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# **Reformation Sunday**

Sunday, October 27, 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 videoconference. 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 **bagpiper** Joshua Jarosz. Joshua has been playing the highland bagpipes for 4 years. Currently he is a member of the Chattanooga Pipe Band and the Covenant College Pipe Corps. Previously, he was a member of Tidewater Pipes and Drums in Norfolk, Va. Notable performances include the Virginia International Tattoo and a performance with the group The Piano Guys at Chrysler Hall in Norfolk, Va. Joshua is a freshman at Covenant College where he is studying biology with a biomedical concentration.

• Immediately following Worship today, join us for **Coffee in the Commons**. Come enjoy light refreshments and fellowship after the Reformation service.

• Next Sunday, November 3, we will celebrate **All Saints' Day.** This will be a service remembering those of our congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past 12 months. Please plan to join us for this service of light and remembrance.

• We are collecting a **Hurricane Relief Love Offering** each week in October. Thank you to everyone that has contributed. Your donations total \$8,300 (not including donations personally made to other organizations) and have been distrubuted to the Montreat Conference Center Hurricane Helene Relief Fund, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC, Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry, Southern Smoke Foundation and BeLoved Asheville. Please make checks payable to FPC with "Hurricane Relief" on the comment line.

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024 **GATHERING AROUND THE WORLD PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS** Traditional Scottish tune Highland Cathedral Joshua Jarosz, piper 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** Psalm 150 G. Talbot (1882 - 1952)Hallelujah! O Praise God in His holiness:

Praise Him in the firmament of His pow'r. Praise Him for His noble acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him in the blast of the ram's horn; Praise Him upon the lute and harp. Praise Him with timbrel and dance; Praise Him with strings and pipe. Praise Him with resounding cymbals: Praise Him with loud clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Hallsworth

I will bless the Lord at all times, **God's praise will continually be in my mouth.** My soul makes its boast in the Lord, **Let the humble hear and be glad.** O magnify the Lord with me, **Let us exalt God's name together!** 

# **\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Merciful God, you always hear us when we cry out. You stay close when we are in distress. It is you in whom we seek refuge, and you deliver us from evil. Let praise flow from our mouths to your ears, for we can taste and see that you are indeed good. All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, O God, our redeemer and our strength. Amen.

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

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 34:1-3.

#### Hymn 726 Note:

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

# \*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

Choir, stanza 1 Choir and Congregation, stanzas 2-4 Choir, stanza 5

# CALL TO CONFESSION

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have discouraged others from seeking you. We have not sought your wisdom. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Help us to celebrate when others seek after you. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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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 42:1-6, 10-17

NRSV

<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered the Lord:

<sup>2</sup> "I know that you can do all things,

and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

<sup>3</sup> 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,

things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

<sup>4</sup> 'Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me.'

<sup>5</sup> I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

<sup>6</sup> therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

<sup>10</sup> And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup> Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. <sup>12</sup> The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup> He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup> He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup> In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. <sup>16</sup> After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. <sup>17</sup> And Job died, old and full of days.

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

#### **ANTHEM** Notre Père (The Lord's Prayer)

M. Duruflé (1902-1986)

Notre Père qui es aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton regne vienne, que ta volonte soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour, pardonnenous nos offenses comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offenses, et ne nous soumets pas a la tentation, mais délivrenous du mal. Translation: Our Father, who art in heav'n Hallow'd be thy name Thy kingdom come Thy will be done On earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses As we forgive Those who trespass against us And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:46-52

NRSV

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

#### Hymn 450 Note:

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

#### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN 450** Be Thou My Vision

SERMON

"I Can See!"

Slane

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

# **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of [people] chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk...

This Kirk is invisible, known only to God... and includes both the chosen who are departed, the Kirk triumphant, those who yet live... and those who shall live hereafter. Amen.

- Selections from The Scots Confession

#### 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

Amazing Grace

Joshua Jorosz, piper

#### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow 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 157 I Danced in the Morning

Lord of the Dance

New Britain

*Old* 100*th* 

#### **Offering Note:**

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

#### Hymn 157 Note:

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

# \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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** Highland Wedding

Joshua Jarosz, piper

Traditional

Traditional Scottish Tune



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# **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

### WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
10/27	Nancy	Jodi Johnson &	Joanne
	Hallsworth	Mary Hubbs	Lewis
11/3	Priscilla	Mike & Priscilla	Jeane
	Brown	Brown	Jones

# CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders	
10/27	Leanna	Leanna and	Bjorn and	
	Granillo	Jeff Granillo	Nicole Jiskoot	
11/3	Priscilla	Rob & Michelle	Jean Lowrey &	
	Brown	Lively	Priscilla Brown	

# 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

# TARTANS 2024

Anderson Anderson Bell/Beal Braeriach Cooper Carmichael Cobb/Lindsay (modern) Fleming Harris of Campbell Macallister Maples McCallie McIntyre McCrea **McPherson** McGowan **McNaughton** Nisbet Pharr/Ross Scott (ancient) Taylor (ancient, reiver) Weir

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. Wednesday, October 30 Choir Rehearsal 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 31 Knitting Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, November 1 Grateful Heart AA Mtg 8:00 p.m. Sunday, November 3 Bobbie and Bill Anderson Sunday School Jan and Paul Byrum Lillian Beall Hollis 9:15 a.m. Sharon and Larry Cooper Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Jeane and Walter Jones Betty Fuller Worship - All Saints Anne Farrow - Steve Farrow FPC Sanctuary (& Jeane and Walter Jones Facebook livestream) Marjorie and Jimmy Miller 10:30 a.m. Bill Maples Monday, November 4 Mac and Charlie Thomas Morning Prayers Alice Ensley 11:30 a.m. Nancy Hallsworth The Lunch Bunch John McPherson noon Sue and Dick Neelly Tuesday, November 5 Jean and Dan Strain Saturday Sacks Kathy Bridges 10:30 a.m. Kathryn Sellers Grateful Heart AA Mtg Annelle and Trammell Scott 8:00 p.m. Kathy Bridges Katie and Tate O'Gwin

Upcoming

Sunday, October 27 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

Worship - Reformation FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

Coffee in the Commons

Events

10:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

# PRAYERS

#### For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

*Jenny Crawford,* 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 Crawford,* multiple health challenges including spinal stenosis;

#### For Friends of First Presbyterian, Dalton

Jerry, friend of Pam Partain, who is undergoing chemotherapy;

*Becky Hansberry,* daughter of Kaye Clark, who will begin chemotherapy treatment in November for lung cancer at Emory in Atlanta.

Turner Frank Blackwell, infant son of Matt and Hannah Snyder Blackwell, in NICU with heart issues; 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 Leukemia 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;