



FIRST
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CHURCH
DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, October 20, 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

- At the end of our Worship service today we will have a called **congregational meeting** for the purpose of electing three elders. Nominations are accepted from the floor with the understanding that permission of the nominee has been obtained. 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.
- We are collecting a **Hurricane Relief Love Offering** each week in October. Week 1 and 2 collections totaled \$6,175 (not including donations personally made to other organizations) and have been distributed to the Montreat Conference Center Hurricane Helene Relief Fund, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC and BeLoved Asheville. Please make checks payable to FPC with “Hurricane Relief” on the comment line.
- Join us on Sunday, October 27 for our annual **Kirkin’ O’ The Tartans** as we celebrate the anniversary of the Reformation and our local church’s 177th birthday!! Complete with bagpiper, procession of Tartans, and musical selections to mark the occasion, our worship will remember and honor this tradition as we glorify and bear witness to our living God in Jesus Christ. If you would like to join in the processional of the bagpipe and tartans, please meet in the Parlor of the Martin House at 10:10 a.m.
- Join us Sunday, October 27, immediately following Worship for **Coffee in the Commons**. Come enjoy light refreshments and fellowship after the Reformation service.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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**

Walter & Jeane Jones

God made the moon for the seasons,
and the sun, too, which knows when to set.

The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.

When the sun rises, they gather together
and lie down in their dens.

Then people go off to their work
to do their work until evening.

Lord, all your creations wait for you
to give them their food on time.

When you let loose your breath, they are created,
and you make the surface of the ground brand new again.

Let the Lord's glory last forever!

Let the Lord rejoice in all he has made!

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O God, show us the way of servanthood. You have given us much so that we can bless others and not seek gratification for ourselves. Help us to seek your path and keep us in humility so that we can be the light of Christ in the world. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 30**

O God, in a Mysterious Way

Dundee

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 104.

Hymn 30 Note:

This classic text gains renewed energy and focus from its recasting here: despite our fear and confusion, we can trust that God's providential purposes will eventually be revealed. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned to a specific hymn.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive our hubris, gracious God. Correct our ignorant ways and help us to know your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

NRSV

- ¹ Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
³ Gird up your loins like a man;
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
⁷ when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
- ³⁴ “Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?
³⁵ Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, ‘Here we are’?
³⁶ Who has put wisdom in the inward parts
or given understanding to the mind?
³⁷ Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens
³⁸ when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods cling together?
³⁹ “Can you hunt the prey for the lion
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
⁴⁰ when they crouch in their dens
or lie in wait in their covert?
⁴¹ Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God,
and wander about for lack of food?”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35b-c

NRSV

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
² wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
³ you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,
you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
⁴ you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.
⁵ You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.

- ⁶ You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
- ⁷ At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
- ⁸ They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
to the place that you appointed for them.
- ⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.
- ²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- ^{35b} Bless the Lord, O my soul.
- ^{35c} Praise the Lord!

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

ANTHEM

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. P. Sjolund
(b. 1935)

*My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.*

*In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 5:1-10

NRSV

¹ Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³ and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son;
today I have begotten you”;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Finding God in the Whirlwind”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 625

O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

- Colossians 1:15-20

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/

Hymn 625 Note:

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form.

Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

Offering Note:

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

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 229

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hanover

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*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 |
|-------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10/20 | Walter Jones | Tommy and Jodi Johnson | Bobbie Anderson |
| 10/27 | Nancy Hallsworth | Kathryn Sellers and Mary Hubbs | Joanne Lewis |

CHILDREN

| Date | Nursery | Joy Makers | Faith Builders |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10/20 | Jeff Granillo | Alice Ensley & Susan Bisson | Jeane Jones & Kayte Crocker |
| 10/27 | Leanna Granillo | Leanna and Jeff Granillo | Bjorn and Nicole Jiskoot |

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, Jean Lowrey, Robert & Rachel Smalley | November | Becky Jolly | November | Mike & Priscilla Brown |

Upcoming Events

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.

Wednesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 24

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

Friday, October 25

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 27

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship - Reformation
FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)
10:30 a.m.
Coffee in the Commons
11:30 a.m.
Music Recital
3:00 p.m.

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

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.