



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 17, 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**.

Announcements

- Please welcome our **guest organist** today, Dan Rineer.
- Often considered the “church’s bedtime prayers,” **Compline** offers rest and completion for the end of the day. The service originates as the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer. Through the chanting of prayers and scripture, the talented Chamber Choir layers resplendent monophony and polyphony with historic texts. Ecumenical in nature and lasting less than 30 minutes, the service provides gatherers with a poignant backdrop for prayer and reflection. Experience the beauty of holiness on Sunday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Calling all Dalton First Presbyterians: We have created a **Facebook Group** to serve as an electronic gathering spot where we can continue our fellowship and conversation beyond Sunday morning worship service. Join us at **FPC Dalton Connect** on Facebook. We will use the group to deepen Sunday School and Bible Study discussions as well as share matters of mutual interest among our faith community. We hope to use this resource to nurture spiritual growth and community among our congregation and friends.
- 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**. Meeting in Hollis Hall, come join the journey each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

PRELUDE

“Nettleton” (Sinner’s Call)

G. Hancock
(1934-2012)

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

Call to Remembrance

R. Farrant
(1530-1580)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering,

you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Henry Tharpe

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you make all things new. United by his Spirit, breathe life into our worship; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace; the longing of our hearts by the warmth of your love; the stumbling of our imagination by the light of your word. Mold our lives into the image of Jesus Christ: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Merciful God, you created us to discover your love and share it freely with all people. In Jesus Christ you call us to work as your disciples: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Yet we do not live as you have called us. We hoard your gifts, neglect your justice, refuse your love. We do what is convenient for us, even when it harms others. In your great love, drive out our sin. Open our hearts to your overwhelming mercy that we may live as you created us to be, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Introit:

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy : and thy loving-kindness, which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 51.

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

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

M. McCarthy
(b. 1966)

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of three systems of music. Each system has two staves: the top staff is for the Cantor and the bottom staff is for the Congregation. The music is written in a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lo - rd, have mer - cy. Lo - rd, have mer - cy." (first system), "Chr - ist, have mer - cy. Chr - ist, have mer - cy." (second system), and "Lo - rd, have mer - cy on us. Lo - rd, have mer - cy on us." (third system). The score includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

**Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.**

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

Philippians 3:17-4:1

NRSV

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord

(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.")

Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

At the Name of Jesus

C. Berry
(b. 1949)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

NRSV

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Fox in the Henhouse”

Rev. Will Scott

*HYMN 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Antthem:

Jesus, though He was god, did not cling to His rights as God, but laid aside His mighty power, His mighty power and glory, taking the form of a servant, and becoming like men.

He humbled Himself, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, Even death on the cross.

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

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 Offertory is based on "Pleading Savior" from the *Christian Lyre*, 1831.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Our Divine Companion

R. Hebble
(b. 1934)

***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 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

***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.

There will be no postlude during the season of Lent.

Please leave the church in a spirit of peace.

Volunteer Schedule

Worship

Date	Lay Readers	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
3/17	Henry Tharpe	Trammell & Annelle Scott	Ted & Stephanie Hogshead	Becky Jolly	Jeff Granillo	Peggy Rollins
3/24	Alice Ensley	TBD	Jack & Pam Partain	Kathryn Sellers	Jeff Granillo	Julie Tharpe

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
3/17	Watler & Jeane Jones	Katie O'Gwin	Art
3/24	Katie Scott & Nancy Rhine	Katie Scott	Movement

Monthly

Communion (April 7)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Jeane Jones	March	Becky Jolly	Fran Lewis
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Coy Temples, Sally Burran, & Roy Cooper	April	Peggy Rollins	Peggy Rollins

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 18

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.
Bible Study
10:00 a.m.
Book of the Month Club
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 19

Packing Hygiene Kits
9:30 a.m.
Worship Team Meeting
5:00 p.m.
Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Saturday Sacks
11:00 a.m.
Missions Team Meeting
5:45 p.m.

March 20-21

Rev. Will Scott out of the office

Thursday, March 21

Presbyterians at the Pub
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
10:30 a.m.
Session Meeting
11:45 a.m.
Compline
7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 25

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.
Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 26

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

For Chris Townley, former moderator of the Presbytery, as he battles brain cancer;
For Alice Ensley, as she recovers from back surgery;
For Lynda Eidson, wife of Rodger, recovering from a stroke;
For Rev. John Hinkle, as he battles prostate cancer;
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 Rev. Joel Avis, in his work as Cherokee Presbytery Stated Clerk;
For caregivers;
For aging parents.



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