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Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 10, 2026

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.

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's flowers have been given in honor of **Jeane Jones** for Mother's Day by her family.
- Church Women United is having their annual **May Friendship Day** on Tuesday, May 12 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Each year, this national ecumenical committee puts together a theme for the program. This year's theme is "Shelter Me: See, Hear, Respect, Protect." Join women from churches all over Dalton to hear a panel discussion on fair and accessible housing in our community while enjoying some light refreshments. Donations of non-perishable foods and personal toiletries will be collected on behalf of local organizations and food banks (including our own Little Free Pantry). For more information, please contact Reba Jackson at RBJackson74@gmail.com.
- **Camp AIM** is fast approaching! It's that time of year again when we have the privilege of preparing and serving meals to children and adult teachers and counselors during Camp AIM. Each year, the Family Support Council provides a two-week healing experience for children who are victims of sexual abuse. This will be the 12th year that FPC has provided food and our loving spirits for these kids. All who have served over the years agree that we receive so much more than we give. The job only requires about an hour-and-a-half per meal, including minimal prep time and serving. No cleanup required!! Camp is always the first two full weeks in June ... this year: June 1-5 and June 8-12. Please mark your calendars and respond "YES!" when asked to serve. Thanks to all who have helped in the past and for all of you who will serve this year for the first time. We look forward to working with all of you again!!

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 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

The First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White
(1938-2019)

*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.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Hubbs

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

**Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.

**If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.**

But truly God has listened;
he has heard the words of my prayer.

**Blessed be God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you, that we may keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.

*HYMN 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

Cover Art:

Tanner, Henry Ossawa, 1859-1937. Christ and His Mother Studying the Scriptures, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58135> [retrieved May 6, 2026]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Christ_and_His_Mother_Studying_the_Scriptures_by_Henry_Ossawa_Tanner.jpg.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 66.

Hymn 282 Note:

This lauda spirituale, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for The English Hymnal.

*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.)

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life as a mother washes her little ones, that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. 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

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

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts:17:22-31

NRSVUE

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

NRSVUE

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

ANTHEM

Love Enough To Give

John D. Horman
(b. 1946)

Adult Choir, Children’s Choir

*A mother lined a basket to keep her baby dry,
Then rocked him on a river, lest he awake and cry.
She let a princess name him, her son that he might live.
God’s people had a leader. She had such hope to give.*

*A mother sewed a jacket, lined in the softest wool,
Then dressed her little boy-child, her cup of blessing full.
She brought him to the temple where he would serve and live.
God’s people had a prophet. She had such faith to give.*

*A mother laid her baby in manger lined with straw;
Then in the shepherd’s story his call from God foresam.
She nurtured him and taught him the way that he must live.
God’s people had a Savior. She had such love to give.*

*Like Jochebed and Hannah, and Mary too, we know...
The hardest part of loving is learning to let go,
So when we send our children out in the world to live,
Grant us such hope and faith, God, and love enough to give.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:15-21

NRSVUE

Hymn 366 Note:

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

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¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

SERMON

“The Unknown God”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

- Colossians 1:15-20

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

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 731**

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm *Repton*

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

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Hymn 731 Note:
The first three stanzas of this text are organized around the three great virtues—faith, hope, and love—mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:13. These have indeed been the marks of the faithful people of God always and everywhere, and the final stanza sums up our gratitude for them.

*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
5/10	Bob Hubbs	Jean Lowrey & Janice Sims	Jones & McDonald
5/17	Tami Giusto	The Granillo Family	Susan Bisson
5/24	Kathryn Sellers	Berrien Long & Mary Hubbs	Becky Jolly

CHILDREN

Date	Joy Makers (PreK-3 rd)	Faith Builders (4 th -5 th)	Youth (6 th -8 th)
5/10	Choir Rehearsal & Youth Connect	Choir Rehearsal & Youth Connect	Choir Rehearsal & Youth Connect
5/17	Jeff & Leanna Granillo	Jeane Jones & Kayte Crocker	Bjorn & Nicole Jiskoot
5/24	Leanna Granillo & Laura Goins	Eric Haugen & Jeff Granillo	Rob & Michelle Lively

MONTHLY

Communion (June 7)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	James Hoskins	May	Laura Allgood	May	Peggy Rollins & Tami Giusto
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Laura Goins and Walter & Jeane Jones	June	Peggy Rollins	June	John & Judi McPherson

Cover art note: *Christ and His Mother Studying the Scriptures* Henry Ossawa Tanner used his Swedish-born wife Jessie and their son Jesse as models for the Virgin and Christ, giving the work a double resonance as both a meditative biblical scene and a tender family portrait.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 10

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Children/Youth Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship - Mother's Day
10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 11

Lunch Bunch
noon

Tuesday, May 12

CLILA pack food boxes
10:00 a.m. - noon
Church Women United
May Friendship Day
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.
Worship Team Meeting
5:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 14

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

Friday, May 15

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 17

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

Monday, May 18

Lunch Bunch
noon

Tuesday, May 19

Saturday Sacks
10:30 a.m.

PRAYERS

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

John Law;

Anne Sims;

Stan Cranford;

Wayne Alderman;

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

Jean Strain;

Janice Sims;

Walter Jones;

Nancy Rhine;

For Family and Friends of the Following Members:

Leanna Granillo, Robert Stromberg;

Mary Ellen Gurley, Dusty Eggleston and family; Tommy Brooks and family (Please do not reach out to the Brooks family in any way. Instead, contact the church office or Mary Ellen for details);

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.