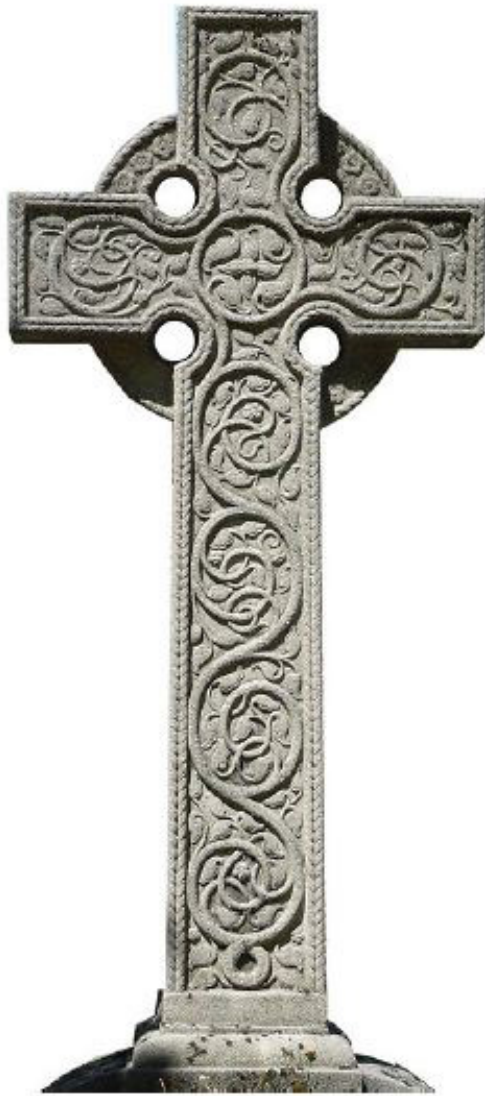




FIRST
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CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 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.
- Have a meal on us immediately following worship on the second Sunday of the month
- 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

- This year we invite you to give to **“One Great Hour of Sharing”**—a denomination wide mission effort that raises money for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, hunger programs, and cooperative development work with communities experiencing poverty around the world. Make a gift through the website or leave a check with “One Great Hour of Sharing” in the memo line. We will receive collections for this special offering through Easter.
- Calling all lovers of the arts! **The Liturgical Arts Team** would like to display art from the congregation during Eastertide, with the theme of “new life.” This could be art that you already have at home, or something you create. Please drop the pieces off at the church office by March 25 with your name and a brief description of the piece.
- The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately following worship today for the purpose of discussing the annual report.
- There will be a **Church Guild Meeting** on Wednesday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m. in the Martin House. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben

M. Reger
(1873-1916)

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

Hide not Thou Thy face from us

R. Farrant
(1530-1580)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope.

Tate O'Gwin

Introit:

Hide not Thou Thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off Thy servant in Thy displeasure; For we confess our sins unto Thee, and hide not our unrighteousness.

For Thy mercy's sake, for Thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins, deliver us from all our sins.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 130.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from sin. Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and grant a willing spirit to sustain us. Amen.

The Prayer of Confession is from Psalm 51.

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

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

M. McCarthy

(b. 1966)

The musical score for 'Kyrie' is written in a single system with three staves. The first staff is for the Cantor and the second for the Congregation. The music is in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Lo - rd, have mer - cy. Lo - rd, have mer - cy. Chr - ist, have mer - cy. Chr - ist, have mer - cy. Lo - rd, have mer - cy on us. Lo - rd, have mer - cy on us.' The score includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score is divided into three systems, with the first system starting at measure 1, the second at measure 5, and the third at measure 9.

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 preschool-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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

NRSV

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lead Me Lord, in Thy Righteousness

S. Wesley
(1810-1876)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:20-33

NRSV

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Antthem:

*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.*

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.

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SERMON

“Falling Into the Earth”

Rev. Will Scott

***HYMN 816**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer Nun Den Lieben Gott

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“Apostles’ Creed”

THE OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

Out of the depths I cry, Lord, to Thee

attr. C. Geist
(1640-1711)

***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 826**

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

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.

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
3/18	Tate O'Gwin	Greg & Kim Epps	John & Carin Mosteller	Becky Jolly	Jim Burran
3/25	Annelle Scott	Nathalie Sanders & Nancy Rhine	Steve & Carol Houston	Jeane Jones	TBD

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
3/18	Rob & Michelle Lively	Emma Lively	Jo Beth Thompson
3/25	Susan Bisson & Lilly Douglas	Valerie George	Katie Scott

Monthly

Communion (April 1)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Becky Jolly	March	Joanne Lewis	Fran Lewis
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Kathy Bridges, Coy Temples, & Sally Burran	April	Mary Hubbs	Nathalie Sanders

Prayers

For Claudia Rivers Rig, sister of Curtis Rivers, as she recovers from surgery;
 For Kaye Clark, recovering from knee replacement surgery;
 For Laurie White, Fran Lewis' sister, as she is being treated 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 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, March 18

Annual Congregational Meeting
 11:30 a.m.
 Session Meeting
 12:00 p.m.

Monday, March 19

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

Tuesday, March 20

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21

Guild Meeting
 10:00 a.m.
 Saturday Sacks
 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 22

Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 25

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

Monday, March 26

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

Tuesday, March 27

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday Service
 6:00 p.m.
 Choir Rehearsal
 7:00-8:00 p.m.



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