



FIRST  
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CHURCH

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Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, February 11, 2018

## Visiting?

- **Welcome** to First Presbyterian Church! Whether you're visiting from out of town or new to the area, we are glad you are here.
- If you have any **questions** about our church, please ask our greeters and ushers (the folks who handed you a bulletin), or visit our website [www.firstpresdalton.org](http://www.firstpresdalton.org).
- If you would like to know more about our church, fill out a **Let's Get Acquainted** card and place it in the offering plate during worship.
- **Childcare** is available for children (infant-3) in the nursery (Room 109) from 9:15-11:45 a.m.. Preschool-aged children meet in the Joy Makers class during the Sunday School hour (Room 201). During worship we welcome children from this age group to come forward for the Children's Message and then return to their classroom for Worship and Play. All children are welcome to stay throughout worship. In order for our staff and volunteers to care for your children, please fill out a children's ministry sticker for you and your child. Stickers are in the narthex, the Commons, or the nursery.

## How to Connect

- Come to worship—we're here every week!
- Fill out a Let's Get Acquainted card and place it in the offering plate to receive information about the church.
- Ask to join our newsletter list (signup available through the website) to keep up with church events.
- Contact the office to join a Dinner Group and meet new friends outside the church.
- Visit concerts, lectures, and other events hosted by the church.
- Ask about upcoming mission or fellowship opportunities.
- Come to church early and visit Sunday School (9:15 a.m. every Sunday).
- Join the church! (Indicate you would like to join on a Let's Get Acquainted Card or speak with the Pastor following worship.)



Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church. There are two options available: First Pres Guest 2.4 and First Pres Guest 5. Although these will connect to the same network, 2.4 has more strength while 5 has more range. The location of the device will influence which one will automatically connect. The password for the guest network is **johncalvin**

## Announcements

- Today is **Scout Sunday**. On this Sunday we recognize the contributions of young people and adults in the congregation to Scouting.
- Please welcome **Rev. Nikki Collins** as our guest minister today. Since January 2016, Nikki has served as the Stated Clerk and Mission Coordinator for Cherokee Presbytery. In that role, she helps the presbytery keep our ducks in a row and helps our congregations and pastors proclaim the Gospel in the northwest corner of Georgia. Prior to serving Cherokee Presbytery, Nikki served as the Chief Percolator for Bare Bulb Coffee, a new worshiping community and full-service coffee shop in Warner Robins, Georgia. Nikki lives with two teenaged boys and a lot of animals. On a day off, Nikki plays tennis, paddles a kayak, and engages in world-class porch sitting.
- Please join us for the **Ash Wednesday Service** this Wednesday, February 14, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be joined by guest vocalist Carl Reiter.
- We will continue to collect supplies for the **Fifth Avenue Apartments Food Ministry**. Food donation requests have changed. Please see the blog for more information. Also, The Missions Team invites the congregation to join them every Thursday at 4:00 p.m., until the end of March, to distribute these items. Please contact Becky Jolly for location information (706-260-8686).

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

## PRELUDE

Adagio Vesperale

A. Page  
(1846-1916)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE GREETING

*At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

## INTROIT

From the Rising of the Sun

G. Ouseley  
(1825-1889)

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, may Grace's breath  
shatter the shutters of our hearts.

**On this day, may we step out of our fears  
to welcome the new life gifted to us.**

Here, in the midst of our sisters and brothers,  
may our frozen souls be enflamed by justice's Spirit.

**As we catch a glimpse of the dreams of those around us,  
as we listen to the voices of the oppressed in every language.**

In the days to come, may we speak  
of God's love and the Spirit's peace for all.

**So that people will find a community awaiting them,  
even for those rejected by everyone else.**

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Give us just a spark  
on this day, Imaginative God,  
to kindle our smoldering apathy  
until we burst into bonfires  
to melt all the injustice  
which threatens to consume the world.

Give us a gentle breeze  
this day, Shattering Spirit,  
stirring and shaking us  
until we become a storm  
of hopes to clear the despair  
from all our neighborhoods and lands.

Give us yourself this day,  
God in Community, Holy in One,  
Amen.

### Introit Note:

Sir Frederick Gore Ouseley (1825-1889) was a priest and held a doctorate in music. His setting of From the Rising of the Sun, a verse from Malachi, is spritely and majestic in character; a musical proclamation of the great name of the Lord.

### Introit:

*From the rising of the sun  
unto the going down of the  
same my Name shall be  
great among the Gentiles;  
and in every place incense  
shall be offer'd up unto  
my Name: for my Name  
shall be great among the  
heathen, thus saith the  
Lord!*

All liturgy is written  
by Thom M. Shuman  
and is available at [www.lectionaryliturgues.blogspot.com](http://www.lectionaryliturgues.blogspot.com)

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

## \*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)*

Holy Spirit of God, would that all would tell of your wonders in our lives, your overflowing grace – but we are too busy complaining of someone’s social media post. Would that we might share the Spirit which has transformed our lives, but we bottle it up, hoping to sell it on the internet. Would that we might let go of all the envy we have about others, but we let erode our souls day by day.

Forgive us and pour your mercy into the closed rooms of our hearts. Breathe your peace upon us, that we might be healers of brokenness. Breathe your hope upon us, that we might open ourselves to the lonely. Breath your love into us, that we might be as generous and welcoming as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

### KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

R. Proulx  
(1937-2010)

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

Glory Be to God the Father

Regent Square

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run.**

### THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### LITANY OF PARTING

Congregation: **God be with you there.**

Children: God be with you here.

*(At this point in the service, we invite pre-school-aged children to follow their teachers to the second floor elementary classroom in the Martin House for “Worship and Play.”)*

## 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

Isaiah 41:8-13

NRSV

<sup>8</sup> But you, Israel, my servant,  
Jacob, whom I have chosen,  
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;  
<sup>9</sup> you whom I took from the ends of the earth,  
and called from its farthest corners,  
saying to you, "You are my servant,  
I have chosen you and not cast you off";  
<sup>10</sup> do not fear, for I am with you,  
do not be afraid, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.  
<sup>11</sup> Yes, all who are incensed against you  
shall be ashamed and disgraced;  
those who strive against you  
shall be as nothing and shall perish.  
<sup>12</sup> You shall seek those who contend with you,  
but you shall not find them;  
those who war against you  
shall be as nothing at all.  
<sup>13</sup> For I, the LORD your God,  
hold your right hand;  
it is I who say to you, "Do not fear,  
I will help you."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

Sing We Merrily Unto God Our Strength

S. Campbell  
(1909-1974)

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-23

NRSV

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem:

*Sing we merrily unto  
God our strength, make a  
cheerful noise unto the God  
of Jacob.*

*Take the Psalm, bring  
hither the Tabret, the  
merry Harp with the Lute.  
Blow up the Trumpet in  
the new Moon, even in the  
time appointed, and upon  
our solemn feast day: for  
this was made a statute for  
Israel, and a Law of the  
God of Jacob. Alleluia!*

### John Scripture Lesson:

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

## **Affirmation of Faith:**

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.

## **The Offertory:**

*O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the church shall share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!*

*With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.*

*And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery, for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.*

## **SERMON**

“Breathing Forgiveness”

Rev. Nikki Collins

## **\*HYMN 418**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

*Softly and Tenderly*

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“Apostles’ Creed”

## **THE OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Deo Gracias

### **\*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. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.**

## **\*HYMN 443**

There Is A Redeemer

*Green*

## **\*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**

Postlude

H. Ley  
(1887-1962)

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# Volunteer Schedule

## Worship

Date	Lay Reader	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
2/11	Rev. Will Scott	Bob & Mary Hubbs	Jack & Pam Partain	Mary Hubbs	Jim Burran	Julie Tharpe
2/18	Sue Spivey	TBD	Kathryn Sellers & Nancy Rhine	Kathryn Sellers	TBD	TBD

## Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
2/11	Katie Scott & Lilly Douglas	Katie O'Gwin	Katie Scott
2/18	Tate & Katie O'Gwin	Jo Beth Thompson	Jo Beth Thompson

## Monthly

Communion (February 14)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Stephanie Hogshead	February	Becky Jolly	Becky Jolly
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Kathryn Sellers, Carin Mosteller, & Peggy Rollins	March	Joanne Lewis	Fran Lewis

## Prayers

For Alice Ensley, as she continues to recover from her appendectomy;  
 For Jeff and Leanna Granillo, on the birth of their son, Haynes Douglas;  
 For Edwin Neelly, brother of Dick Neelly, in his battle with cancer;  
 For Laurie White, Fran Lewis' sister, as she seeks treatment for lung cancer;  
 For Catherine Brantley;  
 For Sanford Dover;  
 For Martha Patton, sister of Patricia Rivers, as she recovers from a stroke in Atlanta;  
 For those affected by the storms across the Southeast;  
 For Dick Lowrey, as he deals with Multiple Systems Atrophy, an atypical form of Parkinson's Disease;  
 For Meccia Little, cousin of Jim and Susan Bisson, in her battle with brain cancer;  
 For Robert Smalley in his work as moderator of Cherokee Presbytery;  
 For Anne Farrow at Tranquility of Dalton;  
 For Nikki Collins, in her work as Cherokee Presbytery Stated Clerk;  
 For Johnnie Bakkum at Summit Place, Beaufort, South Carolina;  
 For Natalie Raygor during her Master of Divinity program, and her upcoming, scheduled cesarean section;  
 For Sally Wester at home;  
 For aging parents

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, February 11

Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch  
 11:30 a.m.

### Monday, February 12

Morning Prayers  
 9:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study  
 10:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, February 13

Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
 8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 14

Saturday Sacks  
 11:00 a.m.  
 Ash Wednesday Service  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00-8:00 p.m.

### Sunday, February 18

Sunday School  
 9:15 a.m.  
 Fellowship  
 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship  
 10:30 a.m.  
 Session Meeting  
 11:45 a.m.

### Monday, February 19

Morning Prayers  
 9:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study  
 10:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, February 20

Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
 8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 21

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

### February 22-25

Rev. Will Scott out of the office

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