



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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Epiphany

Sunday, January 6, 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](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 (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](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

- After the Christmas festivities are over and the thrill of the New Year has passed, our Church Guild will meet at 10:00 a.m. on January 9 to **take down the greens** and pack up the holiday decorations. Any and all help is greatly appreciated!
- 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.

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

## PRELUDE

Variations on 'Puer Nobis Nascitur'

D. Lasky  
(b. 1957)

## 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

Annelle Scott

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of endless light, you sent a star rising from darkness, guiding seekers and sages, opening our world to the light of heaven. Let the splendor of your dawning light grow in us, in our worship, and in our world, until the whole creation shines with your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show your glory, shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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## Introit:

*Exultate Deo, adjutori, nostro.*

## Translation:

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

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Joy to the World

*Antioch*

Joy to the world the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE 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.**

*(At this point in the service, we invite preschool-aged children to follow their teachers to the second floor elementary classroom in the Martin House for "Worship and Play.")*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

NRSV

- <sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.
- <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant;

your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Out of the Orient Crystal Skies

arr. D. Pearson

*Out of the orient crystal skies a blazing star did shine,  
Showing the place where poorly lies a blessed babe divine,  
Born of a maid of royal blood whom angels called by name,  
A sacred rose which once did bud by grace of heavenly fame.*

*This shining star three kings did guide e'en from the farthest East,  
To Bethlehem where it betide this blessed babe did rest.  
Laid in a humble manger poor, betwixt an ox and ass,  
Whom these three kings did all adore as God's high pleasure was.*

*The wise bring their learning, the rich may bring their wealth;  
And some may bring their greatness, and some bring strength and health,  
We too would bring our treasure to offer to the king.  
We have no wealth or learning; what shall we pilgrims bring?*

*We'll bring him hearts that love him, we'll bring him thankful praise,  
And mortal daily striving to walk in holy ways:  
And these shall be the treasures we offer to the king,  
And these are gifts that even, the humblest soul may bring.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

NRSV

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

<sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“On Entering the House”

Rev. Will Scott

## \*HYMN 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

*Cranham*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“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.**

## THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

Improvisation on ‘Cranham’

T. Whisenant  
(b. 1997)

## \*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.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are You, God, faithful and strong. All Your works, the height and depth, echo the silent music of Your praise. In the beginning Your Word summoned light, night withdrew, and creation dawned. Then, as if ages had passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When at last the days had ripened and the earth was grown full in abundance, You created in Your image man and woman, the stewards of all creation. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing Your praise, and to celebrate the creation You made and called good:

*(All sing together)*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

All-holy God, how wonderful is the work of Your hands! Because sin rose up to leave a fault-line, even in the earth, You stepped forward to enter into a covenant of peace that can renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, You embraced a people as Yours, filling them with a longing for peace that will last, a justice that will never fail. Through countless generations Your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them You raised up Jesus, Your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though He Himself would suffer; He offered life to sinners, though death would hunt Him down. But with a love stronger than death, He opened wide His arms and surrendered His spirit.

Eternal God, let Your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine that we may have communion in the body and blood of Christ, and that in Him we may become one. Amen.\*\*

## The Great Thanksgiving:

The Great Thanksgiving is an ancient form of communion prayer that dates to the earliest days of the Church. Although it appears in different settings, it always contains a retelling of the “story” of salvation that we join as we partake in the life of Christ through the communion meal.

Excerpt from *Worshiping God Together: A Guide for Children and Their Parents*:

When we pray before the Lord’s Supper we do three things. First, we celebrate and give thanks for all the good things God has done for us. Second, we remember and give thanks for Jesus — how he lived, died, and rose again to save us and give us life. Third, we pray that the Holy Spirit will feed us through this meal, so that we can grow strong in faith and be faithful followers of Jesus.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*After the words of institution the pastor will invite the elders forward to prepare the communion. The congregation will sing the Congregational Response. After the Congregational Response the pastor will invite you to come forward to receive Communion.*



2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
he will give to all the faith - ful  
his own self for heaven - ly food.

### COMMUNION

*We invite you to come forward for communion via the nearest accessible main aisle and return to your seat the way you came. Communion is served by intinction. Tear a piece of bread from the loaf held by one elder, dip it in the cup held by another, and then, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Gluten-free wafers are available on the table.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

A Stable Lamp is Lighted

*Andujar*

Sung by the Choral Scholars

*A stable lamp is lighted  
whose glow shall wake the sky;  
the stars shall bend their voices,  
and every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry,  
and straw like gold shall shine;  
a barn shall harbour heaven,  
a stall become a sbrine.*

*Yet he shall be forsaken,  
and yielded up to die;  
the sky shall groan and darken,  
and every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry  
for gifts of love abused;  
God's blood upon the spearhead,  
God's blood again refused.*

*But now, as at the ending,  
the low is lifted high;  
the stars shall bend their voices,  
and every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry  
in praises of the child  
by whose descent among us  
the worlds are reconciled.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*Kings of Orient*

### \*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

In dir ist Freude

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, January 6

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Monday, January 7

Morning Prayers

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

Elder Evaluations

5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 8

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 9

Take Down the Greens

10:00 a.m.

Worship Team Mtg

5:00 p.m.

No Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, January 13

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

### 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.

## Volunteer Schedule

### Worship

| Date | Lay Readers   | Ushers                       | Open/Close            | Flowers             | Sound Board   | Deposit |
|------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------|
| 1/6  | Annelle Scott | Dave Robinson & Jodi Johnson | Steve & Carol Houston | Jeane Jones         | Jeff Granillo | TBD     |
| 1/13 | TBD           | TBD                          | Roger & Peggy Rollins | Stephanie Whisenant | Jeff Granillo | TBD     |

### Children

| Date | Children's Church           | Nursery (Asst.) | Joy Makers |
|------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1/6  | Katie Scott & Annelle Scott | Lilly Douglas   | Story      |
| 1/13 | Tate & Katie O'Gwin         | Alice Ensley    | Music      |

### Monthly

| Communion (January 6) |  | Congregational Care |                 | Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Prep                  | Becky Jolly  | January             | Carin Mosteller | Nathalie Sanders                      |
| Servers               | Rev. Will Scott, Sue Spivey, Fran Lewis, & Pam Partain | February            | Jodi Johnson    | Becky Jolly                           |

## 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;

For aging parents.

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