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Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, March 2, 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

- Join us for **Ash Wednesday Worship** at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, as we begin our observance of Lent, a forty-day season of preparation for Easter. The service will include communion and the imposition of ashes. The nursery will be available. All are welcome!
- Our Christian Education Team is excited to announce the launching of the **2025 Confirmation and New Member classes**. Six of our youth have signed up for the weekly Confirmation class. These students will be following the Big God, Big Questions curriculum, which has been made available through the PC(USA), and will be invited to select a mentor to walk this journey alongside them. We will also have a monthly informational class for adults who are interested in becoming official members of FPC Dalton. If you would like to know more, please contact Nicole at the church office.
- **“Pray without ceasing.”** This biblical command is our collective commitment during Lent. Please join us by taking one day each week to lift prayers for those in need. Resources are available in the Commons or by email to office@firstpresdalton.org.
- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** on Sunday, March 2, in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the church office. After lunch, stay for the **Connection Team meeting** and see how you can help.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 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

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson
(1890-1977)

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 99 and 2 Corinthians 3:18)

Hilliard Jolly

“The LORD is king; let the people tremble.”

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake...

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God’s holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

All of us, with unveiled faces, are being transformed...
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 666

O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Hymn 666 Note:

This morning hymn is based on a Latin text attributed to a 4th-century bishop. It weaves various images of Christ as Light with light-based descriptions of each day’s passing. It is set to a dance-like tune from at least the 15th century that enhances the energy in the text.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. 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.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

NRSVUE

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6

NRSVUE

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

In All Things God Works for Our Good

Lloyd Larson
(b. 1954)

(Refrain) *And this we know, in the journey of life,
Whether green, rolling hills, or the deserts bare and dry,
In all things God works for our good,
For we who love the Lord.*

*In the lush verdant valleys where we walk sure and strong,
Or the rugged terrain unsafe and long;
God has promised His help:
“Fear not, I will guide you. Take my hand for my promises are true.”* (Refrain)

*In the seasons of life, times of joy or despair, vict’ry and defeat;
“I know the plans I have for you,” says your God
“Plans to prosper you, not to harm you,
Plans to give you hope and a future!
Believe in me! Trust in me! For I am your God!”* (Refrain)

*In all things God works for our good,
For we who love the Lord.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

NRSVUE

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Removing the Veil”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 156

Sing of God Made Manifest

Salzburg

Hymn 156 Note:
Epiphany” means “manifestation” or “showing forth,” and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

*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

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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.

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.

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 us in your image to love and serve you and to live in peace with your creation. When we rebelled against you, you did not abandon us, but sent

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.

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)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, welcomed sinners, and proclaimed good news to the poor. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he reigns with you in glory and will come again to make all things new.

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 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*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 327 Note:

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 2

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 3

Morning Prayers

11:00 a.m.

The Lunch Bunch

11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 4

Saturday Sacks

10:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday Worship

5:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

Presbyterians at the Pub

5:00 p.m.

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 9

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday

Fellowship Lunch

11:30 a.m.

Connection Team

Meeting

12:30 p.m.

Monday, March 10

Morning Prayers

11:00 a.m.

The Lunch Bunch

11:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flowers
3/2	Hilliard Jolly	Berrien Long & Nathalie Sanders	Jeane Jones
3/5	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot	Annelle Scott & Peggy Rollins	Kathryn Sellers
3/9	Ian Lively	The Hendrix Family	Kaye Clark

CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders
3/2	Priscilla Brown	Rob & Michelle Lively	Jean Lowrey & Priscilla Brown
3/9	Laura Goins	Laura Goins & Leanna Granillo	Eric Haugen & Jeff Granillo

MONTHLY

Communion (March 2)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Jeane Jones	March	Priscilla Brown	March	Margaret Venable
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Dan Strain, Henry and Julie Tharpe	April	Peggy Rollins	April	Jean Lowrey & Carol Houston
Communion (March 5 - Ash Wednesday)					
Prep	Kathryn Sellers				
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Alice Ensley and Margaret Venable				

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Verutzka Soza, who continues to recover from outpatient surgery;

Jenny Crawford, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease;

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

Janice Sims, who was diagnosed earlier with Macular Degeneration, was scheduled to have cataract surgery on
Wednesday, February 26;

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

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 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 is being monitored for multiple health concerns;

For Linda Leslie and Margaret Spivey, who are being treated for cancer, for *Mark A. Spivey*, who suffered a fall and a stroke, and for *Emily Bringardner*, who is recovering from hip surgery and suffers from Parkinson's Disease, all of whom are friends and family of Sue Spivey and Kathy Bridges;

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;

Martha Bracey Henson, cousin of Mary Hubbs, who continues to receive treatment for a brain tumor;

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.



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