



FIRST
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CHURCH

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Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, October 13, 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

- Today we welcome guest Minister, **Rev. Andy Casto-Waters**, who is our full time Acting General Presbyterian. Andy was ordained as a PC(USA) minister in 2001 in Greenville, South Carolina, and has since served multiple congregations and universities as an Associate Pastor, an Interim Pastor, a Stated Supply, an Adjunct Professor, and a Campus Minister in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and, most recently, Alabama. Andy’s wife, Brandi, is the Installed Senior Pastor at Reid Memorial PC in Augusta. Together, they have two daughters in college.
- We are collecting a **Hurricane Relief Love Offering** each week in October. Please make checks payable to FPC with “Hurricane Relief” on the comment line. The monies collected will be sent directly to boots on the ground organizations in Western North Carolina, as many of our members have deep connections to those communities. Keep an eye on the Midweek News for additional updates, as well as for opportunities to donate directly to local organizations.
- Great news! The Officer Nominating Committee is pleased to place the names of Priscilla Brown, James Hoskins, and John McPherson before the congregation as the next session class of elders. A **congregational meeting** is called for Sunday, October 20 for the purpose of electing three elders. Nominations are accepted from the floor on the day of the election with the understanding that permission of the nominee has been obtained.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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

Let Us Gather and Praise the Lord!

B. Edwards

Let us gather and praise the Lord.

O sing praises to the Lord.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 22)

Mike Brown

God, you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;

they trusted you, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and they were saved;

in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

God, you are holy.

All praise to you, now and forever!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Listening God, hear your church today as we bring our joys and concerns, our thanksgivings and our demands. Fill us with the assurance that you truly hear our words and thoughts, our songs and our tears. In the name of the one who always shows us the way, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

CALL TO CONFESSION

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Hymn 678 Note:

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

We know your commandments. We promised to follow them, but instead, we cannot let go of the things we think we need or what we think is important. We do not follow you, or love you, O God, with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. We refrain from giving our whole selves to you.

Forgive our disobedience, our lack of commitment, and our desire to focus on material things instead of on your will for us. In the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ, who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel. 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.

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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

Job 23:1-6

NRSV

¹Then Job answered:

²“Today also my complaint is bitter;

his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

³Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!

⁴I would lay my case before him
and fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.

⁶Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Community of Faith

G.Hawthorne & J. Purifoy

*A community of faith, a community of love,
A community that generates the love of God,
A community that nourishes the Spirit endlessly,
All of this is what the Church is meant to be.*

*From a fellowship of minds comes a fellowship of souls
And a fellowship that has the will to reach its goals.
Yes, a fellowship that takes the time to work its problems through,
All of this is what the Church is meant to do.*

*We're believers together, a priesthood set apart.
With Jesus as the head and our devotion as the heart of the Church.*

*It's the strength of Christian love that creates a mighty bond,
That it's clear to see transcends the world and goes beyond.
It's the kind of love that people know is very, very rare,
All of this is what the Church is meant to share.*

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:17-31

NRSV

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Really Matters”

Rev. Andy Casto-Waters

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 459

O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

*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

Hymn 459 Note:

The opening four lines of this hymn celebrate attributes of Christ that are revealed through holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better. The setting of the tune comes from Felix Mendelssohn’s *Elijah*.

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 43

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

On Eagle's Wings

*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 43 Note:

Although the body of this text is a paraphrase of Psalm 91, the refrain combines allusions to Exodus 19:4, Psalm 139:9, and Isaiah 40:13; 49:16. Written in response to the death of a friend's father, this piece has been a source of consolation to many people.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
10/13	Mike Brown	Mary Hubbs & Margaret Venable	Kaye Clark
10/20	Walter Jones	TBD	Bobbie Anderson

CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders
10/13	Jeff Granillo	Fall Break	Fall Break
10/20	Jeane Jones	Alice Ensley & Susan Bisson	Jeane Jones & Kayte Crocker

MONTHLY

Communion (November 3)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Nancy Hallsworth	October	Mary Hubbs	October	Jean Lowrey & Carol Houston
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Kathy Bridges, Robert & Rachel Smalley	November	Becky Jolly	November	Mike & Priscilla Brown

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 13

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 p.m.

Connection Team Meeting
12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 16

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

Thursday, October 17

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

Friday, October 18

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 20

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.

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

Saturday Sacks
10:30 a.m.
Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

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

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

Those affected by Hurricane Helene and Milton, especially the friends, families, and loved ones who are close to our hearts, as well as those whom we cannot name, but whose needs are known well by God;

Paula Morrow, friend of Sarah McCown and of the church, whose 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 home from New Mexico and doing well;

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.