



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, September 23, 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

- 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. Watch the movie trailer on the blog or see the Midweek News.
- 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.
- You are all invited to a **"Presbytery Hall Meeting"** at 1st Presbyterian Church in Cartersville today at 3:00 p.m. to aid and participate in the process of looking for a new Mission Coordinator /Stated Clerk.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

PRELUDE

Improvisation on “Beach Spring”

arr. 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

Choral Fanfare for Christ the King

H.H. Smith
(20th Century)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
**but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Jo Beth Thompson

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, your touch makes this world holy. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation, and in the beauty of human life. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share your blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

Stanzas 1-3, 6

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Gracious God, you made us in your image and called us good. Yet we go on our own way, causing harm to ourselves, to one another, and to the planet. We do not live as people you have called. We do not live us you created us to be.

God forgive us, in the love and mercy of Jesus Christ—who made us, saved us, and restored us to you. Amen.

Cover Art:

Mosaic, “Creation – Day 6” from Capella Palatina di Palermo, mid 12th century. From Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imageLink.pl?RC=46170> [retrieved August 13, 2018].

Introit:

*He shall rule from sea to sea and from the rivers to the ends of the earth.
Alleluia!*

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 1.

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

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

D. Reindorf
(b. 1938)

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mer - cy. Lo - rd, 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

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfruen

All who for love of God forgive,

All who in pain or sorrow grieve,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears;

So, even in the midst of tears,

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 3:5-11

NRSV

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

(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.")

And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sicut Cervus

G. Palestrina
(1525-1594)

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

Translation

*As the hart longs for the water springs,
So longs my soul for thee, O God.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:24-31

NRSV

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird

Anthem Note:

Palestrina’s life and work centered around the church. He was born in the town of Palestrina, from which he took his name, trained as a choirboy in the Roman church of S. Maria Maggiore, appointed to prominent positions in the Roman musical establishment, and brought to international fame by his numerous publications, issued in the first instance from Rome. In 1551 he was appointed maestro of the Cappella Giulia, the choir of St Peter’s Basilica, and in 1555 he sang for a few months in the Sistine choir until the introduction of a celibacy rule by the new pope led to his dismissal as a married man. Periods of directorship at the church of St John Lateran, where Lassus had preceded him (1555–60) and at his old church of S. Maria Maggiore (1561–6) were followed by a return in 1571 to the Cappella Giulia, where he remained till his death. His stream of publications began with a successful book of madrigals in 1555; by the time of his death there were seven books of masses, six of motets, and sundry other volumes of liturgical music and madrigals.

Anthem Note Cont'd:

Sicut Cervus has always been one of the most familiar of Palestrina's motets, frequently reprinted and anthologized since the nineteenth century, and justly held up as a model of Renaissance imitative polyphony, in this case expressive of serene but fervent spiritual yearning. The text is from Psalm 41.

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."

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of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.
³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A God Who Gives"

Rev. Will Scott

***HYMN 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

What does it mean to say that we human beings are created in the image of God?

That God created us to live together in love and freedom—with God, with one another, and with the world. Our distinctive capacities. . . are given primarily for this purpose. We are created to be loving companions of others so that something of God's goodness may be reflected in our lives.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Fountain Reverie

P. Fletcher
(1879-1932)

***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 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

***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

Festive Gloria

A. Miller
(b. 1972)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 23

Presbytery Hall Meeting
3:00 p.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.

Sunday, September 30

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.

Fellowship
10:00 a.m.

Worship
10:30 a.m.

Monday, October 1

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.

Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 2

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 7

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.

Fellowship
10:00 a.m.

Worship -
World Communion
Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Communion Practice
11:30 a.m.

Volunteer Schedule

Worship

Date	Lay Readers	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
9/23	Jo Beth Thompson	Henry & Julie Tharpe	Walter & Jeane Jones	Stephanie Whisenant	Jeff Granillo	Julie Tharpe
9/30	James Mosteller	Henry & Julie Tharpe	John & Carin Mosteller	Kathryn Sellers	Jeff Granillo	TBD

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
9/23	Tate & Katie O'Gwin	Katie Scott	Art
9/30	Alice Ensley & Mary Hubbs	Alice Ensley	Bonus

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	Annelle Scott	Jeane Jones

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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