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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, June 28, 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

- Today we welcome **guest minister**, Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie. Rev. McKenzie is an Honorably Retired Minister Member of Cherokee Presbytery. He has served five parishes as pastor and Savannah Presbytery as General Presbyter. He and his wife, Vicki, reside in Blue Ridge, GA and are active in the Faith Presbyterian Church. He also served as interim pastor for FPC between 2022 and 2024.
- 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, July 3, in recognition of The 4th of July - Independence Day. Normal office hours will resume Monday, July 6.
- It's summertime and that means several team meetings and activities **will not meet** in the month of July. Please be sure to check the church calendar!

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 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

Hilliard Jolly

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

**The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;
the world and all that is in it—you founded them.**

Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;

**they exult in your name all day long
and extol your righteousness.**

For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.

**Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Steadfast God, you greet us as a loving parent and patiently love us beyond all measure. Great is your faithfulness. May we offer that same kindness to all whom we encounter, knowing it is Christ whom we greet as we welcome others. Amen.

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Faithfulness

CALL TO CONFESSION

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The Call to Worship is from Psalm 89.

Hymn 39 Note:

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

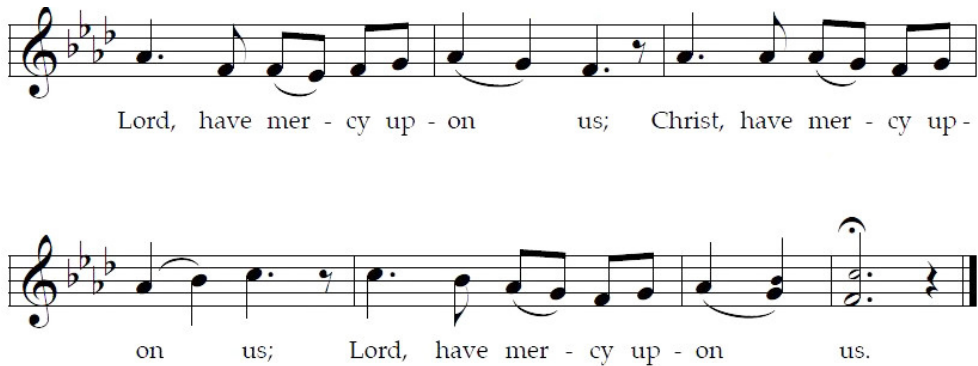
O God, on lonely Mount Moriah, you put your servant Abraham to the test. We confess that we have failed much lesser tests of our faith. We have allowed sin to run our lives, to shape how we act toward others, and to discredit our relationship with you.

In your great mercy, forgive us. Change even our bodies from implements of destruction to instruments of your peace; for the sake of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 22:1-14

NRSVUE

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide,” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 28:5-9

NRSVUE

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and

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pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

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

ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation

Lloyd Larson
(b. 1954)

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I will never, no, never, no, never forsake!*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42

NRSVUE

⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

SERMON

“The Heart’s Journey of Hospitality”

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being born in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God, “Jesus Christ is Lord!” Amen.

- Philippians 2:5-11

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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Chereponi

Hymn 353 Note:

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus’ remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

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 203 Note:

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

***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
6/28	Hilliard Jolly	Jeff & Andrew Granillo	Jeane Jones
7/05	Ian Lively	Nathalie Sanders & Peggy Rollins	TBD
7/12	James Hoskins	Janice Sims & Nancy Farrow	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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 28

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Monday, June 29

Lunch Bunch

noon

Tuesday, June 30

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 1

Morning Prayers

9:30 a.m.

No Choir Rehearsal

Kid City

“Christmas in July”

5:30-7:30 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.

No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 9

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 10

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

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

Jean Strain;

Muriel Phillips;

John Law;

Anne Sims;

Stan Cranford;

Charles Allgood;

Wayne Alderman;

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

Sue Spivey;

Berrien Long;

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.