



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 21, 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

- Please welcome **today's instrumentalists**: Matt Soares - trumpet, Stephen Bearden - trumpet, Ellie Jenkins - horn, Allan Gilreath - trombone, and Ben Johnson - tuba.
- The Liturgical Arts Team is hosting our second collaborative congregational art exhibit called, **“Quilted Together” [sewn in love + knitted in community]**. Throughout Eastertide we encourage you to wander through the designated spaces of the church to enjoy the quilts and experience how art shapes our faith and evokes a deeper spiritual connection with our Creator.
- The **church office will be closed** tomorrow, April 22. Morning Prayers and Bible Study will resume on Monday, April 29.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

PRELUDE

Grand Chœur Dialogue

E. Gigout
(1844-1925)

Played by the organ and brass quintet

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

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. C. Wood
(1866-1926)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Houston

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. The Lord has risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The Lord is risen!

Alleluia!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ: in the joy of worship, in prayer and praise, in singing and rejoicing. Help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of life with you, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you have made.

Cover Art:

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Introit:

*This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this
morrow.*

*Had Christ, that once
was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day
prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

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

The communion quilt on display is a collaborative creation of the Liturgical Arts Team and the congregation this year in participation with the spring art exhibit: Quilted Together (sewn in love + knitted in community).

(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.")

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

NRSV

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens

and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered

or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever

in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,

and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,

and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,

or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it

an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
 23 They shall not labor in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord —
 and their descendants as well.
 24 Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent — its food shall be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain,
 says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Te Deum Laudamus

C.V. Stanford
 (1852-1924)

*We praise thee, O God we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
 All the earth doth worship thee the Father everlasting.
 To thee all Angels cry aloud the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
 To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
 The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
 The noble army of Martyrs praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world
 doth acknowledge thee; The Father of an infinite Majesty;
 Thine honourable, true and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
 Thou art the King of Glory O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
 When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death thou didst open the
 Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
 Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
 We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.
 O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up for ever.
 Day by day we magnify thee; And we worship thy Name ever world without end.
 Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us have mercy upon us.
 O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us as our trust is in thee.
 O Lord, in thee have I trusted let me never be confounded.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

NRSV

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the

Anthem Note:

In his first important setting of the Services, in B flat (1879), it is clear that Stanford is sweeping away the moribund approach of earlier Victorian composers and is establishing new expressive means through applying Brahmsian procedures in cyclical unity, thematic transformation and symphonic structure. The role of the accompanying organ is also heightened to superb effect. These tenets, subsequently enriched and developed with maturity, mark all the Services that followed.

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.

tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Going Home"

Rev. Will Scott

***HYMN 233**

The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"The Apostles' Creed"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in you mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Easter Anthem

W. Billings
(1746-1800)

*The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!
Now is Christ risen from the dead,
And become the first fruit of them that slept.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
And did he rise? And did he rise? Did he rise?
Hear it, ye nations! hear it O ye dead!
He rose, he rose, he rose, he rose,
He burst the bars of death,
And triumphed o'er the grave.*

*Then, then, then I rose,
Then I rose, then I rose,
Then first humanity triumphant
Past the crystal ports of light,*

*And seized eternal youth.
Men all immortal hail, hail, heaven,
All lavish of strange gifts to man,
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.*

*DOXOLOGY

Doxology with Alleluias

Last Uns Efrfeuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

*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

Toccata, Symphony no. 5

C-M. Widor
(1844-1937)

PRAYERS

For Pat Carlyle, friends of Mike and Priscilla Brown, as he battles pancreatic cancer;
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 lymphoma;
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 Alvis, in his work as Cherokee Presbytery Stated Clerk;
For caregivers;
For aging parents.

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 22

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 23

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24

Saturday Sacks

11:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 25

Presbyterians at the Pub

5:00 p.m.

Sunday April 28

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Session Meeting

11:45 a.m.

April 29

Morning Prayers

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

Book of the Month Club

10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

Presbyterians at the Pub

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 5

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Volunteer Schedule

Worship

Date	Lay Readers	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
4/21 Easter	Carol Houston	Roy & Donna Cooper	Roger & Peggy Rollins	Kaye Clark	Jeff Granillo	Peggy Rollins
4/28	Bob Hubbs	Jim & Sally Burran	Steve & Carol Houston	Stephanie Whisenant	Jeff Granillo	Bob Hubbs

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
4/21	Alice Ensley & Mary Hubbs	Lilly Douglas	Egg Hunt
4/28	Katie Scott & Annelle Scott	Alice Ensley	Movement

Monthly

Communion May 5		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Scott DeLay	April	Peggy Rollins	Peggy Rollins
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Tate O'Gwin, John Mosteller, & Turner Plunkett	May	Kathryn Sellers	Sue Neelly



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