



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6, 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 celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. Every year on the first Sunday in October, Christians around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian Church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are one. On this day, people draw faith and inspiration from seeing that they are part of a community that boasts millions of believers and worshipers.
- Immediately following Worship, Sunday, October 13, please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** in Hollis Hall. Please RSVP to Laura Allgood if you’d like to attend. After lunch stay for the **Connection Team meeting** and see how you can help.
- 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 6, 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

Ted Hogshead

Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I sing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and tell of all your wondrous deeds.

I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Faithful God, we give you thanks that nothing can separate us from your love. Receive us as beloved children so that we may enter your presence this day and abide with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 26.

Hymn 4 Note:
Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, Te Deum laudamus, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

*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.

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics placed below the notes.

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.

The musical notation is written on three treble clef staves in a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics placed below the notes.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

NRSV

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

D. Grotenhuis
(1931-2012)

Praise ye the Lord.

Praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord,

Praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth,

From this time forth and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,

The Lord's name is to be praised.

*Praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord.*

*The Lord is high above all nations,
And His glory above the heavens.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth,
From this time forth and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,
The Lord's name is to be praised.*

*Praise ye the Lord,
Praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord.
Praise the name of the Lord, praise the Lord!*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:13-16

NRSV

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

SERMON

"Who Are We?"

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 515 Note:

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

THE OFFERING

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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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Matzah, unleavened bread, reminds us of all who eat their bread in haste. It symbolizes for us all the refugees who, like the ancient Israelites, leave their homes and flee from danger. May it remind us, too, of the homeless in our own city and country.

We pray, O God, for your church among those with no place to call home. May we learn from their searching faith, and may we be a place of welcome for all who seek safety.

Frybread reminds us of Africa, the birthplace of humankind where Christianity continues to flourish. It also reminds us of a legacy of slavery, and of a people who endured.

We pray, O God, for your church in places where it flourishes, and we confess the times and places when we have enslaved our brothers and sisters. May we learn from the vibrant faith of our African brothers and sisters, and may we build a more just and peaceable world.

Nom Chakie is a Cambodian bread that reminds us of Asia, where Christians are a minority among Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and others. It represents for us the ways our faith calls us beyond our culture and reminds us of our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their beliefs.

We pray, O God, for your church in places where Christianity is dangerous, politically or socially. May we learn from the steadfast faith of our Asian brothers and sisters and walk with Jesus through every trial.

Tortillas remind us of Central and South America, where faith and culture have colored one another beautifully; but also a place where Christians live with violence, drugs, and conflict as a daily reality.

Offering Note:

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

We pray, O God, for your church in places beset by violence and still colored by hope. May we learn from the persistent faith of our Latino brothers and Latina sisters, and may we look upon them with compassion as our neighbors.

The baguette reminds us of Europe, with its vast cathedrals which are often empty. It represents those who keep the faith alive in lean times and reminds us that the church is not a building but a community of people.

We pray, O God, for your church in places where its power is diminished and its followers are few. May we learn from the age-old faith of our European brothers and sisters, and may we live our faith so that our faith might live.

Cornbread reminds us of Native Americans who first recognized God in the rhythms of nature. It reminds us that the land we call home once belonged to others. We pray, O God, for your church as it exists in every land. May we learn from the earthy faith of our Native American brothers and sisters, and may we care for the land and all those who call it home.


Come, Holy Spirit, dwell in the breads we share today and in this cup that they might be for us the body and blood of Christ. Come, dwell in your people of every land and language that we might be united with one another to be the body of Christ in every corner of the world today.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you, O God, creator of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed each of us, with all the diversity of the world's nations, in your image to love and serve you and to live in peace with your creation and with one another. When we rebelled against you, you did not abandon us but sent prophets to call us back to your way. Then in the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Therefore, we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever praise your name:


Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest


(All sing together)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

We invite you to come forward for communion via the nearest accessible main aisle and return to your seat the way you came. Communion is served by intinction. Take a piece of bread held by one elder, dip it in the cup held by another, and then, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Gluten-free elements are available from the left aisle.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

*CHARGE AND 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

Hymn 197 Note:

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 6

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

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

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

October 9-15

Pastor Nicole out of
the office

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

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

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.
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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
10/6	Ted Hogshead	Joanne Lewis & Margaret Venable	Margaret Venable
10/13	Mike Brown	Kathryn Sellers	TBD

CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders
10/6	Rob Lively	Michelle & Rob Lively	Jean Lowrey & Priscilla Brown
10/13	Jeff Granillo	Laura Goins & Leanna Granillo	Eric Haugen & Jeff Granillo

MONTHLY

Communion (October 6)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Jean Lowrey	October	Mary Hubbs	October	Jean Lowrey & Carol Houston
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Rob Lively, Mary Ellen Gurley & Sarah McCown	November	Becky Jolly	November	Mike & Priscilla Brown

DISASTER RELIEF AFTER HURRICAN HELENE

Are you overwhelmed with news of the devastation left behind by Hurricane Helene? Do you want to help, but do not know where to begin?

Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting a **Love Offering** during Sunday morning worship, along with the usual tithes and offerings. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please make your checks out to FPC and write "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.

In addition, if you are interested in donating directly to organizations who are already hard at work in disaster relief, please see the Midweek News for a list of additional opportunities to donate financially. Plus, if you are aware of an organization which is not already listed, please contact Pastor Nicole or the church office, and they will see to it that the list remains up to date each week.

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Jenny Crawford, who is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery;
The Elder Nominating Committee, in gratitude for their service;;
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

Those affected by Hurricane Helene, 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, 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.



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