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Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost  
Sunday, October 18, 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

- This spring, our congregation will have the opportunity to participate in a **church-wide retreat** in Montreat, NC, the weekend of April 30 - May 2. We will be staying adjacent to the Montreat Conference Center property in the William Black Lodge, giving us access to all the beauty that Montreat has to offer. The Lodge has available rooms to accommodate individuals, roommates, couples, and families with children. However, time is of the essence. Registration forms can be found in the Commons. Please return your completed form to the church office, along with a \$100 deposit per room or family earmarked as "Church Retreat" by October 25. We look forward to seeing you all in Montreat!
- Join us on Sunday, October 25, for our annual **Kirkin' O' The Tartans** as we celebrate the anniversary of the Reformation and our local church's 179th birthday!! Complete with bagpiper, procession of Tartans, and musical selections to mark the occasion, our Worship will remember and honor this tradition as we glorify and bear witness to our living God in Jesus Christ.
- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** on Sunday, October 25, in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship. Please RSVP to the church office if you'd like to attend. All are welcome!

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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

Kathryn Sellers

O sing to the Lord a new song;  
**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**  
Sing to the Lord; bless his name;  
**tell of his salvation from day to day.**  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
**his marvelous works among all the peoples.**  
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
**he is to be revered above all gods.**  
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
**but the Lord made the heavens.**  
Honor and majesty are before him;  
**strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone.  
Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us  
for the glory of your realm and the good of your people; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Nicaea*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### Cover Art:

Wesley, Frank, 1923-2002. The Hand of God is My Refuge, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/art-works/59261> [retrieved October 15, 2026]. Original source: Estate of Frank Wesley, [http://www.frankwesleyart.com/main\\_page.htm](http://www.frankwesleyart.com/main_page.htm).

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 96:1-6.

#### Hymn 1 Note:

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)  
What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test.

Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus 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 Selvidge 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.

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# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 45:1-7

NRSVUE

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and to strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
<sup>2</sup> I will go before you  
and level the mountains;  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron;  
<sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
<sup>4</sup> For the sake of my servant Jacob  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name;  
I give you a title, though you do not know me.  
<sup>5</sup> I am the Lord, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup> so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the Lord, and there is no other.  
<sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the Lord do all these things.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

NRSVUE

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,  
constantly <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and  
labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know,  
brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our  
message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in  
the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons  
we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and  
of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the  
Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and  
in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in

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Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup> For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

**ANTHEM**

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Carlton Young  
(1926-2023)

*Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my True word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my Great Father and I Thy true son  
O Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.*

*High King of Heaven my victory won  
May I reach Heaven's joys O bright heav'n's sun!  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
O still be my vision Thou ruler of all*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 22:15-22

NRSVUE

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” <sup>21</sup> They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

**SERMON**

“The Things of God”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

*Kelvingrove*

**Hymn 726 Note:**  
The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer’s response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer’s time of ministry.

**\*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 & 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/](http://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 708**

We Give Thee but Thine Own Schumann

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**Offering Note:**

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**Hymn 708 Note:**

Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune’s name, no source has been found in Schumann’s works.

## \*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      |
|-------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 10/18 | Kathryn Sellers | Margaret Venable & Kathryn Sellers | Kathryn Sellers   |
| 10/25 | Renee Schuette  | Berrien Long & Mary Hubbs          | Mary Ellen Gurley |
| 11/1  | Judi McPherson  | Ted & Stephanie Hogshead           | Becky Jolly       |

MONTHLY

| Communion<br>November 1<br>(All Saints Day) |                                                         | Congregational Care |                  | Little Free<br>Pantry Pal |                                 |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Prep                                        | Carol Houston                                           | October             | Annelle Hogshead | October                   | Kathryn Sellers & Laura Allgood |
| Servers                                     | Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Hilliard & Becky Jolly & Bob Hubbs | November            | Joanne Lewis     | November                  | Mary Hubbs & Valerie George     |

SUNDAY SCHOOL

| Date  | Joy Makers<br>(PreK- 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) | Faith Builders<br>(4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> ) | Youth<br>(6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> ) | Adult               |
|-------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 10/18 | Jeff & Leanna Granillo                 | Kayte Crocker & Eric Haugen                            | Rev. Nicole Jiskoot & Grace Johnson            | Beverly Higdon      |
| 10/25 | Leanna Granillo & Laura Goins          | Eric Haugen & Jeff Granillo                            | Rev. Nicole Jiskoot & Grace Johnson            | Jean Lowrey         |
| 11/1  | Alice Ensley & O'Gwins                 | Grace Johnson & Kayte Crocker                          | Rob & Michelle Lively                          | Rev. Nicole Jiskoot |

**Cover Art Notes:** Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. He belongs to the Lucknow school of painting. His paintings reflect this influence and that of the Chughtai school of painting that flourished in India at the turn of the century. Wesley made art based on both biblical and secular themes. He used water colours, oil paintings, miniatures and wooden carvings.

Wesley’s painting “Blue Madonna” was used for the first UNICEF Christmas card, while five of his paintings were exhibited at the 1950 Holy Year Exhibition in the Vatican. He is also known for designing the funeral urn for Mahatma Gandhi’s ashes.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 18

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

Monday, October 19

Lunch Bunch  
noon

Tuesday, October 20

Saturday Sacks  
10:30 a.m.  
Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21

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

Thursday, October 22

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

Friday, October 23

Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 25

Sunday School  
9:15 a.m.  
Fellowship  
10:00 a.m.  
Worship - Reformation  
Sunday  
10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Fellowship  
Lunch  
11:30 a.m.

Monday, October 26

Lunch Bunch  
noon

Tuesday, October 27

Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday,October 28

Christian Education  
Team Meeting  
5:00 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal  
6:00-8:00 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:**

*Bjorn Jiskoot;*

*Peggy Rollins;*

*Sue Spivey;*

*Walter Jones;*

*Nancy Rhine;*

### **For Family and Friends of the Following Members:**

*Nicole Jiskoot, Jon Ballast and family;*

*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:**

*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.*