



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, April 7, 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**.



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

- During April's **Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch** (April 14), the Youth are hosting **"Presbyterians Got Talent."** All ages and all talents are encouraged to participate. See the sign up sheet in the Commons if you are interested and you'll be contacted with additional information. Please RSVP to the church office if you would like to attend lunch.
- Don't forget to bring your **fresh flowers** to decorate the cross before worship this Easter Sunday, April 21. All ages are welcomed to participate!
- The Liturgical Arts Team invites you to share your quilts with us new or old for the 2019 Spring Art Collection 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.
- **Holy Week** begins next Sunday. Please join us for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday worship services.

# SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

## PRELUDE

Jesus, Lover of my Soul

J. Parry/G.Young  
(1841-1903)/(1919-1998)

## 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

Create in me a clean heart, O God

C. Mueller  
(1892-1982)

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
And renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from thy presence;  
And take not thy holy spirit from me.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Goins

The LORD has done great things for us,

**and we rejoiced.**

May those who sow in tears

**reap with shouts of joy.**

Those who go out weeping,

**bearing the seed for sowing,**

shall come home with shouts of joy,

**carrying their sheaves.**

The LORD has done great things for us,

**and we rejoiced.**

The Call to Worship is  
from Psalm 126.

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Holy God, you gather us into your house to hear a word of grace. By your Word, feed our hungry hearts and quench the thirst of our dry and weary souls. Let your love spring up within us, and so draw us deeper into the mystery of salvation we know in Jesus Christ: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

*Aberystwyth*

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

D. Reindorf  
(b. 1938)

Lo - rd, have mer - cy. Chri - st, have mer - cy. Lo - rd, have  
mer - cy. Lo - rd, have mer - cy.

## 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

### 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

NRSV

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Lead me, Lord, in Thy righteousness

S. Wesley  
(1810-1876)

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,  
Make Thy way plain before my face.*

*For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only,  
That makest me dwell in safety.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:1-8

NRSV

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and

the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"God is not practical"

Rev. Will Scott

## \*HYMN 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

*Repton*

## \*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

Victim Divine, Thy Grace We Claim

M. Vulpus  
(1570-1615)

### \*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.  
 san - na in the high - est, 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.

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

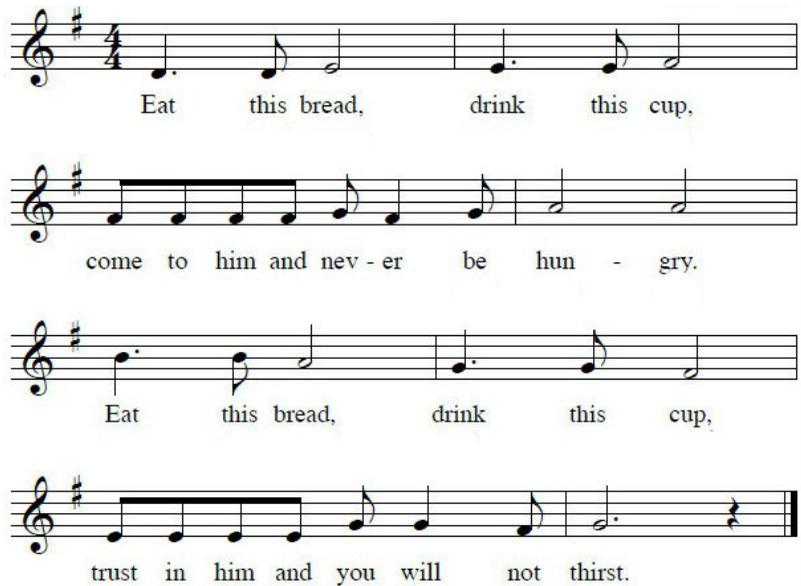
*After the words of institution the pastor will invite the elders forward to prepare the communion. The congregation will sing the Congregational Response. After the Congregational Response the pastor will invite you to come forward to receive Communion.*

### 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.



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.

## 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

O Bread of Life from Heaven

H. Isaak  
(1450-1517)

## 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 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*Amazing Grace*

### \*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.*

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## Volunteer Schedule

### Worship

Date	Lay Readers	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
4/7	Laura Goins	Bob & Mary Hubbs	Walter & Jeane Jones	Becky Jolly	Jeff Granillo	Bob Hubbs
4/14	Katie Scott	Kathy Bridges & Sue Spivey	John & Carin Mosteller	Dave Robinson	Jeff Granillo	TBD

### Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
4/7	Susan Bisson & Lilly Douglas	Alice Ensley	Story
4/14	Tate & Katie O'Gwin	Valerie George	Music

### Monthly

Communion (April 7)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Wesley Sanders	April	Peggy Rollins	Peggy Rollins
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Coy Temples, Sally Burran, & Roy Cooper	May	Kathryn Sellers	Sue Neely

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## Upcoming Events

### Monday, April 8

Morning Prayers

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, April 9

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 10

Saturday Sacks

11:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Thursday, April 11

Presbyterians at the Pub

5:00 p.m.

### Sunday, April 14

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday

Fellowship Lunch &

Talent Show

11:30 a.m.

### April 15

Morning Prayers

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

Missions Team Meeting

5:45 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 16

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 17

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday Service

6:00 p.m.

### Friday, April 19

Good Friday Service

Noon

## 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 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.

**NOTES:**



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