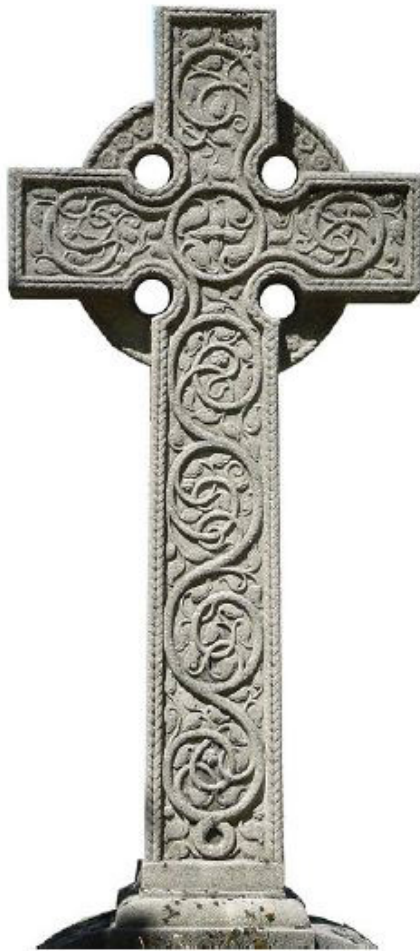




FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 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.
- 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

- 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 tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Quilting is the process of creating something as an expression of love for family. In our community of faith we are also sewn together to be an expression of love passed throughout the generations of God's people. The Liturgical Arts Team invites you to share your quilts with us new or old for the 2019 Spring Art Colletion entitled **“Quilted Together” [sewn in love + knitted in community]**. Please submit to the church office by Wednesday, April 10. First preference given to quilts with hanging pockets on the back. Please contact Katie Scott if you have any questions.
- 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 24, 2019

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "See the Lord of Life and Light"

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

Nolo Mortem Peccatoris

T. Morley
(1557-1602)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are my God, I seek you,

my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life,

my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads; let our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches; and fill our lives with the life that is Christ within us. Sharing in the same Spirit, bind our hearts as one in worship and praise.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O Quanta Qualia

Introit:

*Nolo mortem peccatoris;
Haec sunt verba Salvatoris.
Father I am thine only
Son, sent down from heav'n
mankind to save.
Father, all things fulfilled
and done according to thy
will, I have.
Father, my will now all is
this: Nolo mortem
peccatoris.*

The Call to Worship is
from Psalm 63.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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 on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

System 1:
Cantor: Lo - rd, have mer - cy.
Congregation: Lo - rd, have mer - cy.

System 2:
Cantor: Chr - ist, have mer - cy.
Congregation: Chr - ist, have mer - cy.

System 3:
Cantor: Lo - rd, have mer - cy on us.
Congregation: Lo - rd, have mer - cy 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

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

(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.")

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-9

NRSV

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

S. Pilkington

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

NRSV

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but

Anthem:

*What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this,
O my soul! What wondrous
love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to
bear the dreadful curse for
my soul.*

*What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this,
O my soul! What wondrous
love is this
that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul, to
lay aside his crown for my
soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I
will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I
will sing; to God and to the
Lamb
who is the great I AM, while
millions join the theme
I will sing, I will sing; while
millions join the theme I will
sing.*

*And when from death I'm
free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm
free, I'll sing on; and when
from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be, and
through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and
through eternity, I'll sing on.*

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.

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.

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unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Figs and Figments”

Rev. Will Scott

***HYMN 739**

O for a Closer Walk with God

Caithness

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“Apostles’ Creed”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

None Other Lamb

arr. J. Roff
(1911-1993)

*None other Lamb, none other Name, none other Hope in heaven or earth or sea, none other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside Thee.
My faith burns low, my hope burns low, only my heart's desire cries out in me, by the deep thunder of its want and woe cries out to Thee.
Lord, Thou art Life though I be dead, Love's Fire Thou art, however cold I be: nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head, none home, but Thee. Amen.*

***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 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

***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
3/24	Alice Ensley	Julie Tharpe & Kathryn Sellers	Jack & Pam Partain	Kathryn Sellers	Jeff Granillo	Julie Tharpe
3/31	Scott DeLay	The Youth	Larry & Sharon Cooper	Dave Robinson	Jeff Granillo	Julie Tharpe

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
3/24	Katie Scott & Nancy Rhine	Katie Scott	Movement
3/31	Rob & Michelle Lively	Leanna Granillo	Bonus

Monthly

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 24

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.

Wednesday, March 27

Church Guild Meeting
5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

Presbyterians at the Pub
5:00 p.m.

March 28-April 4

Rev. Will Scott out of the office

Sunday, March 31

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

Monday, April 1

Connection Team Mtg
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Presbyterians at the Pub
5:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

For the family of Sally Wester, as they mourn their loss;
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 Jr., recovering from successful prostate 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 Rev. Joel Avis, in his work as Cherokee Presbytery Stated Clerk;
For caregivers;
For aging parents.



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