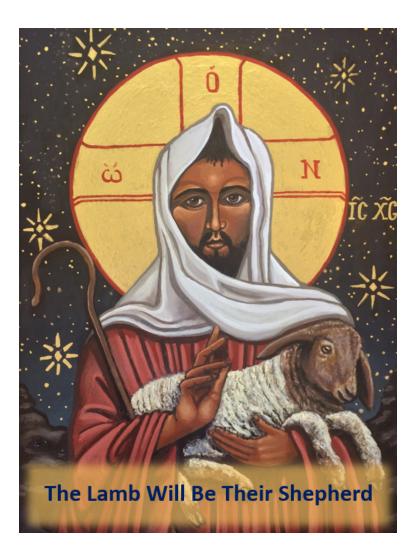


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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 11, 2025

LOVE FIRST, LOVE ALL

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

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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

• This morning we are excited to celebrate the **baptism** of Robert Peyton, Eleanor Margaret, and Henry Walker Hubbs, children of Bracy & Liz Hubbs and grandchildren of Bob & Mary Hubbs and to welcome them into the family of faith. Books entitled *Inspirational Baseball Stories for Young Readers* by Mike Johnson (Peyton), *You are an Amazing Girl* by Nadia Ross (Norey) and *The Big Umbrella* by Amy June and Jennifer Bates have been donated to the church children's library in honor of their baptism.

• Today we receive **confirmands** Andrew Granillo, Lena Haugen, Sienna Haugen, Peyton Hubbs, Lucy O'Gwin and Luke O'Gwin into full membership in the church.

• Please join us in welcoming **new members** Bracey and Liz Hubbs! Bracey & Liz are being received into membership at First Presbyterian Church in Worship this morning.

• Roger Rollins is recruiting for **Camp AIM** (June 2-6 & June 9-13), our annual effort to express care for children who have been abused. Your service in providing food in an atmosphere of obvious concern will impact you as it will the staff and students of this worthwhile efforts. As the schedule takes shape, make it a point to help provide and to share this experience.

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Cover Art

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The Call to Worship is from Psalm 23.

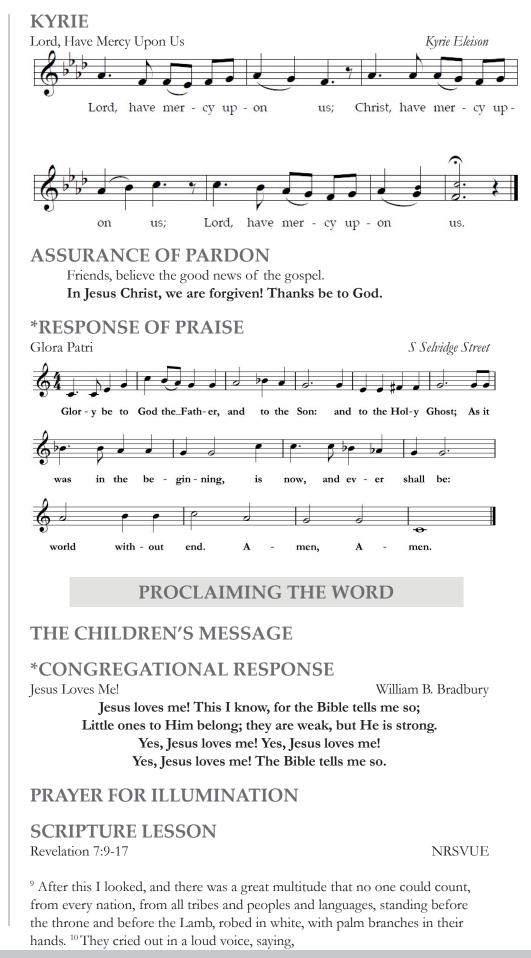
Hymn 44 Note:

This text was inspired by how the prophet Hosea describes the parental nature of God's relationship with Israel (Hosea 11:1–19). The last stanza echoes Christ's teachings about love of neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40/Mark 12:29-31) and care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31-46).

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

Austin

Tate O'Gwin



Permission to reprint/ podcast/stream music in this service is obtained from One License with license #A-722902. All rights reserved. "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

ANTHEM The First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White (b. 1938)

Children & Youth Choir Sienna Haugen, Leanna Granillo, Dan Strain, soloists

(Refrain)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, And he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing From the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord, And call upon his Name. (Refrain)

Make his deeds known among the peoples; See that they remember that his Name is exalted Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, And this is known in all the world. (Refrain) Select liturgy reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion. Copyright 2015. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, Ring out your joy, For the great one in the midst of you Is the Holy One of Israel. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 10:22-33

NRSVUE

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

³¹ The Jews took up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus replied, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?" ³³ The Jews answered, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human, are making yourself God."

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

SERMON

"The Lamb Will Be Their Shepherd"

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 274 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Picardy

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Henry Hubbs, Norey Hubbs, and Peyton Hubbs by word and deed, with love and prayer?

We do.

Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

We will.

Hymn 274 Note:

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

PRESENTATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP & FOR CONFIRMATION BY REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PROFESSION OF FAITH

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

I will with God's help.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Aportles' 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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BAPTISM

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS & PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.

Offering Note:

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

Hymn 247 Note:

Although there were some traditional Easter carols, this hybrid one has been created by grafting a 20th-century English text onto a late 15th-century French tune. The allegory of the dying and rising grain as a parallel for Christ's Resurrection is probably based on John 12:24. *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Baptized in Water

> 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE & 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

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 247 Now the Green Blade Rises

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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	Flower Guild
5/11	Tate O'Gwin	The Swinney Family	Jeane Jones
5/18	Laura Allgood	The Hubbs Family	TBD

CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders Choir Rehearsal	
5/11	Laura Goins	Choir Rehearsal		
5/18	Alice Ensley & TBD	Alice Ensley & Susan Bisson	Priscilla Brown & TBD	

MONTHLY

Communion (June 1)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	James Hoskins	May	Bobbie Anderson	May	Valerie George & Mary Hubbs
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Laura Goins, Walter & Jeane Jones	June	Jeane Jones	June	Walter & Jeane Jones

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Wayne Alderman, who continues to recover 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

- For the family of Linda Thompson Sims, a long-time member of First Presbyterian Dalton, as they mourn her death;
- *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 is being treated for glioblastoma;
- Dana Easley, who is receiving chemotherapy in Dalton;

Upcoming **Events** Sunday, May 11 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship - Mother's Day & Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 12 Morning Prayers 11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 13 Grateful Heart AA Mtg 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 Missions Team Meeting 4:30 p.m. Worship Team Meeting 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 15 Presbyterian's at the Pub 5:00 p.m. Knitting Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16 Grateful Heart AA Mtg 8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 18 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Session Meeting 11:30 p.m. Monday, May 19 Morning Prayers 11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m.

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;

COVER ART NOTE: Commissioned by Ted and Katherin Foster for The Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Athens, OH.

"I started painting icons in 2011 while I was a member of the Common Friars from 2009-2013. Our collective work was about being more connected: to ourselves, each other, our surrounding community and the land. This manifested itself as a place called "The Good Earth Farm" where we held weekly services and meals, and grew produce for our community and local food pantries.

Iconography has since become a practice of more considerations: of color and light, of brush stroke and form, symbol and meaning...However, I do not wish to approach Iconography as an art form that simply follows an inherited tradition, knowledge and practice. I want it to be a creative process, meditation, and practice that brings about new self knowledge for the viewer and myself. Who are the saints that are among us here and now? I was not taught by a traditional Iconographer, and so to some, I am breaking many rules. There are icons here that people may find theologically unsound and wrong, or for others, helpful and inspiring. I think both reactions are important. My hope is that these icons do what all art can potentially do, which is, to create more dialogue.

The other may have something to teach us about what we know, about who God is, the world we live in and who are our neighbors. This is the real work of being human and of art. Being more present."