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Faith and Love
in Action:

Following Our Mothers

The Celebration of All Saints

Sunday, November 3, 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 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.

- Immediately following Worship, Sunday, November 10, please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** in Hollis Hall. Please RSVP to the church office if you’d like to attend. 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 3, 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

(from Psalm 24:7-10 and Isaiah 25:9)

Priscilla Brown

Fling wide the temple gates!

Open up the ancient doors!

The mighty and glorious one is coming.

Who is this mighty and glorious one?

This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

Let us be glad and rejoice in God.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all glory, we gather here today with the saints of every time and place to honor and praise your holy name. As you have revealed your mercy and might to your faithful people of every age, so let us glimpse – even through our tears – the mystery of your life-giving grace and the love that even death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega. Amen.

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cover Art:

Pynas, Jacob Symonsz (1592-1650). Naomi and Ruth, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-image/act-image-link.pl?RC=58479> [retrieved October 31, 2024]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Jacob_Symonsz_Pynas_Ruth_beschliesst_mit_Naomi_nach_Bethlehem_zu_

Hymn 326 Note:

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people. Yet we remain shrouded in sin – we hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name. Forgive us; unbind us and let us go so that we may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. 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 Selwidge 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

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

Ruth 1:1-18

NRSV

¹ In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰ They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹ But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³ would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.” ¹⁴ Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶ But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you,
to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

¹⁷ Where you die, I will die –
and there will I be buried.
May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!”

¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Power and the Glory

J. E. Eilers
(1941-2009)

*I was a sinner, I was slippin' away,
When the Lord laid His hand on me.
"Come to the water and be born again,
And my love will set you free."*

*Power! He is the power,
And the Glory! I will give Him the glory!
Hallelujah, Oh Lord,
And the kingdom of heaven will be mine today.*

*He knows the worries in a troubled mind,
And the hurt in a grievin' heart.
He'll take your burden if you only believe.
You can have a brand-new start.*

*Power! He is the power,
And the Glory! I will give Him the glory!
Hallelujah, Oh Lord,
And the kingdom of heaven will be mine today.*

Hallelu!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21:1-5a

NRSV

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Faith and Love in Action: Following Our Mothers”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 324

For All the Faithful Women

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SILENT MEDITATION

NECROLOGY

Coy Temples January 7, 2024

Dennis Moore January 10, 2024

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Nicene Creed”

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again; in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERING

www.firstpresdalton.org/giving/

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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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.

Hymn 324 Note:

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

The Nicene Creed:

“The Nicene Creed was the first and in fact is the only creed used ecumenically by the vast majority of Christians throughout the world. For more than fifteen hundred years, it has been the hallmark of orthodoxy.” –from the PC (USA) Book of Confessions.

The Nicene Creed is particularly important because it settled a long-running debate about how Christians could reconcile the divinity of Jesus with Jewish monotheism. The creed claims that Jesus is “of one Being with the Father.”

Offering Note:

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

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.

Thanks and praise to you, O God, creator and lover of the universe. You created all that was; you nurture all that is; you imagine all that will be. You are the pattern of community, Three-in-One God of mercy. From the beginning of time, you have created us for relationship with one another, with the earth, and with you. When we reject your call to community, choosing isolation over partnership and brokenness over healing, you call us back, again and again, with words of grace and the promise of new life. Remembering that we are not alone at this table, we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called, from all times and all places, who forever sing your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

(All sing together)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory;

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory;

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

All-holy God, how wonderful is the work of Your hands! Because sin rose up to leave a fault-line, even in the earth, You stepped forward to enter into a covenant of peace that can renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, You embraced a people as Yours, filling them with a longing for peace that will last, a justice that will never fail. Through countless generations Your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them You raised up Jesus, Your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though He Himself would suffer; He offered life to sinners, though death would hunt Him down. But with a love stronger than death, He opened wide His arms and surrendered His spirit.

Eternal God, let Your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine that we may have communion in the body and blood of Christ, that we may become one in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 769

For Everyone Born

For Everyone Born

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*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 769 Note:

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 3

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship - All Saints

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Monday, November 4

Morning Prayers

11:30 a.m.

The Lunch Bunch

noon

Tuesday, November 5

Saturday Sacks

10:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6

Congregational Life

Team Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 7

Presbyterians at the Pub

5:00 p.m.

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 8

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 10

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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
11/3	Priscilla Brown	Mike & Priscilla Brown	Jean Jones
11/10	Judi McPherson	Margaret Venable & Valerie George	Laura Allgood

CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders
11/3	Priscilla Brown	Rob & Michelle Lively	Jean Lowrey & Priscilla Brown
11/10	Laura Goins	Laura Goins & Leanna Granillo	Eric Haugen & Jeff Granillo

MONTHLY

Communion (November 3)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Nancy Hallsworth	November	Becky Jolly	November	Mike & Priscilla Brown
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Jean Lowrey, Henry & Julie Tharpe	December	Susan Bisson & Laura Allgood	December	Peggy Rollins & Alice Ensley

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

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!

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.



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