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World Communion Sunday  
Sunday, October 7, 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 (3-7) 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.)
- Find the most current contact information on our members in the church directory. It can be found on our website ([www.firstpresdalton.org](http://www.firstpresdalton.org)) under the fellowship tab. The password is **firstpres1847**.



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

- Calling all elders (past and present): please plan to stay a few minutes after worship today or November 4 to review **communion serving procedures**.
- There are always extra needs for FPC that the congregation can contribute to. Please see a new list of **Gift Opportunities** in the Commons or in the Midweek News. Contributions can be a smaller gift toward one of the items on the list or the total gift. Any gift may be made in honor or memory of another. Thank you in advance for your help and thoughtfulness.
- There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, October 21, immediately following worship for the purpose of voting on a slate of candidates for Session class of 2021 -- Robert Smalley, Tate O'Gwin, and Margaret Venable -- presented by the nominating committee, and to review Will Scott's terms of call.
- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** on Sunday, October 14, immediately following worship in Hollis Hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the church office.

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

## PRELUDE

Communion-Prière

J. Buccioli  
(1859-1943)

## 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

Come, Let's Rejoice

J. Amner  
(1579-1641)

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,  
And the courts of God with praise;  
Give thanks and bless God's holy name!  
**For the Lord is good; God's love is eternal,  
And God's faithfulness has no end.**

Turner Plunkett

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of creation, we come to your table bound by time and place, yet  
connected to your people throughout the world. Widen our vision, Lord:  
Beyond our own culture;  
Beyond our own language;  
Beyond our own tradition;  
Beyond our own belief.  
Give us the fullness of your grace to know you as Lord of all creation,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
Amen.**

## \*HYMN 392

Jesus, We Are Here

*Jesu, tava pano*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**God of all people, you created a good world and filled it with us, your  
children. In Jesus Christ you prayed to make us one. You poured your  
Holy Spirit on a diverse group of disciples and blessed the humanity  
we share with your Son.**

### Introit:

*Come let's rejoice unto the  
Lord: let us make joy to  
God our Saviour.  
Let us approach to his  
presence in confession: and  
in psalms let us make joy to  
him. Alleluia.*

The Call to Worship is  
from Psalm 100:4-5.

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

Yet we have neglected your gifts and turned from your way. We do not recognize the humanity we share. We look out for ourselves. We do not always consider how the way we live affects others, especially throughout your creation.

Have mercy on us, Lord. In your grace and forgiveness reconcile us with our neighbors and gather us around your table to share in our common life, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## THE KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Mass of a Joyful Heart

Cantor, then all  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor, then all  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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 to God

*Gloria (Taizé)*

The cantor will sing through once,  
then all may join as the refrain repeat four times.

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Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## THE LITANY OF PARTING

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

Children: God be with you here.

### Response of Praise Note:

Taizé is a style of worship that originated with a monastic community in Taizé, France. The community was founded by a Swiss Reformed Pastor, Brother Roger Schütz, in 1940 as a place of welcome for refugees of World War II. The community has since grown to over 100 brothers, Protestant and Catholic, welcoming visitors from all over the world to participate in worship as a sign of Christian unity and reconciliation.

# 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

Matthew 28:16-20

NRSV

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

Kumbaya

P. Sjolund  
(b. 1935)

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

NRSV

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God

#### **Anthem:**

*Kumbaya, my Lord,  
Kumbaya. Someone's  
prayin', Lord, Kumbaya.  
Someone's cryin', Lord,  
Kumbaya. Someone's  
singin', Lord, Kumbaya.  
Sing alleluia! Oh Lord,  
Kumbaya!*

he might taste death for everyone.<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“God’s House”

Rev. Will Scott

## \*HYMN 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

*St. Peter*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Nicene Creed”

**We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again; in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE OFFERING

### Nicene Creed:

“The Nicene Creed was the first and in fact is the only creed used ecumenically by the vast majority of Christians throughout the world. For more than fifteen hundred years, it has been the hallmark of orthodoxy.” –from the PC (USA) Book of Confessions.

The Nicene Creed is particularly important because it settled a long-running debate about how Christians could reconcile the divinity of Jesus with Jewish monotheism. The creed claims that Jesus is “of one Being with the Father.” In Advent, therefore, we expect the coming of God in the flesh— “true God from true God.”

## OFFERTORY

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

C. Diton  
(1886-1962)

*I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.  
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.  
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.*

## \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Linstead*



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;



praise Him ab - ove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

## 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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks, God of creation. From the beginning of all things you made a world, and filled it with your children. When people turned aside from you, you called prophets to lead them back in your way. You led Abraham, the father of nations, into your friendship. You led the children of Jacob out of slavery in Egypt into the promised land of covenant love. You created a people, Israel, so that all the nations of the world would be blessed through them.

For so great a love, for so great a promise, we join our voices with brothers and sisters gathered around your table throughout the world, and gathered around your throne in heaven above, who sing to the glory of your name:

### 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.



*(All sing together)*

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

Blessed are you, Holy God. And blessed is Jesus Christ your son—who, in the fullness of time, took on flesh: a light to the nations, good news to all people. Through his birth and life, his death and resurrection, through his reign on high, we confess him Lord of your creation and all your people.

We thank you for the gift of his Spirit: who calls us into this community, who unites us in Christ's body, the church, who gathers us to this table to share in the life of Christ, our Lord.

Remembering your great and lovingkindness, we take this bread and wine from the gifts you have given us, and we celebrate with joy the hope that all people share in Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Accept our sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, especially on behalf of those who have no bread to share, or those who, throughout the world, are strangers to your covenant love.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine: that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be, for us, the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Teach us to give as it has been given to us; to love as you have loved us; and to recognize the humanity we share with all our brothers and sisters, the humanity we share with Jesus Christ, your Son. We pray in his holy name. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



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

Choir sings refrain, all repeat



Verse

*The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ.*

**Refrain**

## 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

Improvisation on 'Terra Beata'

arr. T. Whisenant  
(b. 1997)

## 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 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*Pescador De Hombres*

### \*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

Toccata on 'Great Day'

A. Hailstork  
(b. 1941)

The communion table covering this morning is a collaborative project created by the Joy Makers Sunday School class (artists age 3-7 years old). The class read the book "God's Dream" by Desmond Tutu and discussed what it means for all God's children to have communion together. The colors of each panel are to represent the diversity of creation and the unity we find in Christ.

Today churches around the world celebrate, "World Communion Sunday," recognizing our shared communion as God invites people of all

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, October 7

Communion Practice  
11:30 a.m.

### Monday, October 8

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

### Tuesday, October 9

Staff & Admin Team Mtg  
5:00 p.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 10

Worship Team Meeting  
5:00 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Sunday, October 14

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, October 15

Morning Prayers  
9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study  
10:00 a.m.  
Blue Ridge Book of the Month Club  
10:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, October 16

Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 17

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

## Volunteer Schedule

### Worship

Date	Lay Readers	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
10/7	Turner Plunkett	Nathalie Sanders & Charlie Thomas	Roy & Donna Cooper	Jeane Jones	Jeff Granillo	Turner Plunkett
10/14	Jean Lowrey	Walter & Jeane Jones	Steve & Carol Houston	Stephanie Whisenant	Jim Burran	Peggy Rollins

### Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
10/7	Walter & Jeane Jones	Katie O'Gwin	Story
10/14	Jo Beth Thompson & Nancy Rhine	Jo Beth Thompson	Choir

### Monthly

Communion (October 7)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Carol Houston	October	Annelle Scott	Jeane Jones
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Greg & Kim Epps, & Jo Beth Thompson	November	Jeane Jones	Mary Hubbs

## PRAYERS

Lois Bradford and family at the loss of her grandson;  
 Carl Rollins, brother of Roger Rollins, as he stays at Dalton Place (no visitors, please);  
 Richard and Deanna Husky, cousins of Roy Cooper, for their illnesses;  
 For Rev. Susan Reggin, as she undergoes treatment for cancer;  
 For First Presbyterian Church of Cohutta;  
 For Laurie White, Fran Lewis' sister, as she is feeling better during her battle with lung cancer;  
 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, as she begins her new work with 1001 New Worshiping Communities;  
 For Johnnie Bakkum at Summit Place, Beaufort, South Carolina;  
 For Natalie Raygor during her Master of Divinity program;  
 For Sally Wester at home;  
 For caregivers;  
 For aging parents.

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