



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 13, 2019

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

- The youth are holding a service project in January called **“Operation Warm”**. They are accepting donations of hats, gloves, and blankets between January 6-20. All donated items will be delivered to the City of Refuge.
- There will be a **Church Guild Meeting** on Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Martin House. All are welcome.
- We will pack **Hygiene Kits for PDA** Tuesday, January 29 at 9:30 a.m. at The Gardens at Royal Oaks. First time participants are more than welcome to join in.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

PRELUDE

Am Waßerflüßen Babylon (By the rivers of Babylon), BWV 653 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

All That Hath Life and Breath R. Clausen
(b. 1953)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Robert Smalley

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,
the God of glory thunders.
The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of beginnings, in this new year we come to recommit ourselves to the way of Jesus Christ. Animate us by Christ's Spirit to hear good news; to share bread with the hungry; to bind up the brokenhearted; to follow in paths of peace; and to work for a just world.
Be with us in our worship as we sing and pray, read and listen.
Be with us as we go from here sharing in the baptism of Jesus Christ: the one who claims us in love, sends us in hope, and guides us in faith. Amen.

*HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty *Unser Herrscher*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

God of grace, in our days away from here we are distracted by many things—covered by work, submerged by the problems of the world, swamped in the realities of life. And so we forget you, we forget our neighbor, we forget to honor the life you have entrusted to us.

Forgive us, Lord. Cover us with your lovingkindness as we follow your baptismal way, serving others, serving you, as disciples of Jesus Christ, your beloved son. We pray in His name. Amen.

Baptismal Banner:

The banner today celebrates the baptism of the Lord with the words, "This is my Beloved in whom I am well pleased" found in Matt. 3:17. The shell is an ancient symbol for the water of baptism, and God's spirit and blessing are represented by the descending dove. Hand cut from paper, with clear beads depicting droplets of water, this is a style of banner-making by artist Ellen Phillips, Black Mountain, NC. Ellen created much larger pieces in the same style for our denomination's General Assembly last June.

Introit:

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia! Alleluia, praise Him! Praise Him, Alleluia!

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 29

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

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

H. Willan
(1880-1968)

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

Acts Scripture Lesson:

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might

receive the Holy Spirit

¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit

had not come upon

any of them; they had

only been baptized in

the name of the Lord

Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and

John laid their hands on

them, and they received

the Holy Spirit.

(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.")

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

Acts 8:14-17

NRSV

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalm 29

St. James Psalter

Refrain: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

Ascribe to the Lord you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.*

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf; and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. (Refrain)

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fires; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

(Refrain)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

NRSV

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"It's Not About You"

Rev. Will Scott

*HYMN 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Luke Scripture Lesson:

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Affirmation of Faith:

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.

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.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service?

Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept Robert Smalley, Tate O'Gwin, and Margaret Venable as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**STATEMENT TO THE ORDAINED*****HYMN 700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"Apostles' Creed"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER**THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

The Baptism of Christ

R. Aarons
(b. 1984)

Adam Stark, baritone

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form, like a dove. And a voice came down from heaven, "You are my Son, the beloved; With you I am well pleased."

*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 482

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

*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

Marche de Procession, op. 41 no. 5

A. Guilmant
(1837-1911)

PRAYERS

For the family of Carolyn Smith, as they mourn their loss;
For Charlie Carmichael, while he is being treated for throat cancer;
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 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, and for aging parents.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 14

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

Tuesday, January 15

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16

Church Guild Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 19

Session Retreat
9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 20

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
10:30 a.m.

Session Meeting

11:30 a.m.

Monday, January 21

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 22

Christian Ed Team Mtg
10:00 a.m.
Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23

Saturday Sacks
11:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 27

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
10:30 a.m.

Volunteer Schedule

Worship

Date	Lay Readers	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
1/13	Robert Smalley	Charlie & Mac Thomas	Roger & Peggy Rollins	Stephanie Whisenant	Jim Burran	TBD
1/20	Emma Lively	Kathy Bridges & Sue Spivey	Jack & Pam Partain	Becky Jolly	Jeff Granillo	Kim Epps

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
1/13	Tate & Katie O'Gwin	Alice Ensley	Music
1/20	Walter & Jeane Jones	Katie O'Gwin	Art

Monthly

Communion (February 3)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	TBD	January	Carin Mosteller	Nathalie Sanders
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Jo Beth Thompson, Mike Sarkowski, & Margaret Venable	February	Jodi Johnson	Becky Jolly



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