



FIRST
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First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 18, 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.
- 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

- Our organ builder and his crew will begin **installing our organ** on Monday February 19. Hooray!
- 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. (www.firstpresdalton.org/2018/02/fifth-avenue-food-ministry)
- 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).
- Reminder that there will be a **Session Meeting** immediately following worship today in the library.
- Ever wondered what the Bible says about money or the things we own? Does Jesus really want us to give them all up? Come find out in a five week **Sunday school series during the Sundays of Lent**. Rev. Will will lead a survey of scripture guided by Walter Brueggemann's Money and Possessions. Sunday, February 18 – Sunday March 18, 9:15 a.m. in Hollis Hall.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

PRELUDE

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich "Out of the depths I cry, Lord, to Thee" C.P.E. Bach
(1714-1788)

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

Paschal Lamb Who Suffered for Us C. Schalk
(b. 1929)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, lead us through wilderness ways:

through distance and distraction;

through apathy and close-mindedness;

through sadness and sin;

through the obstacles of life and the things that hold us back from
you.

Encourage us by your Spirit into a place of worship—

that we would discover you in our midst,

that we would recognize your guiding hand,

and that we would be changed, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

Introit:

*Paschal Lamb who
suffered for us, sheeppate
guarding all your sheep,
let us hear your voice which
summons each of us,
God's will to keep.
Dead to sin through
your great mercy, by your
wounds we are made
whole;*

*You have gathered us from
straying, O great Shepherd
of our souls.*

*O great Shepherd, O
great Shepherd, O great
Shepherd of our souls.*

The Call to Worship is
from Psalm 25.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Loving and merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison

Requiem Mass

(sung by male choral scholars)

Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.

Translation:

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.

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

(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.")

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-9

NRSV

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lamb of God

F. Christiansen
(1871-1955)

*Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer, patient still and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer; Our sins by Thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross didst suffer, patient still and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer; Our sins by Thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

NRSV

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Things You Leave Behind”

Rev. Will Scott

Mark Scripture Lesson:

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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 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

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Lonesome Valley

Stanza 1 soloist, Stanzas 2-3 all

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by Himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him,
He had to walk it by Himself.*

**We must walk this lonesome valley,
We have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us,
We have to walk it by ourselves.**

**You must go and stand your trial,
You have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you,
You have to stand it by yourself.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Apostles’ Creed”

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prière

J. Langlais
(1907-1991)

*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

*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rbondda

BENEDICTION

*There will be no postlude during the season of Lent.
Please leave the church in a spirit of peace.*

Volunteer Schedule

Worship

Date	Lay Reader	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
2/18	Sue Spivey	Henry & Julie Tharpe	Kathryn Sellers & Nancy Rhine	Kathryn Sellers	TBD	Julie Tharpe
2/25	Greg Epps	TBD	Roger & Peggy Rollins	Joanne Lewis	Roger Rollins	Bob Hubbs

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
2/18	Tate & Katie O'Gwin	Jo Beth Thompson	Jo Beth Thompson
2/25	Alice Ensley & Mary Hubbs	Lilly Douglas	Berrien Long

Monthly

Communion (March 4)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Betty Steinmetz	February	Becky Jolly	Becky Jolly
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Jeff Granillo, Robert & Rachel Smalley	March	Joanne Lewis	Fran Lewis

Prayers

For Kyle and Natalie Raygor, on the birth of their son, Landon Chrisopher;
 For Alice Ensley, as she continues to recover from her appendectomy;
 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 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;
 For Sally Wester at home;
 For aging parents

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 18

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

Sunday, February 25

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.

Fellowship
10:00 a.m.

Worship
10:30 a.m.

Monday, February 26

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.

Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 27

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Investment Team Mtg
5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28

Saturday Sacks
11:00 a.m.

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

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