



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, November 10, 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, immediately following Worship, please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** in Hollis Hall. All are welcome! After lunch, stay for the **Connection Team meeting** and see how you can help.
- Our stewardship theme for this year is **“Faith & Love in Action.”** Stop and consider all the different ways that you can “give.” Our Midweek News will feature members who answer the question “Why do you give to FPC?”
- Join us in Worship for our **Commitment Sunday**, November 17, as we offer and dedicate our pledges for the upcoming year. We also invite you to remember your baptism as you dedicate your pledge during the service. You can mail in your card or return an electronic pledge card which can be found in the Midweek News or your email. You can also give through our website: firstpresdalton.org/giving.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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

Judi McPherson

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious Lord, our labors are in vain unless you labor with us, O God.

Continue to bless the work of our hands, that we might labor for the

glory of your name alone, through your son Jesus Christ, in whose name

we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 806

I'll Praise My Maker

Old 13th

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cover Art:

Swanson, John August. Story of Ruth, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-image/act-link.pl?RC=56561> [retrieved November 7, 2024]. Original source: Estate of John August Swanson, <https://www.johnaugustswanson.com/>.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 147.

Hymn 806 Note:

This paraphrase of Psalm 146 was a great favorite of John Wesley: it appeared in his first hymn collection in 1737 (published in Charleston, South Carolina) and was on his lips when he died. The 16th-century tune to which it is set here is the one Watts had in mind for it.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Dear God, you gave us your only son, yet we fail to give you our best. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of 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.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jean Lowrey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

NRSVUE

¹ Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ² Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.” ⁵ She said to her, “All that you say I will do.”

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. ¹⁷ The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Open My Eyes

G. M. Martin

(b. 1941)

*Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp, and set me free.*

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear.*

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.*

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, spirit divine!*

Amen.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

NRSVUE

³⁸ As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Faith and Love in Action:

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

Restoring Life for Those Who Seek Security”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn 36 Note:

Originally called “Harvest Hymn,” this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God’s endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means “throughout the night.”

*HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

Ar Hydy Nos

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death, we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Excerpts from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

*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 306 Note:

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
11/10	Judi McPherson	Margaret Venable & Valerie George	Laura Allgood
11/17	Rachel Smalley	Nancy Hallsworth	Susan Bisson

CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders
11/10	Laura Goins	Laura Goins & Leanna Granillo	Eric Haugen & Jeff Granillo
11/17	Alice Ensley	Alice Ensley & Susan Bisson	Jeane Jones & Mary Hubbs

MONTHLY

Communion (December 1)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Katie O'Gwin	November	Becky Jolly	November	Mike & Priscilla Brown
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Bob Hubbs, Susan Bisson & Walter Jones	December	Susan Bisson & Laura Allgood	December	Peggy Rollins & Alice Ensley

COVER ART: JOHN AUGUST SWANSON makes his home in Los Angeles, California, where he was born in 1938. He paints in oil, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, and is an independent printmaker of limited edition serigraphs, lithographs and etchings.

His art reflects the strong heritage of storytelling he inherited from his Mexican mother and Swedish father. John Swanson's narrative is direct and easily understood. He addresses himself to human values, cultural roots, and his quest for self-discovery through visual images. These include Bible stories and social celebrations such as attending the circus, the concert, and the opera. He also tells of everyday existence, of city and country walks, of visits to the library, the train station or the schoolroom. All his parables optimistically embrace life and one's spiritual transformation. John Swanson studied with Corita Kent at Immaculate Heart College. His unique style is influenced by the imagery of Islamic and medieval miniatures, Russian iconography, the color of Latin American folk art, and the tradition of Mexican muralists. His art is in no way "naïve." It is detailed, complex, and elaborate. Unlike many contemporary artists, John Swanson works directly on all phases in producing his original prints. His serigraphs (limited-edition screen prints) have from 40 to 89 colors printed, using transparent and opaque inks creating rich and detailed imagery. For each color printed the artist must draw a stencil on Mylar film. This stencil is transferred to the silk screen for printing the

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 10

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook/YouTube livestream)
10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch
11:30 p.m.
Connection Team Meeting
12:30 p.m.

Monday, November 11

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

Tuesday, November 12

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 13

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

Thursday, November 14

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

Friday, November 15

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 17

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship - Commitment Sunday
FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook/YouTube livestream)
10:30 a.m.
Session Meeting
11:30 a.m.

Monday, November 18

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

color ink on the serigraph edition. The resulting serigraph is a matrix of richly overlaid colors visually striking and technically masterful.

Mr. Swanson's art is represented in the permanent collections of many museums, including three museums of the Smithsonian Institution: The National Museum of American History, The National Museum of American Art and The National Air and Space Museum. He is also included in the print collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, Harvard University's Fogg Museum, the Tate Gallery and Victoria and Albert Museum in London, and the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris. His painting THE PROCESSION is one of relatively few works by contemporary artists to be selected for the Vatican Museums' Collection of Modern Religious Art. In 2008, an extensive collection of John August Swanson's works were purchased by Emory University's Candler School of Theology to hang on the walls of their new 76,349 square foot building. He was awarded The Dean's Medal for his art's transformative effect on the campus. With over 55 works hung, this is the largest open public display of the artwork of John August Swanson.

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Janice Sims, who is experiencing pain in her leg and will be awaiting test results;

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.

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!

In gratitude for the generosity of all who donated to our Hurricane Relief Love Offering, may God use our gifts to bring hope and stability to Western North Carolina;

In praise to the God who was and is and is to come, open our hearts during our Stewardship Campaign, that we may prayerfully consider pledging our gifts, time, and talents in the coming year.