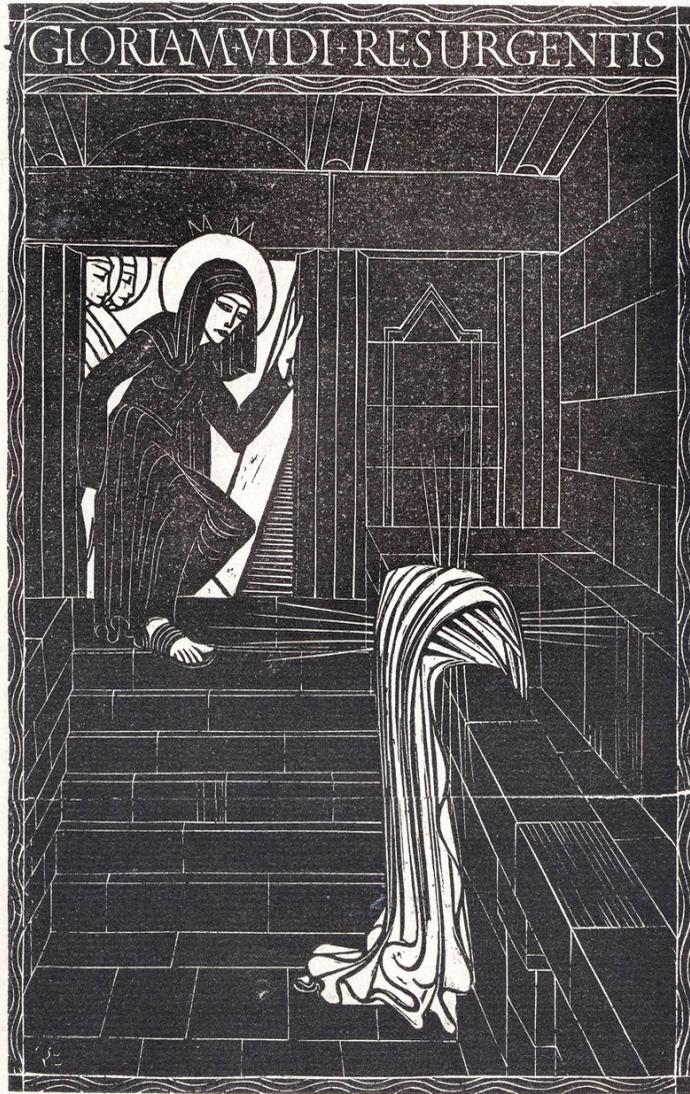




FIRST
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Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4, 2021

How to Connect

- We celebrate as we are now able to worship in the Sanctuary since the Covid-19 pandemic struck a year ago in 2020. Worship was re-designed to use Facebook Livestream. With very little notice, the Worship (Wesley Sanders, Chair) and Connection (Pam Partain, Chair) Teams, Clerk Hilliard Jolly, Pastor Will Scott, Music Director Trent Whisenant and Office Manager Erin Witt put the pieces together to deliver a service and bulletins on Facebook without our missing a single Sunday of worship! We will continue to offer the service on Facebook Livestream for now. See Announcements.
- Our Connection Team will continue to alert the congregation of news via Midweek News, our Facebook page, and our closed Facebook group, FPC Dalton Connect. I would encourage you to contact the church office if you would like information on how to take advantage of any of these resources.
- Session members will be in regular contact with every household in the church to offer support and uncover any congregational needs. Session members will be praying for the households under their care. Although pastoral and congregational care will look different in light of recommended contact precautions, know that I am available via email: wscott@fpcdalton.org and phone: 704.500.6323.
- 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. Please email the church office for the directory password.
- Regular team meetings will be held at the discretion of team chairs through videoconference. The office will be available for arranging technical support if necessary. Scheduling will take place through direct communication but will be posted to the newsletter.

Announcements

- The cross has been decorated with flowers! Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to **take family Easter pictures** with the flowered cross. Please only one family at a time to maintain social distancing as you take pictures. We would love if you posted your photos on our FPC Dalton Connect page or text them to Jean Lowrey at 706-271-5694 or email her at jlowrey@optilink.us.
- The **church office will be closed** Monday, April 5. Morning Prayers and Bible Study will resume, via Zoom, Monday, April 12.
- With the return of in-person worship, please remember that if you would like to be entered into each week's drawing, let the church office know by noon on the Thursday before worship. Until further notice, please contact the church office **each week** by calling 706-278-8161 or email: office@firstpresdalton.org.
- This month, **Presbyterians at the Pub** will be LIVE outside at the Jones's home pavilion on Thursday, April 8 from 5-6 p.m. Patrons should wear masks and should bring their own pub libation. The Joneses have plenty of seating, but those who want to can bring their own stadium chair. The venue is 600 Miller Street in Murray Hills; patrons should enter from the driveway side near the intersection of Miller and Maddox streets.
- The Connection Team has been busy creating a fun way for us to "get to know each other better" with a **biography project**. You should have received a letter and questionnaire in your mailbox and in the Midweek News. We'd also like an updated picture. Got your smile with you today? A member of the Connection Team will be on the walkway outside to take your picture. It's an easy and quick way to know each other better. See you out front after the service. We'll make it snappy!
- **Front porch visits** are back! Will will be available every Tuesday and Wednesday morning to meet— at the church, at a park, or on your front porch. Grab a mask and call the church or Will's cell (704) 500-6323 to catch up one of these times.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

PRELUDE

Seconda a Quattro

Gabrieli
(1557-1612)

Horn Quartet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

INTROIT

Truly, Truly this was the Son of God from *St. Matthew Passion*

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Evangelist: *Now when the captain and the others with him who were watching Jesus saw the earth quake and quiver and those things that were done, they trembled and feared and said:*

Chorus: *Truly, truly this was the Son of God!*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

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

Hymn 232 Note:

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

*HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,
our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.
who did once up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,
suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.

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

Gloria Patri

S. Selvidge Street



Glor - y be to God the Fath - er, and to the Son: and to the Hol - y Ghost; As it
7 was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be:
77 world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

NRSV

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hallelujah from Christ on the Mount of Olives

J. Beethoven
(1770-1826)

Hallelujah!

Mark Scripture:

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

NRSV

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

"What's Ahead of You"

Rev. Will Scott

***HYMN 233**

The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The 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

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THE OFFERTORY

Lullaby

E. Humperdinck
(1854-1921)

Horn Quartet

*DOXOLOGY

Doxology with Alleluias

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In every time and every age, O God, it is good to give you thanks: for your mercy is sure and your steadfast love endures forever. In your compassion you gave us Jesus Christ, who sets us free from death and leads us to life eternal.

And so, with all creation, with all needy and hungry ones; with those who have enough and plenty; with creatures great and small; with sun and moon and stars; with all your saints of every age, we praise your name:

Hymn 233 Note:

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

Offering Note:

Copy and paste the link under the Offertory onto your browser to easily submit your online offering.

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you Creator, who made all things and delivered us through the wilderness.

Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of all, who feeds and teaches, heals and forgives.

Blessed are you, O Spirit, divine presence, who breathes the life of God within us.

We praise you for all things, and for your gifts of bread and wine. Let your Spirit come upon us, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Feed us by grace, that we may follow you in resurrected life, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

Please remain in your seats for communion. The minister and an elder will serve you the elements where you are. We ask that you remove your mask and partake once the minister and elder have left your immediate area. Gluten free wafers are available by request.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Sinfonia

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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 238**

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is
2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

Hymn 238 Note:

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio Joshua and moved to Judas Maccabeus in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

***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**

People In the Wind

R.A. Howard
(b.1961)

Horn Quartet

Horn Quartet

Christine Pope, horn
Aaron Wilson, horn
Grace Wahlen, horn
River Lessig, horn

PRAYERS

For Nancy Estes, recovering from COVID-19 after a long stay in the hospital;
For Kristen Sanders, as she continues to struggle with ongoing complications of Crohn's disease;
For Paula Morrow, as she receives inpatient and outpatient treatment for Leukemia;
For Mary Kiker and family, as they mourn the loss of Dot Fletcher;
For Tanja Hunter, friend of Janice Sims, following a breast cancer diagnosis;
For Wright Paulk, brother of Peggy Rollins, as he recovers from his second surgery;
For Robby Parham, son of Emily Earle Parham, a friend of the Church, as he begins treatment for cancer;
For Claudia Rivers King, sister of Curtis Rivers, as she undergoes treatment for cancer;
For Kelly, Laura and Charles Allgood's daughter-in-law, as she resumes treatment for breast cancer;
For Shana Harris Masengill, daughter of Ron & Loretta Harris, as she battles a rare kind of cancer;
For Bob and Mary Hubbs' great niece Amanda's treatments, and her baby boy;
For teacher, students, parents, and school personnel;
For Karen, sister of Janice Sims, receiving treatment for an illness;
For Mark, a friend of James Hoskins, in the early stages of aggressive throat cancer;
For all who are impacted by the coronavirus pandemic;
For nurses, doctors, and healthcare workers;
For Pam Partain's friend, Elizabeth, a single mom of three boys, battling metastatic melanoma;
For Greg George, as he undergoes treatment for kidney disease;
For First Presbyterian Church of Cohutta;
For Martha Patton, sister of Patricia Rivers, as she recovers from a stroke in Atlanta;
For Johnnie Bakkum at Summit Place, Beaufort, South Carolina;
For Rev. Joel Alvis, in his work as Cherokee Presbytery Stated Clerk;
For caregivers and for aging parents.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 4

Easter Worship
FPC Front Lawn (& Facebook livestream)
10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 5

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 6

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
FPC Parlor
8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 8

Presbyterians at the Pub
Jones's Home
5-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 11

Worship
FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)
10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 12

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

Connection Team Mtg
via Zoom
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
FPC Parlor
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14

Missions Team Mtg
via link
5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 18

Worship
FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)
10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 19

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

Tuesday, April 20

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
FPC Parlor
8:00 p.m.



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