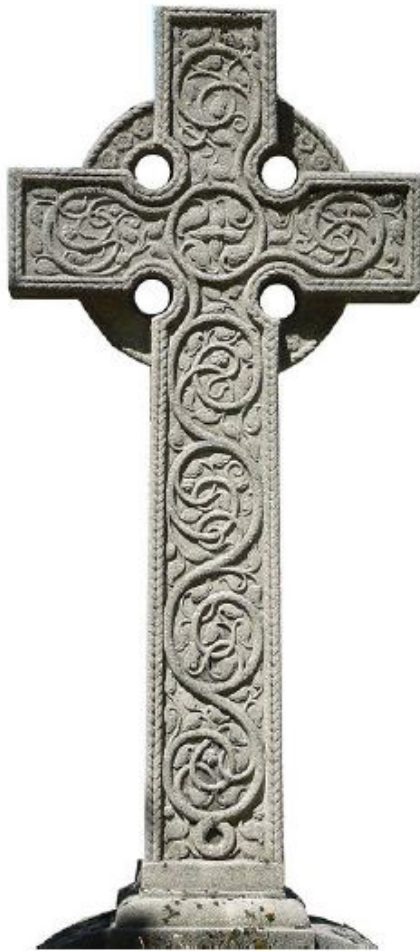




FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, February 24, 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**.

## 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

- As a Reformed church, Presbyterians approach Lent as a time to become more committed to practicing their faith rather than “giving up” something. To help us do that as a community of followers, Richard J. Foster's, *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*, will serve as our guide for growing in the Spirit during this **Lenten and Eastertide season**. Rev. Will Scott will begin the series at the Ash Wednesday service on March 6. The series will then continue during the Sunday School hour through Lent and into the season of Easter, meeting in Hollis Hall.
- The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately following worship today for the purpose of discussing the annual report.
- Please join us for the **Ash Wednesday Service**, Wednesday, March 6 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will worship in the Taizé style.

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019

## PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

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

O Sing Joyfully

A. Batten  
(1591-1637)

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Trust in the LORD, and do good;

**so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the LORD,

**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD;

**trust in him, and he will act.**

He will make your vindication shine like the light,

**and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD,

**and wait patiently for him.**

Sally Burran

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

As you cause the sun to rise, O God, bring the light of Christ to dawn

in our souls and dispel all darkness. Give us grace to reflect Christ's

glory; and let his love show in our deeds, his peace shine in our

words, and his healing in our touch, that all may give him praise, now

and forever. Amen.

## \*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

*Toulon*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

## Introit:

*O sing joyfully unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the song, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day. For this was made a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.*

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 37.

\*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

Luke 6:20-26

NRSV

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

*(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.”)*

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

God is Love

R. Proulx  
(1937-2010)

Cantor sings verses, congregation sings refrain



God is — love, and where true love is found, God is — al - ways there.

*Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.*

*Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.*

*Let us fear and love Him, holy God eternal.*

*Loving him, let each love Christ in one another. (Refrain)*

*When we Christians gather, members of one Body,*

*let there be in us no discord but on spirit.*

*Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.*

*Christ, our God, be always present here among us. (Refrain)*

*Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,*

*when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.*

*Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,*

*be out bliss while endless ages sing your praises. (Refrain)*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

NRSV

<sup>27</sup>”But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

<sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>”If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If

**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.

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you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“A Plain Declaration of Love”

Rev. Will Scott

## \*HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

*Wondrous Love*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Apostles’ Creed”

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

More Love to Thee, O Christ

M. Hayes  
(b. 1953)

## \*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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Hyfrydol*

## \*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

Prelude on 'Hyfrydol'

H. Willan  
(1880-1968)

## Volunteer Schedule

### Worship

Date	Lay Readers	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
2/24	Sally Burran	Bob Hubbs & Nathalie Sanders	Roy & Donna Cooper	Dave Robinson	Jeff Granillo	Bob Hubbs
3/3	Ian Lively	Kathy Bridges & Sue Spivey	Nancy Rhine & Kathryn Sellers	Joanne Lewis	Jeff Granillo	Mike Sarkowski

### Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
2/24	Alice Ensley & Mary Hubbs	Emma Lively	Movement
3/3	Katie Scott & Annelle Scott	Lilly Douglas	Story

### Monthly

Communion (March 3)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Scott DeLay	February	Jodi Johnson	Becky Jolly
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Jeff Granillo, Robert & Rachel Smalley	March	Becky Jolly	Fran Lewis

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, February 24**  
Annual Congregational Mtg  
11:30 a.m.  
Session Meeting  
11:45 a.m.

**Monday, February 25**  
Morning Prayers  
9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study  
10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 26**  
Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 27**  
Choir Rehearsal  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 3**  
Sunday School  
9:15 a.m.  
Fellowship  
10:00 a.m.  
Worship  
10:30 a.m.  
Youth Mardi Gras Party  
TBD

**Monday, March 4**  
Morning Prayers  
9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study  
10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, March 5**  
Staff Team Mtg  
5:00 p.m.  
Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 6**  
Saturday Sacks  
11:00 a.m.  
Ash Wednesday Service  
6:00 p.m.

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

## PRAYERS

For Lynda Eidson, wife of Rodger, recovering from a stroke;  
For Rev. John Hinkle, as he battles prostate cancer and prepares for his upcoming surgery;  
For expectant mother, Katie Scott;  
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, whose Multiple Systems Atrophy is 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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