



FIRST
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CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 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.
- 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**.

Wi-Fi



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 welcome our newest members: **Pam Sinclair and Dave Robinson**
- The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** for today, December 9, immediately following worship to review Rev. Will Scott's terms of call.
- The **Christmas Pageant** will take place Sunday, December 16 during worship. You are then invited to a Congregational Lunch immediately following worship. There is no cost for the lunch, but reservations are required. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend.
- The **ladies of the church** are all invited to Annelle Scott's house on Thursday evening, December 20, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a little seasonal socializing. If you wish, you can bring a small appetizer to share, and we will enjoy a couple of hours of fun, fellowship and holiday spirit!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme'

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

Savior of the Nations, Come

attr. Ambrose of Milan
(4th Century)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! The young woman is with child;

She will call him Emmanuel, for God is with us.

Annelle Scott

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(from Isaiah 11:6)

The Mosteller Family

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

As the Lord has promised in days to come. . . .

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,

The leopard shall lie down with the kid,

The calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together,

And a little child shall lead them.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for Christ's coming again; keep us steadfast in hope; faithful in following; and attentive to your grace, that we would be prepared to receive your kingdom, as Christ comes again. Amen.

*HYMN 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Bereden Väg För Herran

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

God of Grace, this season we hear the voice of John and the call to repent and return to you. But we find it hard to turn aside from what

The Meaning of Advent:

"Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ's coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ's return.

Introit:

*Savior of the Nations,
Come, Virgin's Son, make
here Your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and
earth, That the Lord chose
such a birth.*

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

we are doing. We are uncomfortable waiting on you, so we go on our own way. We're susceptible to fads and spiritual fixes. We collect things and buy more. We hurry through life ignorant of the suffering of others. Forgive us, Lord, in your patient love. Give us your Spirit again to return us to ways of righteousness and paths of peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Kyrie from 'Advent Mass'

R. Lehman
(b. 1960)

(Organ)

Lord, have

mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. 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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LITANY OF PARTING

Congregation: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Away in a Manger

Mueller

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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

Luke 1:46-55

NRSV

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

E'en so Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

P. Manz
(1919-2009)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

NRSV

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be

Anthem:

*Peace be to you and grace
from him who freed us from
our sins, who loved us all
and shed his blood that we
might saved be.*

*Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
who was and is and is to
come; sing holy, holy, Lord!*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye
that dwell therein, rejoice on
earth, ye saints below, for
Christ is coming, is coming
soon, for Christ is coming
soon!*

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly
come, and night shall be no
more; they need no light nor
lamp nor sun, for Christ
will be their All!*

Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory:

Daughter of Zion, behold thy salvation cometh, the Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard, And ye shall have gladness of heart.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock.

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.

impossible with God.”³⁸ Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Journey of Mary”

Rev. Will Scott

***HYMN 101**

No Wind at the Window

Columille

Choir sings stanza 1

Choir and Congregation sing stanzas 2-4

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“Apostles’ Creed”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds

Is like to that above.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us as we pray,

Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Daughter of Zion

J.W. Clokey
(1890-1960)

*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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

*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

Chorale Prelude on 'Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her'

J. Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

Prayers

For Kelly Allgood, as she undergoes treatment;
For Greg George, as he undergoes treatment for kidney disease;
For Carl Rollins, brother of Roger Rollins, as he stays at Dalton Place;
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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 9

Congregational Meeting
11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 10

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.

Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 11

Labyrinth Open
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12

Saturday Sacks
11:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 16

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.

Fellowship
10:00 a.m.

Worship - Christmas
Pageant

10:30 a.m.

Congregational Lunch
11:30 a.m.

Session Meeting
12:30 p.m.

Monday, December 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, December 18

Labyrinth Open
5:00-7:00 p.m.

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Volunteer Schedule

Worship

Date	Lay Readers	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
12/9	Annelle Scott	Nathalie Sanders & Kaye Clark	John & Carin Mosteller	Flower Team	Jeff Granillo	Bob Hubbs
12/16	Carin Mosteller	Roy & Donna Cooper	Roger & Peggy Rollins	Flower Team	Jeff Granillo	Mike Sarkowski

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
12/9	Jo Beth Thompson & Nancy Rhine	Jo Beth Thompson	Pageant Rehearsal
12/16	Rob & Michelle Lively	Lilly Douglas	Movement

Monthly

Communion (December 24)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Fran Lewis	December	Mary Hubbs	Kathryn Sellers
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Henry Tharpe & Julie Tharpe, & Annelle Scott	January	Carin Mosteller	Nathalie Sanders



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