



Third Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, June 14, 2026

LOVE FIRST, LOVE ALL

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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-Judgement Zone."

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Announcements

- Please welcome today's **guest preacher**, Therese Howell. See the bulletin insert for her full biography.
- The Mission Team has purchased 20 seats for the Dalton Whitfield NAACP **Juneteenth Celebration & Gala** on Saturday, June 20 @ 6:00 p.m. If you'd like to reserve your seat, please email the church office. Tickets are first come, first serve. There are 4 seats available.
- Dalton/Whitfield County Family Connection is hosting the 4th annual **Kid City's Christmas in July** on July 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dalton. Join the Missions Team as we celebrate families and help them prepare for a new school year! Volunteers are needed to help serve dinner, man inflatables and give away books provided by Books for Change. Email the church office if you'd like to volunteer.
- The **church office will be closed** on Friday, June 19 in recognition of Juneteenth National Independence Day. Normal office hours will resume Monday, June 22.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

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

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

John Bacchus Dykes
(1823-1876)

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Priscilla Brown

I love the Lord because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
**Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is merciful.**
For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.
**I kept my faith, even when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”;**
What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord;**
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
**in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**
Let us praise the Lord!

The Call to Worship is
from Psalm 116.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of wonder, you appeared to Abraham as three persons; you reveal
your fullness in your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit fills your people with
hope through the peacemaking cross of Jesus. Gather us as Christ’s
faithful disciples and empower us with his good news, in the name of our
Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Hymn 401 Note:
The “you/your” mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God’s witnesses and for God’s purposes.

***HYMN 401**
Here in This Place

Gather Us In

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

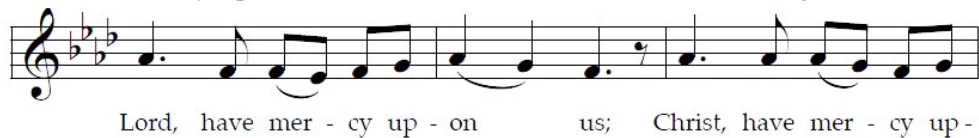
Triune God, Holy Three, Holy One, we confess that we do not know how to look for you. We do not sense your nearness, and if there are angels among us, we are unaware. We do not show the hospitality to strangers that Abraham showed to you. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by your Spirit.

O Covenant-keeper and harvest-reaper, forgive us. Let us laugh with joy because your grace has made peace among us. Send us out with this good news so that others will also receive your blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

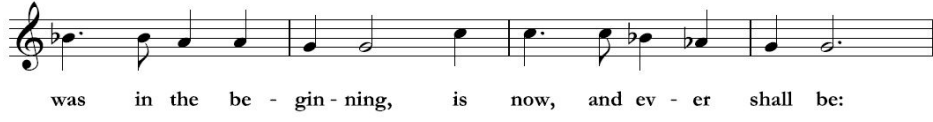
***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Gloria Patri

S Selwidge Street



Glор - 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.

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tami Guisto

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

Genesis 18:1-15

NRSVUE

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰ Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?” ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:1-8

NRSVUE

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character

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produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God’s Peace is Peace Eternal

Edvard Grieg
(1843-1907)

Scarlett Mumford, solo

*God’s peace is peace eternal;
Here, discords all our joys displace,
We wage a war infernal,
And gentle mercy finds no place.*

*Life is our time of trial now,
Before the Judge we all must bow.*

*God, merciful and kind, will shield us,
And from the evil set us free;
He knoweth when to sin we yield us,
The path we follow recklessly.*

*He will the vilest soul release,
Who turns from sin to heaven’s peace.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 9:35-10:8

NRSVUE

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

¹⁰ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a

road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

SERMON

“A Harvest of Faith” Therese Howell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak *Canonbury*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.
- Romans 8

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 & RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Please place this week’s page of the Friendship Register in the plate, along with your tithes and offerings, so that we may keep you informed about the life and ministry of this community of faith.

You may also give online at 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.

Hymn 722 Note:

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one’s own strength rather than God’s. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

Offering Note:

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Hymn 700 Note:

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God’s use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

***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	Flower Guild
6/14	Priscilla Brown	Steve & Carol Houston	James Hoskins
6/21	Henry Tharpe	Mike Sarkowski & Valerie George	Laura Allgood
6/28	Hilliard Jolly	Robert & Rachel Smalley	Jeane Jones

MONTHLY

Communion (July 5)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Annelle Scott	June	Peggy Rollins	June	John & Judi McPherson
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Bob Hubbs, Robert & Rachel Smalley	July	Priscilla Brown	July	Beverly Higdon & Tami Giusto

Therese Howell bio: Therese Howell lives in Franklin, TN where she is a member of Franklin First Presbyterian Church. She served the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee for 31 years, 25 as Stated Clerk. She retired in 2022, but God wasn’t finished with her yet - Wilson Kennedy contacted her and asked that she consider serving as the part time Stated Clerk consultant for Cherokee Presbytery.

She enjoyed working with everyone in the Presbytery, and was elected as part time Stated Clerk in 2023, and just elected to another three year term. Therese works remotely, and usually travels to Cartersville or Marietta once a month. Service to the PC(USA) includes serving on several PCUSA search committees for national staff, teaching moderator training and parliamentary procedure for 12 years, serving as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Constitution, and serving as a faculty member of Presbyterian CREDO for 14 years. Her favorite service has been to the General Assembly - she have served as a parliamentarian, committee assistant, floor parliamentarian, and parliamentary assistant since 1998. It is an opportunity to see behind the curtain, and watch the Church at work!

Therese has been married to her husband for 49 years, and they have two daughters, one son-in-law, one daughter-in-law, one granddaughter, a Labrador retriever, two granddogs, and a grandcat (not listed in order of importance). In her spare time, she enjoys reading, boating, needlepoint, and oil painting.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 14

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
10:30 a.m.
Connection Team Meeting
11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 15

Lunch Bunch
noon

Tuesday, June 16

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.
Congregational Life Team Meeting
10:30 a.m.
Women’s Book Club
noon

Missions Team Meeting
5:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, June 18

Presbyterians at the Pub
5:00 p.m.
Knitting Group
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 19

Church Office Closed
Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 21

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
10:30 a.m.
Session Meeting
11:30 a.m.

June 22-28

Pastor Nicole out of the office

PRAYERS

For Family and Friends of Those Who Joined the Church Triumphant:

Muriel Phillips;

John Lan;

Anne Sims;

Stan Crawford;

Charles Allgood;

Wayne Alderman;

For Healing, Comfort, and Ongoing Concerns for our Members:

Sue Spivey;

Berrien Long;

Jean Strain;

Janice Sims;

Walter Jones;

Nancy Rhine;

For Family and Friends of the Following Members:

Nicole Jiskoot, family and friends of David Pipkin, Nicole's Godfather, as they mourn his death;

Leanna Granillo, Robert Stromberg;

Mary Ellen Gurley, Dusty Eggleston and family; Tommy Brooks and family;

Janice Sims, Sharon and Debbie Bragg, Rodger and Brenda Boswell, Patsy Townsend; the family of

Karen Vaught; the family of Flosy Beard;

Kaye Clark, Becky Hansberry;

Kathy Bridges and Sue Spivey, Emily Bringardner;

For the Larger Community and the World:

Pete Wilson;

Arden Brown;

Those affected by climate disasters;

Peace in Iran, Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine;

The victims and families of victims of substance abuse;

The victims of gun violence;

Caregivers and aging parents.

Praises and Continuing Prayers:

For all our members and visitors, we offer our thanks to God.