



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, September 9, 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.)
- 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

- **The Young Ladies' Book Study** will start a new book this fall entitled *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* by Rachel Held Evans. The first meeting will be tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Katie Scott's home. Please contact her if you would like to join or if you have any questions. All are welcome!
- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** today, immediately following worship in Hollis Hall.
- We will pack **Hygiene Kits** for PDA this Tuesday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m. at The Gardens at Royal Oaks.
- 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 Sunday, September 16, immediately following worship and Sunday, September 23, at 9:15 a.m. in Hollis Hall.
- Thanks to those who have agreed to serve on our **Vision Team** during the coming year: Wayne Alderman, Kathy Bridges, Scott DeLay, Becky Jolly, Laura Patterson, and Wesley Sanders. Visit the blog page on the FPC website to find out more about what they'll be doing.

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

## PRELUDE

Mvmt. IV, Symphony no. V

C.M. Widor  
(1844-1937)

## 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

Exultate Deo

A. Scarlatti  
(1660 - 1725)

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

**O LORD my God, you are very great.**

You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
**wrapped in light as with a garment.**

O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
**the earth is full of your creatures.**

Kristen Sanders

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Creator God, we are here because you have made us for worship. In our days away from here we wear different labels: from jobs, from families, from relationships. Here we know that we are created in your image, called to reflect your life in Jesus Christ. Give us the light of your love, that we would discover you here, and have the eyes to see you wherever we are, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living

*Ash Grove*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Forgive us for our sins. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Cover Art:

Mosaic, "Creation – Day 4" 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].

### Introit:

*Exultate Deo, adjutori, nostro.*

Translation:

*Praise the Lord, Jehovah: God of justice and light.*

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 104.

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

## 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

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 38:4-11

NRSV

<sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup> “Or who shut in the sea with doors

*(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.”)*

when it burst out from the womb?—  
9 when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
10 and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,  
11 and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Call of Wisdom

W. Todd  
(b. 1970)

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:14-19

NRSV

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. 16 God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“A God Who Illuminates”

Rev. Will Scott

### \*HYMN 672

O Gladsome Light

*Le Cantique De Simeon*

Choir sings stanza 1

Congregation and Choir sing stanzas 2 and 3

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What does our creation in God’s image reflect about God’s love for us?

**We are created to live wholeheartedly for God. When we honor our Creator as the source of all good things, we are like mirrors reflecting back the great beam of love that God shines on us. We are also created to honor God by showing love toward other human beings.**

### Anthem:

*Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy; walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger. I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value, jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer. God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal. Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.*

### 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 Offertory:

*“Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?*

*Will you go where you don’t  
know and never be the same?*

*Will you let my love be  
shown; will you let my name  
be known? Will you let my  
life be grown in you and in  
me?”*

*“Will you leave yourself  
behind if I but call your  
name? Will you care for  
cruel and kind and never be  
the same? Will you risk the  
hostile stare should your life  
attract or scare? Will you let  
me answer prayer in you and  
you in me?”*

*“Will you love the ‘you’ you  
hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same? Will  
you use the faith you’ve found  
to reshape the world around,  
Through my sigh and touch  
and sound in you and you in  
me?”*

*Lord, your summons echoes  
true when You but call my  
name. Let me turn and follow  
You and never be the same.  
In Your company I’ll go where  
Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and  
grow in You and You in me.*

## 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

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

J.L. Bell  
(b. 1949)

### \*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 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*St. Denio*

### \*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

Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten, BWV 647

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
9/9	Kristen Sanders	The Youth	Walter & Jeane Jones	Mary Hubbs	James Burran	Kim Epps
9/16	Michelle Lively	Curtis Rivers & Kathryn Sellers	Jack & Pam Partain	Kaye Clark	Jack Partain	Peggy Rollins

### Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
9/9	Jeff & Leanna Granillo	Emma Lively	Choir
9/16	Katie Scott & Annelle Scott	Valerie George	Movement

### 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 9

Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch  
 11:30 a.m.  
 Young Ladies' Book Study  
 7:00 p.m.

### Monday, September 10

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

### Tuesday, September 11

Pack Hygiene Kits  
 9:30 a.m.  
 Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
 8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 12

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

### Sunday, September 16

Sunday School  
 9:15 a.m.  
 Fellowship  
 10:00 a.m.

Worship  
 10:30 a.m.  
 Session Meeting  
 11:30 a.m.

Child Protection Policy  
 11:30 a.m.

### Monday, September 17

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

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.



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