



FIRST  
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Third Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 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](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.
- 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.)

## 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

- 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. If you are interested in Liturgical art or have some ideas you'd like to share, come to our next meeting March 18 at 9:15 in the Martin House or talk to Katie Scott.
- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** next Sunday, March 11, immediately following worship in Hollis Hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the church office. There is still a fee for lunch.
- Join friends for **Coffee with Calvin** on Wednesday, March 7, at 7:30 a.m. at the Oakwood Café for breakfast, coffee, and theological conversation related to John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*.

# SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

## PRELUDE

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578

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

Hide not Thou Thy face from us

R. Farrant  
(1530-1580)

*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.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carin Mosteller

(from Psalm 51)

O Lord, open my lips,

**and my mouth will declare your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering,

**you would not be pleased.**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you make all things new. United by his Spirit, breathe life into our worship; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace; the longing of our hearts by the warmth of your love; the stumbling of our imagination by the light of your word. Mold our lives into the image of Jesus Christ: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Westminster Abbey*

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Merciful God, you created us to discover your love and share it freely with all people. In Jesus Christ you call us to work as your disciples: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Yet we do not live as you have called us. We hoard your gifts, neglect your justice, refuse your love. We do what is convenient for us, even when it harms others. In your great love, drive out our sin. Open our hearts to your overwhelming mercy that we may live as you created us to be, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

M. McCarthy  
(b. 1966)

The musical score for 'The Kyrie' is written in a single system with two staves. The top staff is for the Cantor and the bottom staff is 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 5-measure rest for the Cantor at the beginning of the second line and a 9-measure rest for the Cantor at the beginning of the third line.

## 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

## THE 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.**

*(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

Exodus 20:1-6

NRSV

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;  
<sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

arr. B. Chilcott  
(b. 1955)

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son  
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:13-22

NRSV

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."<sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."<sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After

he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“We Prefer Our Own Idols”

Rev. Will Scott

## \*HYMN 402

How Lovely, Lord

*Merle's Tune*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“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.**

## THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

Meditation on ‘Love Unknown’

F. Jackson  
(b. 1917)

## \*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.**

Holy and Gracious God, we thank you for the abundant gifts of life and creation. In the beginning of all things your Spirit spread over the waters of creation and drew order and life from the depths. Your Spirit breathed into the dust of the earth and you gathered your creation like a potter at the wheel, forming all people in the image of your love. When we turned away from you, you reminded us that we are dust; you sent prophets to call us to turn back through wilderness ways and repent with ashes; you loved us despite our frailty. For gifts of life and creation we sing your praise:

*(All sing together)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the midst of creation you yourself took on the frailty of human life in the person of your Son, Jesus. We remember how he wandered into the wilderness of sin to prepare for the coming way that leads from death to life; sin to grace; hate to love; discipleship to cross. We remember how the cross of death opened the way of new life, and how Jesus leads us along that way.

We ask for the presence of your Spirit to guide us still—to raise us into the presence of God through this holy food; to be within us as we eat, that the bread we break and the cup we bless would be for us the body and blood of Christ—God’s own presence in the stuff of earth. By our meal make us one in sharing with brothers and sisters of every nation; feed our souls as you feed our bodies; nourish us with your presence that we would follow Jesus as his faithful disciples, showing his way to a wandering world—a way of life and growth and change, a way through the wilderness.

All praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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: 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

Kind Maker of the World

attr. Gregory the Great  
(ca. 540-604)

## 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 321

The Church's One Foundation

*Aurelia*

### \*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.*

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# Volunteer Schedule

## Worship

Date	Lay Reader	Ushers	Open/ Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
3/4	Carin Mosteller	Kathryn Sellers & Nancy Rhine	James & Laura Patterson	Stephanie Whisenant	TBD	TBD
3/11	Pam Partain	TBD	Larry & Sharon Cooper	Jo Beth Thompson	TBD	TBD

## Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
3/4	Walter & Jeane Jones	Leanna Granillo	Stephanie Hogshead
3/11	Jo Beth Thompson & Nancy Rhine	Stephanie Hogshead	John Mosteller

## Monthly

Communion (March 4)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Betty Steinmetz	March	Joanne Lewis	Fran Lewis
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Jeff Granillo, Robert & Rachel Smalley	April	Mary Hubbs	Nathalie Sanders

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## Upcoming Events

### Monday, March 5

Morning Prayers

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

Missions Team Meeting

5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 6

Reading at Blue Ridge

Elementary

9:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 7

Coffee with Calvin

7:30 a.m.

Saturday Sacks

11:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Sunday, March 11

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday

Fellowship Lunch

11:45 a.m.

### Monday, March 12

Morning Prayers

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, March 13

Packing Hygiene Kits

9:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 14

Worship Team Meeting

4:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

## PRAYERS

For Kristen Sanders and family, at the loss of her grandfather, Jack Weiss;

For Kaye Clark, recovering from knee replacement surgery;

For Dick Neelly and family, at the loss of his brother, Edwin;

For Kyle and Natalie Raygor, on the birth of their son, Landon Christopher;

For Alice Ensley, as she continues to recover from her appendectomy;

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

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