First Presbyterian Church

Dalton, Georgia Est. 1847



A Celebration of All Saints

Sunday, November 1, 2026

LOVE FIRST, LOVE ALL

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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.

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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."

Announcements

• Today we celebrate **All Saints' Day**. This is a service remembering those of our congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past 12 months.

• Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** on Sunday, November 8 in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship. In support of **Share a Meal Sunday**, don't forget to drop off your Little Free Pantry items in the bins under the stairwell in the Commons area. If you would like to attend the lunch, please RSVP to the church office.

• A time capsule, buried in 1976 containing items from First Presbyterian Church, inspired this year's **Stewardship Campaign**, "Stewardship Past, Present, and Future…Glancing Back, Forging Ahead." Join us each Sunday of the next three weeks as we revisit Stewardship in the PAST using elements of a 1976 worship service today, examining Stewardship TODAY on November 8, and glimpsing into Stewardship in the FUTURE with our youth on November 15. The challenge this year is to forge ahead, growing our outreach to the community, and the involvement and support of our congregation.

• In addition, a financial pledge card has been sent to your home address or post office box. You can mail in your card or return an electronic pledge card which can be found in the Midweek News or your email. You can also give through our website: firstpresdalton.org/giving. Please prayerfully consider how your resources, passions and talents can be used to further the kingdom of God, for such a time as this.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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

Lead me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness — Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,
Make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Judi McPherson

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord
and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God: your Son Jesus prayed for his disciples and sent them into the world to preach good news. Hold the church in unity by your Holy Spirit, and keep the church close to your word, so that, breaking bread together, disciples may be one with Christ in faith and love and service. Amen.

*HYMN 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation — *Westminster Abbey*

Cover Art:
Today's bulletin art is a recovered bulletin from the 1976 time capsule used during our Stewardship Campaign on May 23, 1976.

Several elements of today's service are being reused today. They include the Unison Prayer of Invocation, Scripture Readings, Prayers of the People (as led by Dr. Roy Farrow in 1976) and all three hymns, with the final hymn being from *The Hymnbook*.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 34.

Hymn 394 Note:
Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

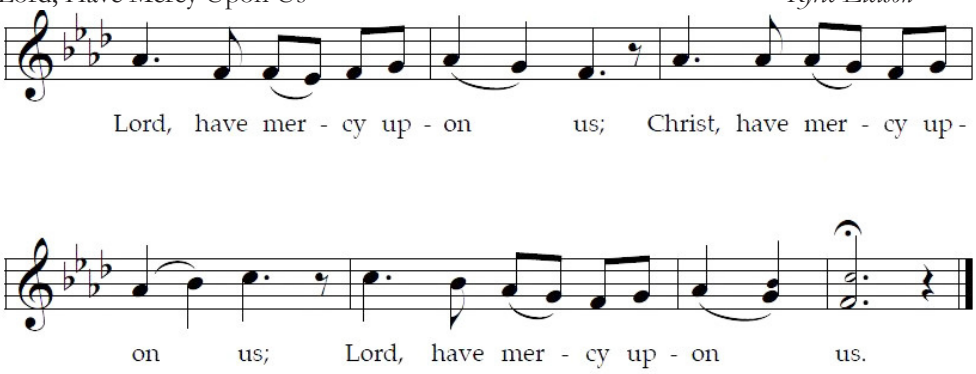
(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Lord God, you alone are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults, while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors, but slow to help with their own. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown to us, we are slow to show mercy.

Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean, that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us — *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glora Patri — *S Selvidge Street*



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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Stewardship in the Past" Kathryn Sellers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17 KJV

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 3:1-3 KJV

[1] Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

[2] Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

[3] And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

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

ANTHEM

Gathered in God's Presence Egil Hovland
(1924-2013)

Mary Ellen Gurley, Beverly Higdon, solo
Leanna Granillo, descant

Gathered in God's presence in fellowship and gladness,
Let us sing our praises and pray for all the nations.

Refrain
Gathered in God's presence, gathered in God's peace,
See a torch of promise lit within this place.

Gathered in God's stillness, away from strife and unrest,
We may share the brightness of hope with all the nations. Refrain

Gathered at God's altar and in the Spirit's presence
We may share the calling to go to all the nations. Refrain

Gathered 'round God's calling we shall, as faithful servants,
Bear the flame now kindled as light to all the nations.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12 KJV

[1] And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

[2] And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

[3] Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[4] Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

[5] Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

[6] Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

[7] Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

[8] Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

[9] Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

[10] Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[11] Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

[12] Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

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

SERMON

"Blessed Are the Saints of Our Past" Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 318

In Christ There Is No East or West *St. Peter*

Hymn 318 Note:
This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

SILENT MEDITATION

NECROLOGY

Lois Bradford	November 9, 2025	Anne Sims	March 25, 2026
Stan Crawford	December 17, 2025	Jean Strain	June 23, 2026

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostles' 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.

Offering Note:
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THE OFFERING & RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

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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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise be to you, most holy God, giver of all life. You made us for companionship and shaped us for love; you gave us your good earth and taught us to care; you established your law that we might learn justice and give you honor with our lives.

We forgot how to love; we ceased to give care and failed to abide by your life-giving law. You sent us prophets to call us back to you and, when that was not enough, you came – Word-made-flesh, your very being – and overwhelmed us with love. And so we sing with all the saints on earth and all the angels in heaven:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Land of Rest*

(All sing together)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

In Jesus you blessed us as never before. Thank you for the ways he taught us in word and deed: he fed us in homes and on hillsides; he healed us in body, mind, and soul and showed us that true greatness is in humility and true power in

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weakness. We remember the night before his death. How can we thank you for the gift he gave us? When the world did its worst, he took on our death that we might be clothed in light and life. Raised to new life, still bearing the scars, Jesus promised us an Advocate and Guide.

Thank you for the Spirit at work in us and among us, who strengthens and sustains, challenges and prods, gives us life and surprises us with signs of your unending grace. Pour out your Holy Spirit now upon this bread and cup, that it may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and anoint us that we might be one with him and one another.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

We invite you to come forward for communion via the nearest accessible main aisle and return to your seat the way you came. Communion is served by intinction. Take a piece of bread held by one elder, dip it in the cup held by another, and then, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Gluten-free elements are available from the left aisle.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Steve Farrow

O God, our Father, we are fortunate to have our homes, our families, our friends, our church, our country.
Today as we worship, we want to remember before you those for whom life is not so happy as it is for us.
Refugees who have no home, no place to claim as their own;
Those who love freedom in lands where freedom has been lost;
Christians in lands where Christians are persecuted; and those who live in circumstances in which it is hard to be Christian at all;
The friendless, the lonely and the sad; those in hospitals and those whose minds have lost the light of reason;
O God, grant that our own happiness may never make us unmindful of the needs of others. And hear our further 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.

Hymn 288 Note:
This hymn, written in 1907 by Shepherd Knapp and set to Alfred Scott-Gatty's 1902 tune *Welwyn*, is a corporate prayer for Christian mission, unity, and obedience to God's purpose. It blends vigorous imagery ("march," "courage," "world to be won") with spiritual themes of peace, hope, and service, framing Christian witness as disciplined, Christ-shaped mission rather than earthly conquest

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 288

Lord God of Hosts, Whose Purpose, Never Swerving *Welwyn*



*CHARGE AND 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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flower Guild
11/1	Judi McPherson	Ted & Stephanie Hogshead	Becky Jolly
11/8	Jean Lowrey	Rob & Michelle Lively	Robyn Bryant
11/15	Rob Lively	Kathryn Sellers & Margaret Venable	Mary Hubbs

MONTHLY

Communion November 1 (All Saints Day)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Carol Houston	November	Joanne Lewis	November	Mary Hubbs & Valerie George
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Hilliard & Becky Jolly & Bob Hubbs	December	Nancy Farrow	December	Mike & Priscilla Brown

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Joy Makers (PreK- 3rd)	Faith Builders (4th - 5th)	Youth Connect (6th - 12th)	Adult
11/1	Alice Ensley & O'Gwins	Grace Johnson & Kayte Crocker	Rob & Michelle Lively	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot
11/8	Youth Connect Service Project	Youth Connect Service Project	Rob & Michelle Lively	Hilliard Jolly
11/15	Jeff & Leanna Granillo	Jean Lowrey & Priscilla Brown	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot & Grace Johnson	Beverly Higdon

PRAYERS

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

Jean Strain;
Muriel Phillips;
John Law;
Anne Sims;
Stan Crawford;
Charles Allgood;
Wayne Alderman;

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 1
Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship - All Saints
10:30 a.m.
Elder Training
11:30 a.m.

Monday, November 2
Lunch Bunch
noon

Tuesday, November 3
Saturday Sacks
10:30 a.m.
Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4
Ladies Luncheon
11:30 a.m.
Child Protection Policy Training
5:15 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 5
Presbyterians at the Pub
5:00 p.m.
Staff Team Meeting
5:00 p.m.
Knitting Group
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 6
Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 8
Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch
11:30 a.m.
Connections Team Meeting
12:30 p.m.

For Healing, Comfort, and Ongoing Concerns for our Members:
Janice Sims;
Bjorn Jiskoot;
Peggy Rollins;
Sue Spivey;
Walter Jones;
Nancy Rhine;

For Family and Friends of the Following Members:
The Alderman Family, Ken White;
Sarah McCown, Sandy McCown;
Nicole Jiskoot, Jon Ballast and family;
Leanna Granillo, Robert Stromberg;
Mary Ellen Gurley, Dusty Eggleston 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:
Elsilynn Barber;
Ken McKenzie;
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 expectant mothers: Hye Jeong Kwon, Lucy Partain Brown and Emma Ensley;
For all our members and visitors, we offer our thanks to God.

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