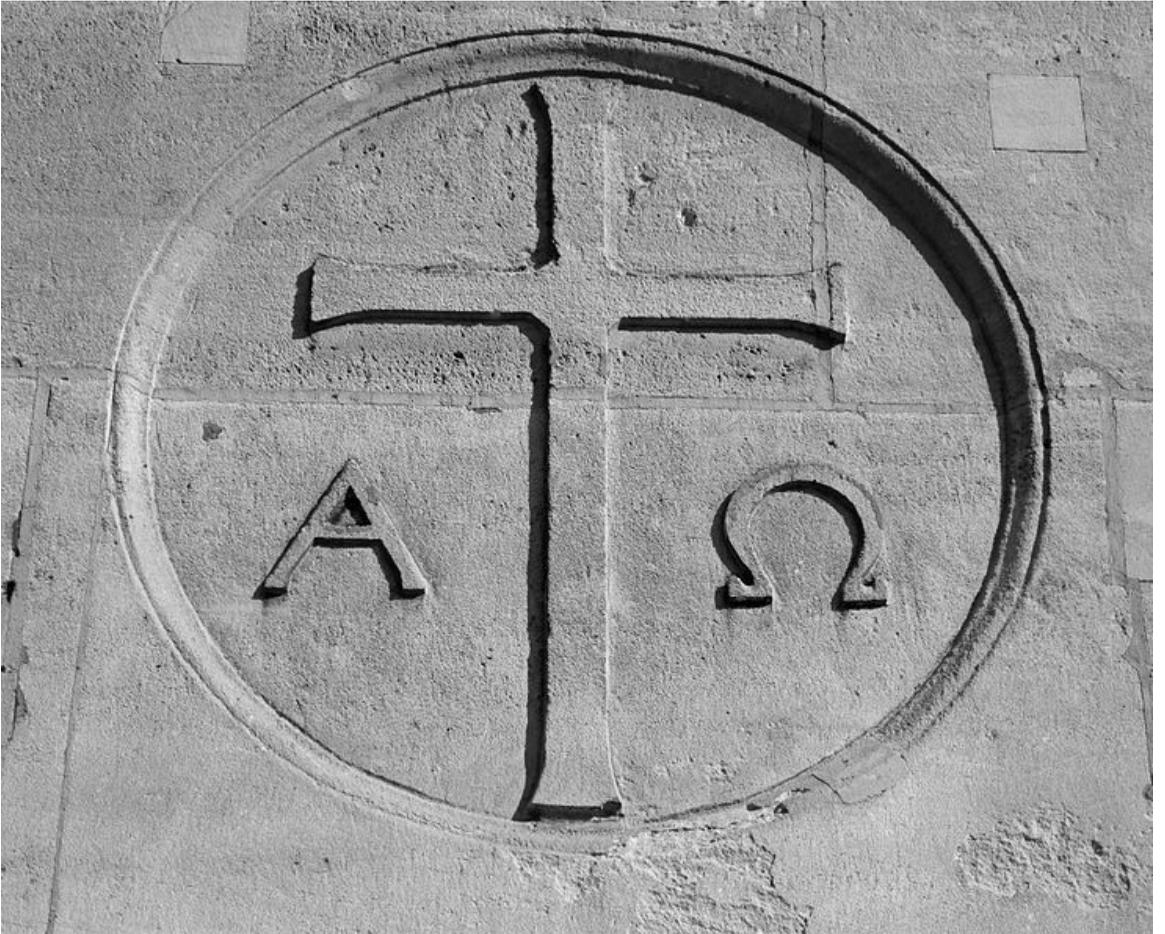




FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Christ the King

Sunday, November 25, 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

- Join us today following worship to **decorate the sanctuary** for Advent. We will be putting up the tree and wreaths. And stay for a pizza lunch afterward. Then on Wednesday, November 28 at 10:00 a.m. everyone is invited to join in this year's **Hanging of the Greens**, hosted by Church Guild.
- Advent is upon us! Please join us for a **Chili Cook Off and Advent Workshop** Sunday, December 2 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Hollis Hall. Please RSVP to the office and consider bringing a pot of your favorite chili to contribute to the evening festivities. There will also be a **Labyrinth Walk** in the Sanctuary on the first three Tuesdays in December from 5:00-7:00 p.m. See the Midweek News for more details.
- We are collecting **new and gently used sweaters and jackets** for any age to honor the legacy of Fred Rogers, ordained presbyterian minister and host of 'Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. There will be a basket in the Commons for collection. The City of Refuge will receive our donations on Monday, December 3.
- The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, December 9 immediately following worship to review Rev. Will Scott's terms of call.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

PRELUDE

Rhapsody in D Major, no. 1

H. Howells
(1892-1983)

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

Rachel Smalley

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken,

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, you sent Jesus Christ to rule over all things and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and care for those in need. Then at the last bring us into the joy of your eternal love, that we may we worship you in Spirit and in Truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

Introit:

He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the rivers to the ends of the earth.

All kings shall pay Him homage. All nations shall serve Him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away.

And His Kingdom shall not be destroyed. Alleluia!

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

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

R. Proulx
(1937-2010)

The musical score consists of three staves of music. Each staff has two parts: 'Cantor' and 'Assembly'. The music is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy.' for the first staff, 'Christ, have mer - cy.' for the second staff, and 'Lord, have mer - cy.' for the third staff. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with rests, and are connected by slurs.

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

Revelation 1:4b-8

NRSV

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

(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.")

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸⁹"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalm 132:1-12

E. Edwards
(1830-1907)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:33-37

NRSV

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The King's Speech"

Rev. Will Scott

*HYMN 264

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

Choir sings stanza 1

Congregation and Choir sing stanzas 2-4

*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

Psalter:

Lord, remember David, and all the hardships he endured; How he swore an oath to the Lord and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob: "I will not come under the roof of my house, nor climb up into my bed; I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor let my eyelids slumber; Until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob." "The ark! We heard it was in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jearim. Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us fall upon our knees before his footstool." Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy. For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your Anointed. The Lord has sworn an oath to David; in truth, he will not break it: "A son, the fruit of your body will I set upon your throne."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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.”

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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

OFFERTORY

King of Glory, King of Peace

D. Walker
(b. 1938)

*King of glory, king of peace, I will love thee;
And that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.*

*Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.
Sev’n whole days, not one in sev’n, I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heav’n, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:
e’en eternity’s too short to extol Thee.*

*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 THANKSGIVING AND 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.

*HYMN 347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

*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

Postlude on 'Darwall's 148th'

C. Callahan
(b. 1951)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 25

Decorate the Church Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.

Monday, November 26

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.
Bible Study
10:00 a.m.
Connection Team Mtg
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 27

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 28

Hanging of the Greens
10:00 a.m.
Saturday Sacks
11:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 2

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
10:30 a.m.
Missions Team Meeting
3:00 p.m.
Chili Cook Off & Advent Workshop
5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 3

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

Tuesday, December 4

Labyrinth Open
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Volunteer Schedule

Worship

Date	Lay Readers	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
11/25	Rachel Smalley	Trammell & Annelle Scott	Jack & Pam Partain	Joanne Lewis	Jeff Granillo	Julie Tharpe
12/2	Sue Spivey	Charlie & Mac Thomas	Nancy Rhine & Kathryn Sellers	TBD	Jeff Granillo	Bob Hubbs

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
11/25	Alice Ensley & Mary Hubbs	Alice Ensley	Art
12/2	Walter & Jeane Jones	Katie O'Gwin	Story

Monthly

Communion (December 2)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Julie Tharpe	November	Jeane Jones	Mary Hubbs
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Katie Scott, Jean Lowrey, & Michelle Lively	December	Mary Hubbs	Kathryn Sellers

Prayers

For Carl Rollins, brother of Roger Rollins, as he stays at Dalton Place;

For 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, with thanksgiving that the immunotherapy continues to fight her 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 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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