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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, June 21, 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

• **Happy Father's Day!** Today we give thanks for fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers, mentors, and all who have shared the gifts of guidance, love, encouragement, and faith. We celebrate the many ways God works through those who nurture and care for others. As we worship together, we thank God for the blessings of faithful fathers and father figures, and we pray for God's strength, wisdom, and grace to be with them each day.

• Please welcome today's **guest violinist**, Christy Yoon Suh Song. Christy earned dual degrees in Biology and Music Performance (Violin) from Emory University in 2023. She currently serves as Program Coordinator for the Music Department while also working as a cardiology medical assistant at Atlanta Heart Specialists.

• The Congregational Life Team would like to invite the ladies of the church to a **lunch for Susan Bisson**. Before the Bissons move closer to family, we would like to honor Susan on Tuesday, June 23 at The Farm. If you'd like to attend the lunch, please RSVP to the church office so we can reserve enough space. The cost of the lunch is \$20 and can be paid to Jeane Jones either in advance or the day of the lunch.

Announcements are continued on the bulletin insert.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 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)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

**Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.

**Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.**

In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.

**There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.**

All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

**For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy and Gracious God, your steadfast love abides with your people in every age. You teach us to trust in you and call us to live in peace with one another. Show us the way to live grateful lives, without fear, knowing the true worth of your creation, including ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 370

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

Introit:

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

The Call to Worship is
from Psalm 86:1-10.

Hymn 370 Note:
When pastor of a
Presbyterian church in
Lockport, New York,
the author of this text
referred to his morning
walks as “going out to
see my Father’s world.”
The tune created for
these words is based on
an English melody the
composer learned from
his mother when he was
a boy.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

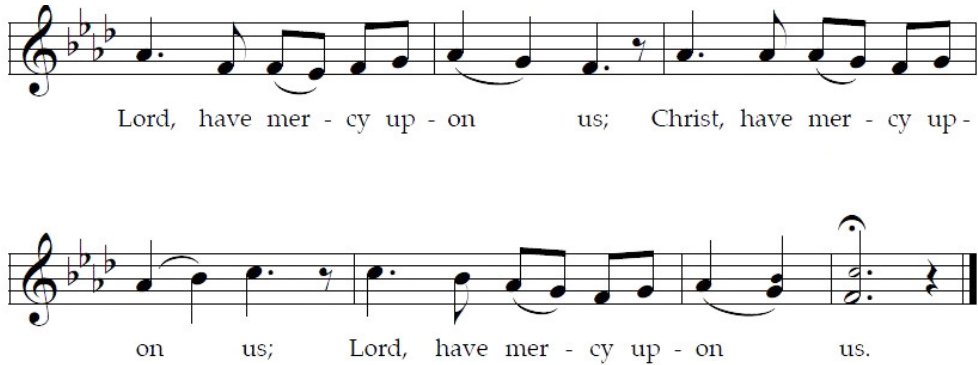
God of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac; God of Hagar and Ishmael; you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified. Send your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins. We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless; we seek our own advantage. Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love.

Forgive us, merciful God. Wipe sin from our lives and let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior, for it is in his name that we pray. 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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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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 21:8-21

NRSVUE

⁸ The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 6:1b-11

NRSVUE

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

This Is My Father's World

Elaine Hagenberg
(b. 1979)

Christy Yoon Suh Song, violin

*This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and tress, of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world,
He shines in all that's fair,
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet,
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done,
Jesus who died will be satisfied
And heaven and earth be one.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:32-39

NRSVUE

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Freedom From Means Freedom To”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family...

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ... that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity...

We believe that God has revealed God’s self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this...

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things... To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

- From *The Confession of Belhar*

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

Be Still My Soul

Tyler Castleton

Christy Yoon Suh Song, violin, Hye Jeong Kwon, piano

Hymn 339 Note:

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln’s birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Offering Note:

Copy and paste the link under the Offering onto your browser to easily submit your online offering or scan the QR code below.



Hymn 66 Note:

Like many African-American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

***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 66**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Pentecost

***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
6/21	Henry Tharpe	Mike Sarkowski & Valerie George	Laura Allgood
6/28	Hilliard Jolly	Robert & Rachel Smalley	Jeane Jones
7/05	Ian Lively	Nathalie Sanders & Peggy Rollins	TBD

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

Announcements Continued...

• 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.

• Pastor Nicole will be **out of the office** from June 22-28. Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie will lead Worship on June 28. If any pastoral needs arise during this time, please contact Dick Neelly 706-278-9905.

Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday, June 23

CLILA pack food boxes
10:00 a.m. - noon
Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 1

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, July 2

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

Friday, July 3

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

Sunday, July 5

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

Monday, July 6

Lunch Bunch
noon

Tuesday, July 7

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 9

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

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.