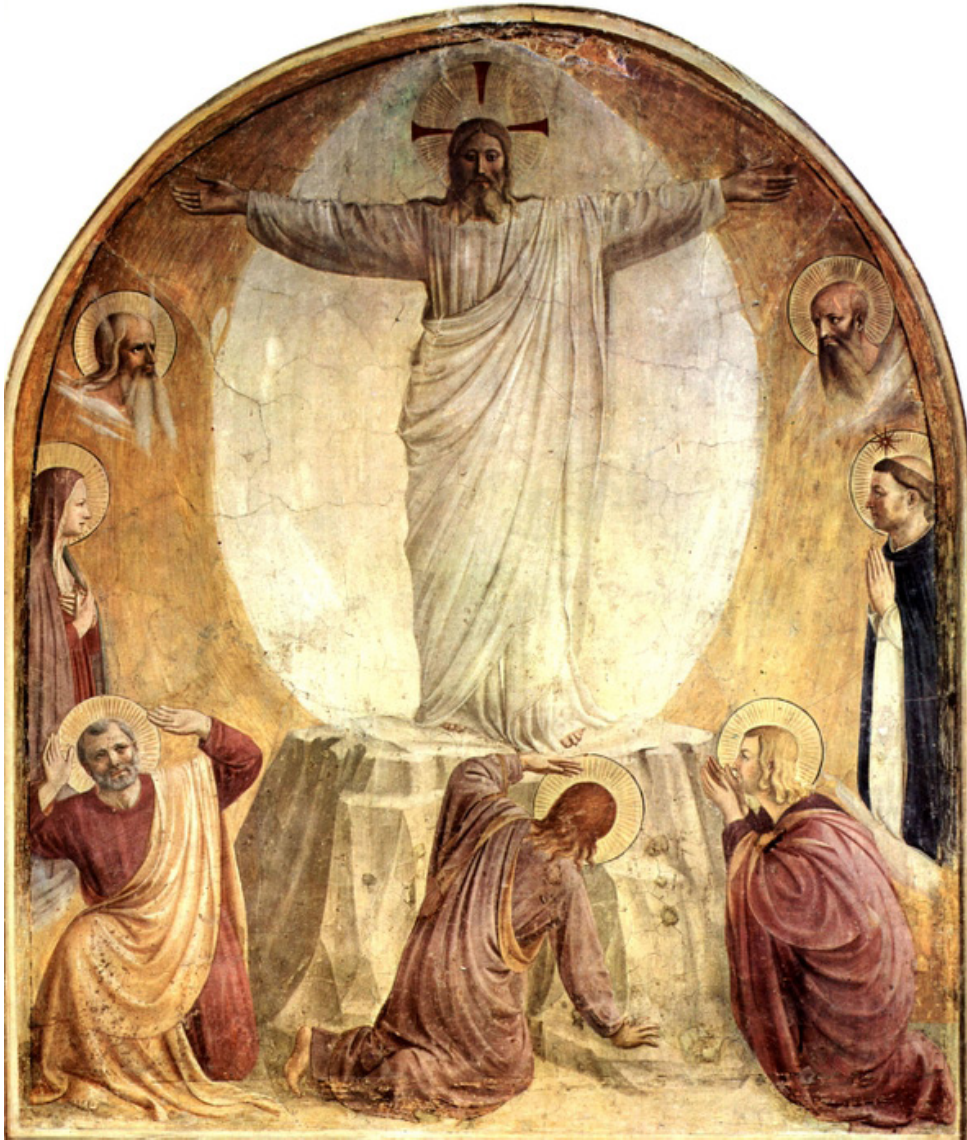




FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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The Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday, March 3, 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**.



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.
- 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.
- Please join us for the **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** on Sunday, March 10 immediately following worship in Hollis Hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the church office.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

PRELUDE

The Trumpet Shall Sound from 'Messiah'

G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Matt Soares, trumpet

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 Splendor of God's Glory Bright

R. Lehman
(b. 1960)

*O splendor of God's glory bright,
O Thou that bringest light from light;
O Light of light, light's living spring,
O day, all days illumining.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

Ian Lively

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 104.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Creator God, we are here because you have made us for worship. In our days away from here we wear different labels: from jobs, from families, from relationships. Here we know that we are created in your image, called to reflect your life in Jesus Christ. Give us the light of your love, that we would discover you here, and have the eyes to see you wherever you are, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

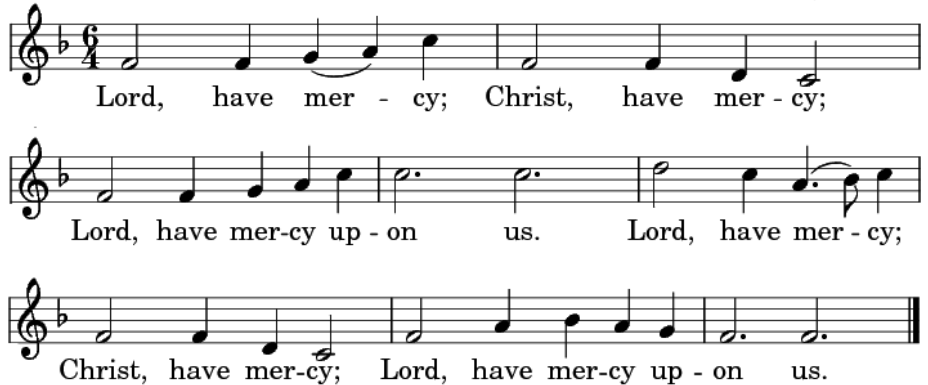
(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Forgive us for our sins. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

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

Exodus 34:29-35

NRSV

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

This Glimpse of Glory

D.A. White

(b. 1944)

*We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.*

*Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.*

*Light breaks in upon our darkness, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.*

*Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.*

*Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We like Pater find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

NRSV

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” — not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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SERMON

“God Talk Overshadowed”

Rev. Will Scott

*HYMN 189

O Wonderous Sign, O Vision Fair

Deo Gracias

*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

Holy is the True Light

W. Harris
(1883-1973)

*Holy is the True Light,
and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured
in the heat of the conflict.
From Christ they inherit
a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!*

*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, —
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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.

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.**

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.

Eat This Bread

J. Berthier
(1923-1994)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst." The melody is simple and congregational, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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

Improvisation on 'Deo Gracias'

T. Whisenant
(b. 1997)

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 817**

We Walk By and Not By Sight

Dunlap's Creek

***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, Fugue, and Chaconne in C Major, BuxWV 137

D. Buxtehude
(1637-1707)



Upcoming Events

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.

Thursday, March 7

Presbyterians at the Pub

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 10

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday

Fellowship Lunch

11:30 a.m.

Monday, March 11

Morning Prayers

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 12

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

Worship Team Meeting

5:00 p.m.

No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

Presbyterians at the Pub

5:00 p.m.

Volunteer Schedule

Worship

Date	Lay Readers	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
3/3	Ian Lively	Kathy Bridges & Sue Spivey	Nancy Rhine & Kathryn Sellers	Joanne Lewis	Jeff Granillo	Mike Sarkowski
3/10	Alice Ensley	Scott & Avalee DeLay	John & Carin Mosteller	Bobbie Anderson	Jeff Granillo	Mike Sarkowski

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
3/3	Katie Scott & Annelle Scott	Lilly Douglas	Story
3/10	Tate & Katie O'Gwin	Alice Ensley	Music

Monthly

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

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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