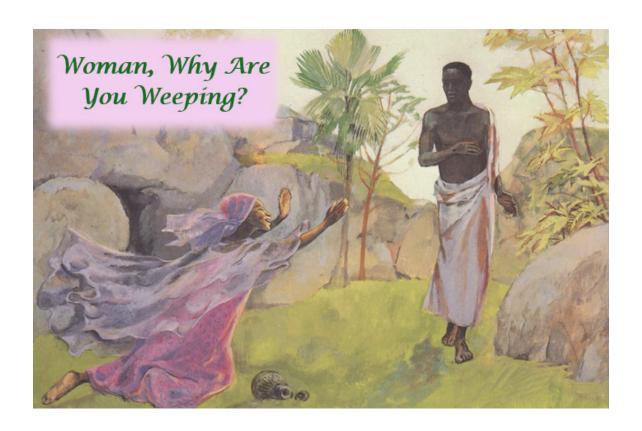


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Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20, 2025

LOVE FIRST, LOVE ALL

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Dalton. We are glad you are here!

Stay In Touch! First Presbyterian has multiple Communication Channels in addition to Face-to-Face Contact. Check them often.

- Telephone: **706-278-8161**
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 - First Presbyterian Church Dalton
- Facebook for FPC Members:
 FPC Dalton Connect
- Weekly Newsletter: Midweek News-sent by E-Mail unless a paper copy is requested by calling 706-278-8161

What is that person's name? Find current contact information for our members in the church directory, available on our website (www.firstpresdalton.org) under the "fellowship tab." Please email the church office for the directory password. Also, it is perfectly acceptable to ask someone's name, even if it's for the fifth or sixth time.

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**

We have several traditions within our service during which physical contact—shaking hands, joining hands, handing an item—may be an option. If, for any reason, you are uncomfortable with this kind of contact, feel free to refrain from participating. Know that our congregation is respectful and recognizes that our members and guests have different needs and comfort levels. We seek to be a "Non-Judgment Zone."

Announcements

- After Worship, everyone is welcomed and encouraged to take **family Easter pictures** with the flowered crosses. We would love if you posted your photos on our FPC Dalton Connect Facebook page or email the church office: office@firstpresdalton.org.
- The **church office will be closed** Monday, April 21. Morning Prayers and the Lunch Bunch will resume on Monday, April 28.
- On Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m., **The DEO Clinic,** in partnership with FPC, is hosting a **concert** featuring award winning songwriters Scott Jackson (Cohutta) and Kate Neal (Lookout Mountain) with Spatial Effects to open. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering.
- Plan to join us Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. when we host the next **Selvidge Street Forum.** April's conversation will be facilitated by retired Professor Jane Sample with Pam Partain on "What's So Great About Gatsby? Revisiting Fitzgerald's Masterpiece 100 Years Later." The forum will be more conversation than lecture, and will take place in the foyer area of the Martin House, honoring the Martin's legacy of providing a comfortable, friendly venue for learning and exploration.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Organ Piece in G Major

Adolph Hesse (1808-1863)

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

The Seventh Word from The Seven Last Words of Christ Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever. For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed. Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Houston

Rejoice and be glad:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice and be glad:

Heaven and earth will never be the same!

Rejoice and be glad: Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Savior. God of endless life, in the light of this glorious day we see the dawning of your new creation. Give us wonder and delight to enjoy this day that you have made; through Jesus Christ our living Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cover Art

JESUS MAFA. Easter - Christ appears to Mary, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. https://diglib. library.vanderbilt. edu/act-imagelink. pl?RC=48389 [retrieved April 16, 2025]. Original source: http://www. librairie-emmanuel.fr (contact page: https:// www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact).

Hymn 232 Note:

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again.

Still, we look for the living among the dead.

You rolled away the stone from the tomb.

Still, we look for the living among the dead.

You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

Still, we look for the living among the dead.

You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!

Still, we look for the living among the dead.

Moment for silent confession...

Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation: Christ is alive! Jesus is risen from the dead! Amen.

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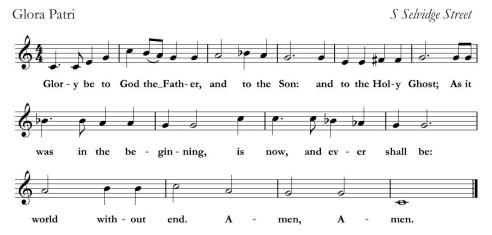


ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As we await that great and glorious day, we rejoice in the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE



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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 65:17-25 NRSVUE

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating,

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat,

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox,

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but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Litany for Easter

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18 NRSVUE

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive! Truro

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Living God, hear our prayer:

Make this world your new creation!

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

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

James Hoskins, soloist

*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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

Hymn 246 Note:

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 238 Note:

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio Joshua and moved to Judas Maccabeus in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

*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

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flower Guild
4/20	Carol	Mike & Priscilla	Kaye
	Houston	Brown	Clark
4/27	Julie	Tommy & Jodi	Becky
	Tharpe	Johnson	Jolly

CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders	
4/20	Mary Hubbs	Commons @ 9:45am	Commons @ 9:45am	
4/27	Leanna Granillo	Jeff & Leanna Granillo	Bjorn & Nicole Jiskoot	

MONTHLY

Communion (May 4)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Julie Tharpe	April	Peggy Rollins	April	Jean Lowrey & Carol Houston
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, James Hoskins, Sarah McCown and Ted Hogshead	May	Bobbie Anderson	May	Valerie George & Mary Hubbs

Cover Art Note:

JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

Dramatically picturesque, this painting of John's resurrection narrative captures the moment when Mary recognizes Jesus outside the tomb where he was meant to be lying. She has fallen to her knees in joy and worship as she reaches out to touch him. Jesus holds his arm to himself as he commands her not to hold onto him for he "has not yet ascended to the father." Mary's happiness is infectious and stirs in the viewer a similar delight in believing that death does not have the final word.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 20

Flowering of the Cross 9:45 a.m.

Worship - Easter 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Monday, April 21

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 22 Saturday Sacks

10:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

Christian Education Team Meeting 5:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, April 24

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

Friday, April 25

Grateful Heart AA Mtg 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

DEO Clinic Concert

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 27

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Session Meeting

11:30 a.m.

Music Recital 3:00 p.m.

Monday, Apri 28

Morning Prayers 11:00 a.m.

Lunch Bunch

11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 29

Grateful Heart AA Mtg 8:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Janice Sims, for safe travels while away;

Wayne Alderman, who is recovering at home following a minor stroke;

John McPherson, who is recovering from knee-replacement surgery;

Bob Hubbs, who is receiving medical treatment;

Charles Allgood, as he battles lung cancer;

Ongoing Concerns for our Members:

Nancy Rhine, in assisted living located near her daughter;

Stan and Jenny Crawford, who are battling mobility issues and Parkinson's Disease, respectively;

For Friends of First Presbyterian, Dalton

Paula Morrow, friend of Sarah McCown and of the church, who checked into Emory Hospital on April 5, for an extended stay to complete her bone marrow transplant;

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

Dana Easley, who is receiving chemotherapy in Dalton;

For Linda Leslie, who is 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 suffering 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 in Atlanta.

Martha Bracey Henson, cousin of Mary Hubbs, who continues to receive treatment for a brain tumor; Arden Brown, son of Amanda and Chris Brown, as they seek a cure for DMD;

Those affected by climate disasters;

The peace of Israel and Palestine and the well-being of Ukraine;

The families of victims of substance abuse;

Caregivers and aging parents.

Praises and Continuing Prayers!

Steve and Nancy Farrow, who were joyously united in matrimony on March 15, 2025; Kathy Householder, friend of Debbie and Mary Dennard;