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Good News or Bad News?



ANNOUNCEMENT

Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, February 9, 2025

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

- Please join us today for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship. All are welcome! After lunch, stay for the Connection Team meeting and see how you can help.
- You can help the youth raise money for a good cause and pull for your favorite team. Today the youth will be collecting funds and goods for the **Super Bowl of Caring**. All proceeds will be used in our Little Free Pantry.
- A **congregational meeting** is called for Sunday, February 23, immediately following Worship, for the purpose of receiving the 2024 annual financial report and the 2024 annual report of the activities of the church.
- If you weren’t able to attend this morning’s **Child Protection Policy training**, and you volunteer with our children, don’t worry! We will offer another training on Sunday, February 16, immediately following Worship, in the Parlor of the Martin House.
- On Saturday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m., The DEO Clinic, in partnership with FPC, is hosting a concert featuring **Kathy Reed & Lonesome Redwing**. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

Carol Houston

In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.

We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.

In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.

The Call to Worship is from Isaiah 6, Luke 5, and Psalm 138.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy One, earth and heaven reverberate with your glory, and humans and angels alike sing your praises. Open our minds to your breathtaking work in the world, even as you call us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, our mentor and savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn 334 Note: Though Psalm 138 is usually regarded as a personal song of thanksgiving, this paraphrase makes clear that it also deals with the theme of God's sovereignty over would-be deities and over all human rulers. The fourth stanza shows that the psalm looks forward as well as backward.

*HYMN 334

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

St. Petersburg

Stanzas 1 and 4 only

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world. We long to feel your grace and glory, for in you, Emmanuel, we can be healed and set free; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*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.

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.

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

Isaiah 6:1-13

NRSVUE

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” ⁹ And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’

¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes
and listen with their ears
and comprehend with their minds
and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said,
“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;

¹² until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³ Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.”

(The holy seed is its stump.)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

Be Still, My Soul!

Mark Shepperd

*Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.*

*Be still, my soul! thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.*

*Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.*

*Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

NRSVUE

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Good News or Bad News?”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being born in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God, “Jesus Christ is Lord!” Amen.

-Philippians 2:5-11

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 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am (Schutte)

Hymn 757 Note:

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled “Called to Be Disciples.” The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 69 Note:

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God’s call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

*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



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
2/9	Carol Houston	Larry & Sharon Cooper	Laura Allgood
2/16	Priscilla Brown	The Granillo Family	Mary Hubbs

CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders
2/9	Jeff Granillo	Laura Goins & Leanna Granillo	Eric Haugen & Jeff Granillo
2/16	Mary Hubbs	Alice Ensley & Susan Bisson	Jeane Jones & Kayte Crocker

MONTHLY

Communion (March 2)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Jeane Jones	February	Laura Allgood	February	Mary Hubbs
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Dan Strain, Henry and Julie Tharpe	March	Priscilla Brown	March	Margaret Venable
Communion (March 5 - Ash Wednesday)					
Prep	Kathryn Sellers				
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Alice Ensley, John McPherson and Margaret Venable				

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Verutzka Soza, who continues to recover from outpatient surgery;
Jenny Cranford, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease;
Bob Hubbs, who will be receiving some long-awaited medical treatment;
Janice Sims, who was diagnosed with Macular degeneration and is having cataract surgery soon;
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;

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 9

Child Protection Policy Training
 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School
 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship
 10:00 a.m.
 Worship - Souper Bowl Sunday
 10:30 a.m.
 Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch
 11:30 a.m.
 Connection Team Meeting
 12:30 p.m.

Monday, February 10

Morning Prayers
 11:00 a.m.
 The Lunch Bunch
 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 11

Church Women United
 11:00 a.m.
 Grateful Heart AA Mtg
 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12

Choir Rehearsal
 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 16

Sunday School
 9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Child Protection Policy Training
 11:30 a.m. a.m.

Monday, February 17

Morning Prayers
 11:00 a.m.

The Lunch Bunch

11:30 a.m.

For Friends of First Presbyterian, Dalton

The congregation of the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church in California, who suffered the loss of their entire church campus during the recent wildfires;

Culver City Presbyterian Church, as they open their doors and share their facilities with the Pacific Palisades Church so that services can continue;

Pam Williams, friend of Alice Ensley, Mary Ellen Gurley, and Berrien Long, who has been diagnosed with glioblastoma and is beginning treatment;

Those affected by the raging fires in Southern California, may God bring rain to quench the earth and bring urgent relief to all who have lost their homes and loved ones, especially those most vulnerable of being overlooked;

For the family and friends of Patsy Burns, a beloved friend of many in our congregation, as all mourn her passing;

Dana Easley, friend of Sherri Stafford and many in our congregation, for unspoken prayers - may God bless her and keep her in his tender care;

The family and friends of Rita Norville, step-mother of Nancy Hallsworth, as they mourn her passing on Saturday, December 7, 2024;

The family and friends of Rick King, brother-in-law of Jean Lowrey, as they mourn - Rick passed away suddenly in his home on Friday evening, November 29, 2024;

For Randall Dockins, Jr., Patsy Townsend, and Janine Vogel, friends of Janice Sims, each of whom are being monitored for multiple health concerns;

Linda Leslie, friend of Sue Spivey, who is battling Pancreatic Cancer;

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 who 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 continues to receive treatment for a brain tumor;

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;

Arden Brown, son of Amanda and Chris Brown, as they seek a cure for DMD;

Caregivers and aging parents.

Praises and Continuing Prayers!

Janice Sims, whose heart catheter procedure revealed no problems;

Kathy Householder, friend of Debbie and Mary Dennard, who is home from Mexico and doing well.