

# DALTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 14, 2024



ALL  
THINGS  
NEW

*Rev. Dr. Steven Usry*  
Senior Pastor

*Rev. Mark Miller*  
Associate Pastor

*Mr. Matthew Dean*  
Director of Music  
Ministries

*Mrs. Pam Radford*  
Organist

*Dr. Alan Nichols*  
Pianist

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

### VOLUNTARY

“How Great Thou Art”  
Dan Miller

### GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from* Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**People: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits:**

Leader: Who forgives all your sins and heals your diseases,

**People: Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

Leader: Who satisfies your desires with better things

**ALL: So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. Let us worship the God who makes us better!**

### \*HYMN OF ADORATION #365

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

### \*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”  
MEINEKE

**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**

Mrs. Hannah Harwood

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

**MISSIONS MOMENT**

Cassie and Alex Davidson

**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**

“How Deep the Father’s Love”  
arr. Larson

**\*DOXOLOGY #95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**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**

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

BETTER, NOT BITTER  
Part 2 of the Message Series "All Things New"

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**\*HYMN OF INVITATION #383**

"This is the Day of New Beginnings"

**\*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**

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"  
(Wesley/Mason)

*Assisting in Worship:*  
*Lay Reader:* Jim Patterson  
*Acolyte:* Jackson Hitchens

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

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## Prayer Concerns

### Sympathy to

The family of Mike Townsend

### New This Week

Bennieta Chappell

Barbara Ward's brother, Frank King

### Past Concerns

Linda Blackman's friend, Wanda Duke

Samantha and Matthew Dean's friend, Baby Ella

Merideth Kirby's father, Lee Higgins

### 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. Eisenhower -George & Nancy Lo Greco's nephew

Tyler Gibbs- Ft. Stewart-George LoGreco's great nephew

Warren Brett Greensmith –Fr. Campbell –Warren and Patti Coppedge's godson

Patrick McCormick–Japan–Bob & Betty McCormick's grandson

Andrew Osuch–Estonia–Dr. Dean Osuch's son

Sam Stuart-Army-Fort Carson- Joey & Kelly Stuart's son

### Dalton Place

Kathryn McGuire

### Oaks at Dalton (Morningside)

Lisa Burton

Joanne Kuster

Barbara Renz

Carl Smith

### Pleasant Valley

Martha Ann Robertson

### Regency Park

David Norman

### Royal Oaks

Virginia Abernathy

Stan & Sylvia Carlson

Jane and Charlie Clark

Helen Tuck

Ben Walker

### The Gardens at Royal Oaks

Jim Chamblee

Kathryn Kelehear

Bob McCormick

Jim Redfearn

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Vision Night

Thank you to all who attended Vision Night. We are excited for what is ahead in 2024!

If you were not able to attend but would like more information, come by the church and pick up a newspaper.



Wonderful Wednesdays are in full swing. Rev. Mark Miller will lead the Adult Chapel Bible Study: "FRIEND or FRENEMY?"

Join him on this six-week journey through Galatians. Learn the backstory of Paul's relationship with Peter and dive deep on what was happening to the church in Galatia. All are welcome!

There are still a few spots left in Pastor Steven's Men's Bible Study "Mission Possible"

Check the Winter/Spring 2024 catalog or the website for a full list of activities.

You can also scan the QR code above.



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Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

**Will you choose to be bitter or better?**

*"Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him... Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and Israel said to Joseph, 'As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them'... So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. 'Here comes that dreamer!' they said to each other. 'Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams'... So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the richly ornamented robe he was wearing—and they took him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it... So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt... Then they got Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. They took the ornamented robe back to their father and said, 'We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe.' He recognized it and said, 'It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces'... Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard." Genesis 37 (NIV)*

**1. WHEN IT COMES TO BITTERNESS, AN OUNCE  
OF \_\_\_\_\_ IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE.**

*"Father... forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."*  
Luke 11:4 (NIV)

**2. RECOGNIZE THE THREE WAYS BITTERNESS CAN TAKE ROOT:**

- Bitterness towards \_\_\_\_\_
- Bitterness against \_\_\_\_\_
- Bitterness directed towards \_\_\_\_\_

*"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20 (NIV)*

**3. BITTERNESS ALWAYS BRINGS \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up..." Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)*

*"Do not give the devil a foothold." Ephesians 4:27 (NIV)*

**4. JESUS CAN GIVE YOU THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."  
Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV)*



# Celebrating Missions

## At DFUMC



"Each of you should use **whatever gift you have received** to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its varied form."

1 Peter 4:10

### Missions in Action: Immediate Serving Opportunities



#### Wednesdays from 1-3pm

City of Refuge is seeking individuals to serve on their campus on Wednesdays from 1-3pm. These individuals will assist at the front desk and in the food bank. If you are available to serve in this capacity, please contact Merrilyl Calfee at [merrilylcalfee@cityofrefugedalton.org](mailto:merrilylcalfee@cityofrefugedalton.org) or 706-226-1301.



#### M, W & F from 9am-Noon. In person or remote!

DOC-UP is seeking individuals to help conduct interviews on Monday, Wednesday, and/or Friday mornings from 9am-Noon. This opportunity is available to do in person at the DOC-UP office (114 S. Hamilton), or remotely by telephone. If you are interested in helping serve the community in this way, please contact Amber Cobb at [docup.dalton@gmail.com](mailto:docup.dalton@gmail.com).

## You're Invited!

The DFUMC Missions Committee invites you to join us at the events below to learn more about missions and celebrate what God is doing through our church.

#### » Missions Partner Fair

**Sunday, January 28 - February 4**

Plan to spend a few minutes walking around the Atrium to get to know our mission partners better and learn how you can get plugged in with each one!

#### » Hygiene Bag Packing Event

**Wednesday, January 31**

All are welcome to join us in the gym from 5:45 - 7pm to help pack hygiene bags for those in need in our community.

#### » Be the Church Event

**Saturday, February 3**

Join us from 9am-Noon at City Park Elementary School for a morning of service to our community. This family friendly service event will include opportunities for all ages and physical abilities. We hope you can come!

#### » Missions Matchup Mixer

**Sunday, February 4**

Join us for a fun morning of getting to know DFUMC mission partners first hand and brainstorm ways we can further engage this year. This event will take place from 9:45am-10:45am in Famber Hall. You do not want to miss this!!

Scan to RSVP for  
all Missions  
Celebration  
Events Today!



Questions? Please email Missions Liaison, Mandy Brindle, at [mandy@daltonfumc.com](mailto:mandy@daltonfumc.com).