



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, September 30, 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 (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) 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

- 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.
- Calling all elders (past and present): please plan to stay a few minutes after worship on October 7 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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

PRELUDE

Ach Wie Flüchtig, Ach Wie Nichtig (O How Futile, How Inutile) 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

Rise Up in Early Morning

R. Proulx
(1937-2010)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

James Mosteller

You created the day and the night, O God;
You set the sun and moon in their places;
You set the limits of the earth;
You made summer and winter.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, create in us hearts for worship—that what we sing, pray, read, and live, would reveal your love for all that you have made. Let your Spirit breathe life into our worship. Let your Son speak through our broken words. Let our lives reveal your truth, and delight in your good creation. Amen.

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Loving Creator, Gracious God, you called us to be stewards of your creation and named us good, but we do not live like it. We are full while others hunger. We have plenty while others want. We measure our lives according to what we use and make, not the God who made us.

Forgive us, God of mercy. By your Spirit, return us to the likeness you made in us, that we might live as an image of Jesus Christ, your Son—and love the earth he died for. Amen.

Prelude Note:

The text of Bach's chorale "Ach Wie Flüchtig, Ach Wie Nichtig," is: O how futile, how inutile is our earthly being! 'Tis a mist in wintry weather, gathered in an hour together, and as soon dispersed in ether. Bach was very fond of portraying the flowing of waters and the drifting of clouds or fog before the wind. There is no doubt the meaning of the symbolism expressed in this piece as it is the sentiment of the choral.

Introit:

*Rise up in early morning;
Sing of the risen savior.
Sing tidings of salvation
with alleluias ringing; in
cymbalis bene sonantibus.*

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 74 and 124.

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

Cover Art:
Mosaic, "Creation – Day 7" 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-image/link.pl?RC=46170> [retrieved August 13, 2018].

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

D. Reindorf

(b. 1938)

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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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 2:23-28

NRSV

²³ One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶ He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his

(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.")

companions.”²⁷ Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath;²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

We Walk By Faith

C. Phillips
(b. 1961)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2:1-3

NRSV

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.

² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A God Who Rests”

Rev. Will Scott

*HYMN 625

O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What is the fourth commandment?

Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy.

What do you learn from this commandment?

God requires a special day to be set apart so that worship can be at the center of my life. It is right to honor God with thanks and praise, and to hear and receive God’s Word, so that I may have it in my heart, and on my lips, and put it into practice in my life.

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Wesley Sanders

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.

Anthem:

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke; but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod; but in His promise we rejoice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on You where You are found: that when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light we may behold You as You are with endless sight

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 OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Mvmt. III from Symphony No. 7

C-M. Widor
(1844-1937)

*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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

*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

Finale on 'Hyfrydol'

H. Coleman
(1888-1965)

Volunteer Schedule

Worship

Date	Lay Readers	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
9/30	Carin Mosteller	Henry & Julie Tharpe	John & Carin Mosteller	Kathryn Sellers	Jeff Granillo	Kim Epps
10/7	Jodi Johnson	TBD	Roy & Donna Cooper	Jeane Jones	Jeff Granillo	TBD

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
9/30	Alice Ensley & Mary Hubbs	Alice Ensley	Bonus
10/7	Walter & Jeane Jones	Katie O'Gwin	Story

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 Worshipping 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.

Upcoming Events

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.

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.



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