

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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Christ the King

Sunday, November 24, 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

- This morning we are excited to celebrate the baptism of **Flannery Alice Jansen**, daughter of Mimi Ensley and Garrett Jansen and granddaughter of Alice and Doug Ensley, and to welcome her into the family of faith. A book entitled *The Wonderful Things You Will Be* by Emily Winfield Martin has been donated to the church children’s library in honor of her baptism.
- The flowers today are given for the glory of God in honor of **Flannery Alice Jansen** and her parents.
- Everyone is invited to join us today after Worship for this year’s **Hanging of the Greens**, hosted by the Congregational Life Team. A pizza lunch will be provided. Come help us decorate for the Advent and Christmas seasons!
- Monday, November 25, please join with our church members and many others from across Whitfield County and beyond to celebrate **Grateful Dalton**, a community Thanksgiving meal together. This free meal is open to all and is served in Downtown Dalton near Burr Park from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you wish to join with us, please wear your “Love First, Love All” tee-shirt or anything that says First Pres Dalton and gather at FPC at 11:15 a.m. and we will walk together.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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!

Bronwyn Edwards

Let us gather and praise the Lord.

O sing praises to the Lord.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rob Lively

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,
And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

The Call to Worship is from Revelation 1:4b, 5.

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Sovereign God, come to us now in silent, holy power. Still our distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our longing bodies. Then speak the power of Jesus' name in such a way that we might hear it, in such a way that we might bear it into the world – as a people who seek not to preserve what we know but to make palpable who you are – for we move and pray by the gift of your breath within us. Amen.

Hymn 394 Note:
Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

***HYMN 394**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

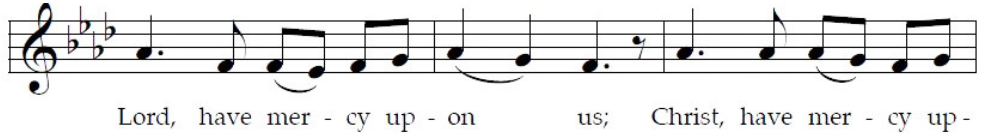
Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy, teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.

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

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison



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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Rev. Dr. Walter Jones

Dr. Murray MacIntyre Lumpkin

PRESENTATION OF FLANNERY ALICE JANSEN, INFANT DAUGHTER OF GARRETT JANSEN AND MIMI ENSLEY

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

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*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.

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Flannery by word and deed, with love and prayer, encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? Do we?

We do.

THE BAPTISM

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God’s children;
Joyfully now God’s praises we sing.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 1:4b-8

NRSVUE

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him,

and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

The Song of My Soul

Stan Pethel
(b. 1950)

*I will praise you Lord with all of my heart,
With the song of my soul I will praise you;
I will worship you, Lord in this holy place,
And magnify your name.*

*All the powers of earth will come and praise you, Lord,
They will hear the all powerful word:
They shall sing of your ways O Lord most high,
Your praise will forever be heard.*

*Though I walk in great trouble,
You, O Lord, are still there to revive,
You will stretch forth your mighty hand,
For your love will forever abide.*

*I will praise you Lord with all of my heart,
With the song of my soul I will praise you;
I will worship you, Lord in this holy place,
And magnify your name.*

*Yes I will praise you, Lord, with my song.
The song of my soul.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:33-37

NRSVUE

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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

SERMON

“Christ the King”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

To God Be the Glory

Hymn 634 Note:

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

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

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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 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

Lancashire

*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 269 Note:

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on “deeds of love and mercy” and courage for life’s journey.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
11/24	Rob Lively	Walter & Jeane Jones	Mary Hubbs
12/1	Robert Smalley	Joanne Lewis	The Flower Team

CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders
11/24	Mary Hubbs	Jeff & Leanna Granillo	Bjorn & Nicole Jiskoot
12/1	Michelle Lively	Rob & Michelle Lively	Jean Lowrey & Priscilla Brown

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, Walter & Jeane Jones	December	Susan Bisson	December	Peggy Rollins & Alice Ensley

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 24

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship - Christ the King
10:30 a.m.
Hanging of the Greens
w/ lunch
11:30 a.m.

Monday, November 25

Meet @ FPC for
Gratefull Dalton Dinner
11:15 a.m.
Gratefull Dinner
11:30-1:30 p.m.
*(No Morning Prayers or
Lunch Bunch)*

Tuesday, November 26

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 27

No Choir Rehearsal

November 28-29

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 29

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 1

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship - Advent I
10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 2

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

Tuesday, December 3

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

Wednesday, December 4

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

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Bob Hubbs, who will be receiving some long-awaited medical treatment;

Janice Sims, who is receiving physical therapy;

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

Randall Dawkins, Jr., friend of Janice Sims, who is at home recovering from open heart surgery;

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

Becky Hansberry, daughter of Kaye Clark, who is receiving chemotherapy treatment 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.