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 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

NRSVUE

¹ A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

² The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

⁸ Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

⁹ Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

²² Do not rob the poor because they are poor
or crush the afflicted at the gate,

²³ for the Lord pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

M. McDonald

(b.1956)

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

For it is in giving that we receive. For it is by faith that we believe.

For in forgiving, we are forgiven.

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life!

Make me an instrument of Thy peace.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 2:1-10, 14-17

NRSV

¹ My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here in a good place, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit by my footstool,” ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Loving All, No Matter What”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 773

Heaven Shall Not Wait

Heaven Shall Not Wait

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe... that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;... that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another;

Hymn 773 Note:

This stirring, prophetic hymn is organized around two recurring four-syllable phrases, the first of which introduces an idealized scenario of what Dietrich Bonhoeffer would call “cheap grace,” while the second announces the “costly grace” of God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ.

The Affirmation of Faith are excerpts from *The Confession of Belhar*.

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;...

Therefore, we reject any doctrine... which explicitly or implicitly maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.

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 762

When the Poor Ones

El Camino

*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

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 762 Note:

Drawing on the parable revealing Christ's presence in "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31-46), the stanzas here give examples (the "when") while the refrain affirms the promise (the "then"). The journey imagery of the refrain may be based on the Emmaus story (Luke 24:13-35).



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
9/8	Katie O'Gwin	Walter & Jeane Jones and Kathryn Sellers	Kaye Clark
9/15	Jodi Johnson	Kathryn Sellers and Margaret Venable	Sarah McCown

CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders
9/8	Laura Goins	Laura Goins & Leanna Granillo	Eric Haugen & Jeff Granillo
9/15	Alice Ensley	Alice Ensley & Susan Bisson	Jeane Jones & Mary Hubbs

MONTHLY

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

Upcoming Events

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.

Thursday, September 12

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

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.

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 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.

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.