



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, February 4, 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.
- Have dinner on us at a Family Night Supper (First Wednesday every month at 5:35 p.m.).
- 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.)

Wi-Fi



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!
- It is time for us to start the **"Soup and Sandwich"** ministry at the Fifth Avenue Apartments and we need supplies! Please drop off in the Commons "plastic only" jars of PB&J and cans of soup or fruit.
- Super Bowl Sunday is today and that means the children of FPC will participate in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** national movement by working to fight hunger and poverty in our community. The children of the church will be collecting money after the service to benefit the Dalton location of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank.
- New in 2018, FPC will now host a monthly **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch**, instead of First Wednesday Dinner. Please RSVP if you would like to attend lunch on Sunday, February 11, in Hollis Hall, immediately following worship. Reservations are required and there is still a fee for meals.
- On Saturday, March 3, Blue Ridge Elementary in partnership with LongHorn Steakhouse, will host a **pancake breakfast** from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the church office. All proceeds will be used for school improvement projects. Dine in only.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Christus, Der Uns Selig Macht"

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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

Eat This Bread

J. Berthier
(1923-1994)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all who thirst

come to the water.

Let all who seek

come to the water.

Let all who work

come to the water.

Let all who are weary

come to the water.

Let all who carry burdens

come to the water.

Let all who desire God

come to the water.

Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,
and let the one who believes in me drink."

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of love, you are the well-spring of life. Pour into our hearts the living water of your grace, that we may be refreshed to worship this day in joy, confident of your presence and empowered by your peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude:

The prelude is based on a chorale from St. John's Passion with the text:

See the Lord of Life and Light, Savior meek and lowly,

Taken like a thief at night, bound by hands unboly,

See the singles Son of God shameful mocking bearing,

Bitter taunts, a cruel rod, doom of sinners sharing.

Introit:

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Him and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in Him and you will not thirst.

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

*HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Holy Manna

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

God of grace, love, and friendship, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your teaching, step aside from your way, and follow idols of our own making.

Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive our sin and turn us towards you. Remake us into your disciples that we may serve with joy, pray in peace, and worship you with our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

R. Proulx
(1937-2010)

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

Christ, have mer-cy; 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.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS TO THE FAMILY AND THE CONGREGATION

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Lyda by word and deed, with love and prayer, encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? Do we?

We do.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

THE WELCOME

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The 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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, We are God’s children,
Joyfully now God’s praises we sing.**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:25-31

NRSV

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;

We are excited to celebrate the baptism of **Lyda May Douglas**, daughter of John and Lilly Douglas, this morning and to welcome her into the family of faith. A book entitled *The Night Gardener* by The Fan Brothers has been donated to the church children’s library in honor of her baptism.

because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

They Shall Soar like Eagles

L. Manzo

*They shall soar like eagles; Rise up and soar like eagles.
They who wait upon the Lord shall not be weary.
They shall never stumble, but gain new strength and power.
They who wait upon the Lord.*

*Those who are weary and burdened with sorrow need not despair there is hope for tomorrow.
God will be there each time you call God's name.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

NRSV

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” ³⁸He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Everyone is Searching For You”

Rev. Will Scott

*HYMN 739

O for a Closer Walk with God

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THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

J. Bell
(b. 1949)

*We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer,
Yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,
To carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.*

*So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends,
As hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul,
To disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.*

*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.**

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.

Offertory:

Today's offertory is taken from our hymnal, Glory to God, #797. It is a traditional Scottish tune known as Ye Banks and Braes.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Great Thanksgiving is an ancient form of communion prayer that dates to the earliest days of the Church. Although it appears in different settings, it always contains a retelling of the “story” of salvation that we join as we partake in the life of Christ through the communion meal.

Blessed are You, God, faithful and strong. All Your works, the height and depth, echo the silent music of Your praise. In the beginning Your Word summoned light, night withdrew, and creation dawned. Then, as if ages had passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When at last the days had ripened and the earth was grown full in abundance, You created in Your image man and woman, the stewards of all creation. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing Your praise, and to celebrate the creation You made and called good:

(All sing together)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
 Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

All-holy God, how wonderful is the work of Your hands! Because sin rose up to leave a fault-line, even in the earth, You stepped forward to enter into a covenant of peace that can renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, You embraced a people as Yours, filling them with a longing for peace that will last, a justice that will never fail. Through countless generations Your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them You raised up Jesus, Your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though He Himself would suffer; He offered life to sinners, though death would hunt Him down. But with a love stronger than death, He opened wide His arms and surrendered His spirit.

Eternal God, let Your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine that we may have communion in the body and blood of Christ, and that in Him we may become one. Amen.

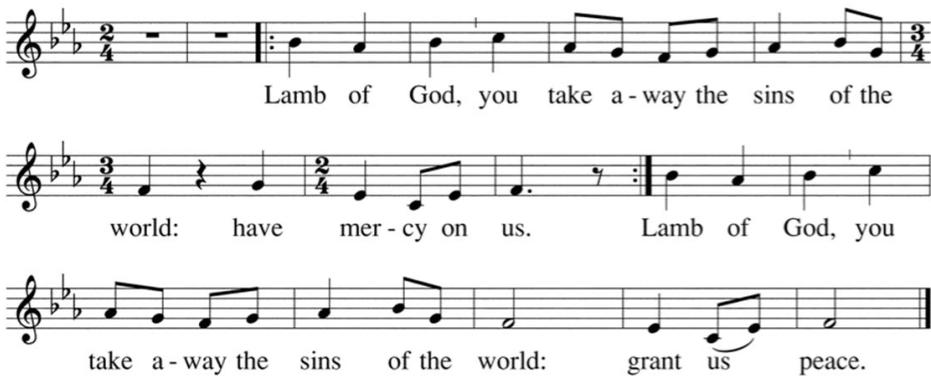
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Excerpt from
*Worshiping God
 Together: A Guide for
 Children and Their
 Parents.*

When we pray before the Lord's Supper we do three things. First, we celebrate and give thanks for all the good things God has done for us. Second, we remember and give thanks for Jesus — how he lived, died, and rose again to save us and give us life. Third, we pray that the Holy Spirit will feed us through this meal, so that we can grow strong in faith and be faithful followers of Jesus.

AGNUS DEI

After the words of institution the pastor will invite the elders forward to prepare the communion. The congregation will sing the Agnus Dei. After the Agnus Dei the pastor will invite you to come forward to receive Communion.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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. Tear a piece of bread from the loaf held by one elder, dip it in the cup held by another, and then, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Gluten-free wafers are available on the table.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

A Prayer of King Henry VI

H. G. Ley
(1887-1962)

*Domine, Jesu Christe,
qui me creasti,
redemisti, et preordinasti
ad hoc quod sum,
tu scis quid de me facere vis;
fac de me secundum
voluntatem tuam
cum misericordia.
Amen.*

Translation:
*Lord Jesus Christ,
who created,
redeemed, and preordained
me to be this that I am,
you know what you wish to do with me;
do with me in accordance
with your will,
with mercy.
Amen.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 4

Young Adult Super

Bowl Party

6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 5

Morning Prayers

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

Missions Team Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6

Reading at Blue Ridge

Elementary

9:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7

Coffee with Calvin

7:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 11

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

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.

*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

Fugue in G Minor

J. Nares
(1715-1783)

Volunteer Schedule

Worship

Date	Lay Reader	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
2/4	Jim Burran	The Youth	John & Carin Mosteller	Kaye Clark	Jack Partain	Kim Epps
2/11	Rev. Will Scott	Bob & Mary Hubbs	Jack & Pam Partain	Mary Hubbs	Jim Burran	Julie Tharpe

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
2/4	Susan Bisson & Annelle Scott	Alice Ensley	Sally Burran
2/11	Katie Scott & Lilly Douglas	Katie O'Gwin	Katie Scott

Monthly

Communion (February 4)		Congregational Care	
Prep	Kathryn Sellers	February	Becky Jolly
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Ted Hogshead, Rob Lively, & Jo Beth Thompson	March	Joanne Lewis

PRAYERS

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 begins 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 Cerebellar Ataxia;
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 a continued healthy pregnancy;
For Sally Wester at home;
For aging parents



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