

DALTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 17, 2023



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come from?

Congregation: Help, my help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved. He who watches over you will not slumber;

Congregation: Indeed, the same God who watched over Israel is watching over us.

Leader: The Lord will keep you and watch over your life; both now and forevermore

All: The Lord is our helper and provider. Let us give him thanks and praise!

***HYMN OF ADORATION #140**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle's Creed

Leader: Let us unite in this historic profession of the Christian faith:

All: 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick [meaning *living*] and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic [meaning *universal*] church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI #70**

“Glory Be to the Father”

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children K-5th grade will be dismissed to attend Children's Church after Children's Moment.

Please pick up your child in their classroom on the third floor following the worship services.

Nursery available in room 149 for infant – Pre-K during the worship service.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION #526**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

PASTORAL PRAYER concluding with 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**"Total Praise"
arr. Williamson**

***DOXOLOGY #95**

**"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 hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen**

***SCRIPTURE READING**

James 1:2-3 (NIV)

**"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,
because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."**

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

**PLAYING HURT
Part 2 of the Message Series "It's a New Season"**

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***HYMN OF INVITATION #377**

"It is Well with My Soul"

***BENEDICTION**

Psalm 19:14 ESV

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer."

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION #159**

“Lift High the Cross”

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

***RECESSIONAL**

Rigaudon
Andre Campra

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in honor of Barbara and Allen Ward's
56th Wedding Anniversary by their family

Assisting in Worship:
Lay Reader: Bill Bowen



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We want to connect with you. Please remember to sign the pew pad.

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Prayer Concerns

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Sympathy to Sherry and Jim Patterson in the death of Jim's sister-in-law, Joan Patterson
Nancy LoGreco
Barbara Renz

Family Members in Military and Related Services (*new this week)

Caleb Carlson–National Guard–Stan & Sylvia Carlson's grandson
Steve Earwood–Afghanistan–David & Cindy Earwood's son
Jason Fleming–New Mexico–Steve & Jeanette Dunkle's son-in-law
Johnathan Gibbs– Ft. Gordon -George & Nancy Lo Greco's nephew
Tyler Gibbs- Ft. Stewart-George LoGreco's great nephew
Warren Brett Greensmith –Slovaki –Warren and Patti Coppedge's godson
Patrick McCormick–Japan–Bob & Betty McCormick's grandson
Andrew Osuch–Estonia–Dr. Dean Osuch's son

At Home

Shirley Castleberry Jean Cooke

Dalton Place

Barbara Hall Kathryn McGuire

Oaks at Dalton (Morningside)

Lisa Burton Carl Smith

Pleasant Valley

Martha Ann Robertson

Regency Park Health & Rehabilitation

David Norman

Royal Oaks

Virginia Abernathy Stan & Sylvia Carlson Jane and Charlie Clark Ben Walker

The Gardens at Royal Oaks

Jim Chamblee Kathryn Kelehear Bob McCormick Jim & Agnes Redfearn

Please contact Elizabeth [706-278-8494] with prayer request.

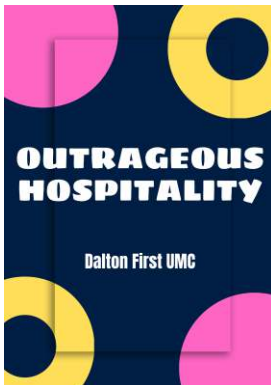
ANNOUNCEMENTS

A graphic announcement for 'Friends & Family Day' on Sunday, October 1st. The text is in orange and blue. It includes a QR code and a list of groups: Family, Friends, and Fellowship. The background features colorful bunting and stylized blue figures.

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY
SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!
RSVP



- FAMILY**
- FRIENDS**
- FELLOWSHIP**



GREETERS:

The Outrageous Hospitality committee is seeking caring, smiling volunteers of all ages (families welcome) to serve Sunday mornings for a few minutes before our Sunday morning “meet and greet” and/or the worship service. You may choose to greet once a month or more often! Prayerfully consider your role in this critically important committee and contact Elizabeth Avett or avett@optilink.us or Cindy Ray cray@mimms.com. Training to start in September!

Monday Morning Bible Study

DFUMC has long had a Monday Morning Bible Study for ladies in the community. That group has resumed meeting for the fall at 9:30am in the Parlor. We are studying Max Lucado’s “ In the Footsteps of the Savior”, led by Anne Walker, for the first six week session. The group will determine future studies. There is still time to join us. Email Anne Walker at awalker@optilink.us if you are interested.

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1. ALL PAIN HAS A _____.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (NIV)

**2. PAIN PRODUCES _____
OR _____.**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)*

*(Paul) "I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."
2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NIV)*

3. ALL PAIN IS _____.

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." Romans 8:18 (NIV)

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NIV)

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
John 16:33 (NIV)*

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13 (NIV)*