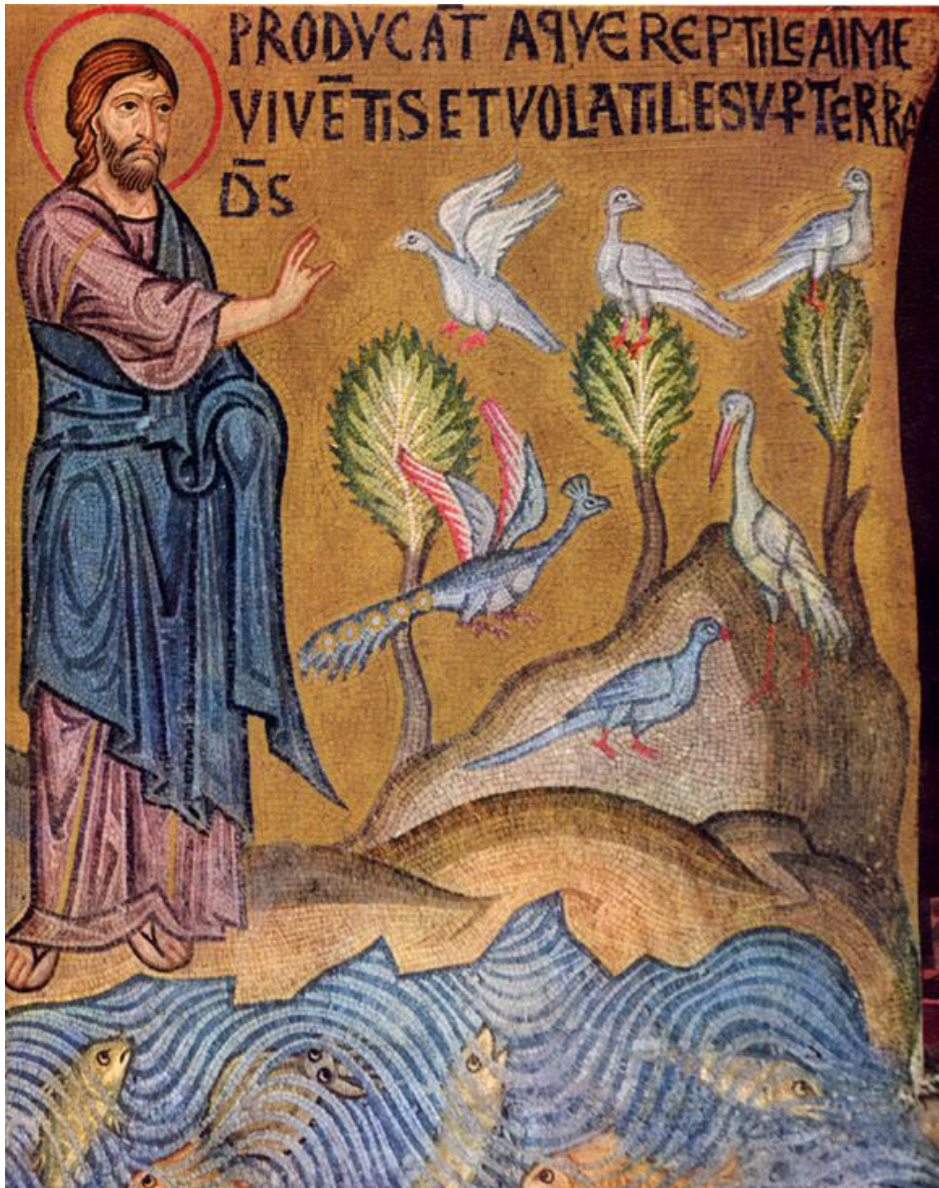




FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, September 16, 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.)
- Find the most current contact information on our members in the church directory. It can be found on our website (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

- Please plan to attend one of two **Child Protection Policy Review** sessions if you are involved or volunteer with the children of FPC. The dates are today, immediately following worship and Sunday, September 23, at 9:15 a.m. in Hollis Hall.
- Join friends for a **movie night** on Friday, September 28 for a screening of *Won't You Be My Neighbor*, a documentary about the life and work of Mister Rogers. Enjoy popcorn with friends and conversation to follow. Movie starts at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Cardigans encouraged.
- FPC will host a **DEO Clinic Concert** on Saturday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. featuring Harvest Song. Ushers are needed for the event. Please contact the church office if you are interested.
- How do we best leverage digital media to extend our ministry beyond our church walls to nurture and engage members and visitors in more meaningful ways? How can we use Facebook to extend our Sunday morning conversations throughout the week to strengthen the community we feel when we are physically together? We have the opportunity to participate in a **Digital Disciples workshop** Oct. 12 and 13 to learn strategies to convert our social media into social ministry. If you're interested in attending, please contact Pam Partain at pampartain@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

PRELUDE

Improvisation on “Helmsley”

T. Whisenant
(b. 1997)

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

All That Hath Life and Breath

R. Clausen
(b. 1953)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Michelle Lively

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, we worship you with the whole creation, remembering all that you have done for us. As your Spirit moved over the waters of chaos, move within us, and calm the anxious depths of our souls. As you drew dry land from water, put our feet on solid ground here. As you called life into the earth and blessed your creatures, bless us with your presence, and with your saving love in Jesus Christ, for we pray in his name. Amen.

*HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

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Introit:

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia! Alleluia, praise Him! Praise Him, Alleluia!

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 19.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. You created us for worship; we worship ourselves. You created us to be like Jesus; we follow other lords. You created us to serve others; we live selfishly without considering how what we do affects those around us and the world you love.

Forgive us, God of Grace. Change us, transform us, recreate us in the image of the one we were made for, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.**

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

Numbers 6:22-27

NRSV

²² The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

²⁷ So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

We Will Rejoice in Thy Salvation

W. Croft
(1678-1727)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:20-23

NRSV

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A God Who Blesses"

Rev. Will Scott

*HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As creatures made in God's image, what responsibility do we have for the earth?

God commands us to care for the earth in ways that reflect God's loving care for us. We are responsible for ensuring that the earth's gifts be used fairly and wisely, that no creature suffers from the abuse of what we are given, and that future generations may continue to enjoy the abundance and goodness of the earth in praise to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Anthem:

We will rejoice in Thy salvation and triumph in the name of the Lord, our God.

Now, now know I that the Lord, the Lord helped His anointed, and will bear Him from His holy heav'n. Even with the saving strength of His right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord, our God.

Affirmation of Faith:

The Study Catechism was approved by the General Assembly of the PC(USA) for the use in worship and congregational life as a clear and contemporary expression of the historic faith of the Church. Catechisms are meant to teach the faith. John Calvin said, "the church will never preserve itself without a catechism, for it is like the seed to keep the good grain from drying out, and causing it to multiply from age to age."

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.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Antiphon II, Op. 18

M. Dupré
(1886-1971)

*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 DEDICATION

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

*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

Prelude and Fugue in D, BWV 554

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Prayers

Carl Rollins, brother of Roger Rollins, as he stays in the hospital (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.

Volunteer Schedule

Worship

Date	Lay Readers	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
9/16	Michelle Lively	Curtis Rivers & Kathryn Sellers	Jack & Pam Partain	Kaye Clark	Jack Partain	Peggy Rollins
9/23	Jo Beth Thompson	Henry & Julie Tharpe	Steve & Carol Houston	Stephanie Whisenant	Jeff Granillo	Julie Tharpe

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
9/16	Katie Scott & Annelle Scott	Valerie George	Movement
9/23	Tate & Katie O'Gwin	Katie Scott	Art

Monthly

Communion (October 7)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Carol Houston	September	Peggy Rollins	Jodi Johnson
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Greg & Kim Epps, & Alice Ensley	October	TBD	Jeane Jones

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 16

Session Meeting
11:30 a.m.

Child Protection Policy
11:30 a.m.

Monday, September 17

Blue Ridge Book of the Month Club
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 18

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 19

Church Guild Meeting
10:00 a.m.

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

Saturday, September 22

DEO Clinic Concert
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 23

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.

Fellowship
10:00 a.m.

Worship
10:30 a.m.

Child Protection Policy
9:15 a.m.

Monday, September 24

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.

Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 25

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26

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

Friday, September 28

FPC Movie Night
7:00 p.m.



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