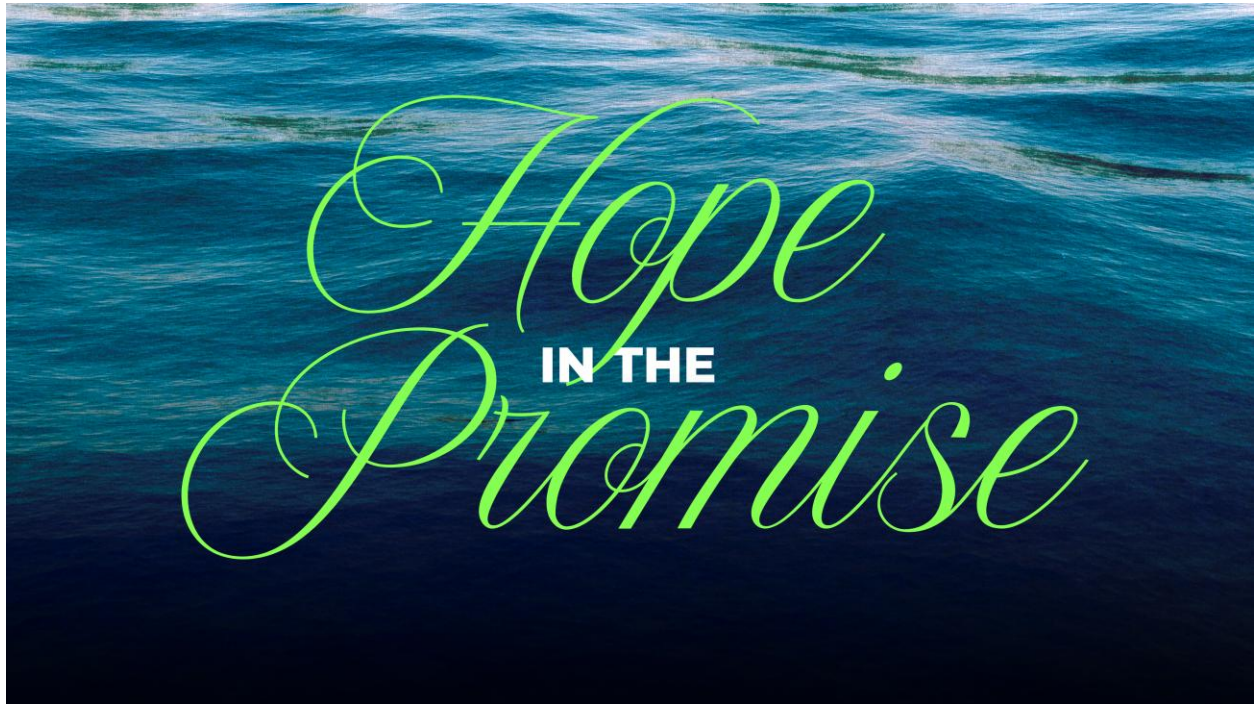


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September 20, 2026



OUR MISSION:

“Making disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world”

Order of Service

Sunday, September 20, 2026 11:00 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to Dalton First!
We are so glad you've
joined us today for worship.*

Opening Voluntary

*"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"
"How Firm a Foundation"*

Dr. Alan Nichols

*If you are new here, we are
so honored to have you.
We invite you to stop by our
Welcome Center located in
the Atrium or Narthex to
receive our thank you gift
for your attendance today!*

Welcome & Chiming of the Hour

Kate Orr

*Call to Worship

#467 "Trust and Obey" v.1

Matthew Dean

*You are invited to stand in
body or spirit for items
marked with an * and speak
aloud items marked in
bold print.*

*Opening Hymn

#139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Matthew Dean

*Lighting of the Candles

Acolytes

*The lighting of the candles
reflects the "coming in" of
the Holy Spirit. We are
blessed by God's presence
every Sunday morning.*

*Affirmation of Faith

#881 "The Apostles' Creed"

Liturgist

*We always take a moment
to claim what we believe.
You are invited to join us as
we proclaim our 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 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 and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

#70 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.**

*As we pass the peace, take
time to check in, fellowship,
and meet a new friend!*

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Don Landen

Children's Moment

Erin Smith

*All children (PreK-5th
grade) are invited to our
11:00 Children's Church on
the second floor. Please
pick up your child at the
Family Ministries Welcome
Center after the service.*

*Hymn of Preparation

#116 "The God of Abraham Praise"

Matthew Dean

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Don Landen

**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.**

*We invite you to worship
through giving by placing
your gift in the offering
plate, by scanning the QR
code below with your
phone, or by texting
DFUMC to 73256.*



*Today's offering will further
God's Kingdom and support
the mission of Dalton First.
We encourage you to be
generous and faithful!*

Generosity Matters: Capital Campaign

Rev. Don Gotham

Offertory Anthem

"We Are the World"

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

**#94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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.**

Matthew Dean

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Don Landen

Scripture Reading

Liturgist

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

A message outline is provided for you. Please turn in your worship guide to the last page. We encourage you to take notes during the message.

Message

"A Good Ancestor"

Rev. Don Landen

*Closing Hymn

#399 "Take My Life, and Let it Be"

Matthew Dean

*Benediction

Rev. Don Landen

*Special thanks to our
acolytes for helping us
usher the light of Christ
into the world.*

*Response to Benediction

#159 "Lift High the Cross" (refrain)

**Lift high the cross;
The love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore
His sacred name.**

*We hope you have a
wonderful week! If you are
new here at Dalton First we
invite you to stop by one of
our welcome centers and
pick up a gift as you leave.*

Recessional

"Postlude on 'Darwall'"

Zach Gibson

The altar flowers today are in honor of Barbara & Allen Ward's 59th wedding anniversary.

Service Participants:

Rev. Don Landen, Senior Pastor
Matthew Dean, Director of Music Ministries
Mat Napp, Director of Modern Worship
Erin Smith, Interim Director of Family Ministries
Rev. Don Gotham, Director of Finance
Ansley Crabtree, Liturgist
Kate Orr, Host
Allie Claire Coon, Acolyte

Dr. Alan Nichols, Pianist
Zach Gibson, Organist
Miller Jones, Audio/Visual
Ross Phillips, Audio/Visual
Jason Oxley, Audio/Visual
Chris Rehberg, Usher
James Ross, Usher
Kelly & Jeff Coon, Hospitality

Music:

"Jesus. Lover of My Soul"
"How Firm a Foundation"
"We Are the World"
"Postlude on 'Darwall'"

Martin (arr. Nichols)
Traditional Welsh melody (arr. Nichols)
(arr. Roger Emerson)
DARWALL (arr. Paul Fey)

PRAYER CONCERNS

New This Week:

Maria Munguia, Yesica Munguia's mother

Past Concerns:

Alice Hairrell, Ronnie McClurg's friend

Alex Ware, Erin Ingersoll's friend

Bitsy McFarland

Mike Broadrick

Vann Roberts

Kim Tucker, Laura Gotham's friend

Richard Coker, Jan Roberts' friend

David Painter, Doug Renz's friend

Margaret Crow

Chuck Blessing, Chris Blessing's cousin

Jerry Hayes, Dee Goodwin's uncle

Susan Reams

Wendy Thomas, Ted Smith's niece

Dana & Johnny Bray, Dee Goodwin's friends

Hollon Kohtz, Jan Roberts' friend

Dana Easley

Vernon Jackson, Jennifer Blessing's father

Linda Jones, Tiffany Martin's mother

Family Members in Military and Related Services

Caleb Carlson - National Guard - Sylvia Carlson's grandson

Edgar Hernandez – US Marine Corps - Bridgeport, CA – Rod McClain's friend

Patrick McCormick - Taiwan - Bob McCormick's grandson

Sam Stuart - Army – Fort Lee (Richmond, VA) - Kelly & Joey Stuart's son

Thomas Bruce Yandle IV - US Navy - Guam - USS Tripoli - Nancy & James Ross's nephew

Dalton Square

Kathryn McGuire

Vann Roberts

The Gardens at Royal Oaks

Bob McCormick

Ronnie McClurg

Life Care Center of East Ridge

Jim Chamblee

The Retreat

Lisa Burton

Barbara Renz

Regency Park

David Norman

Walnut Creek

Carl Smith

Elizabeth Arnold

Royal Oaks

Virginia Abernathy

Peggy Allen

Donna Barclay

Sylvia Carlson

Jane Clark

Ben Walker

Betty Wright

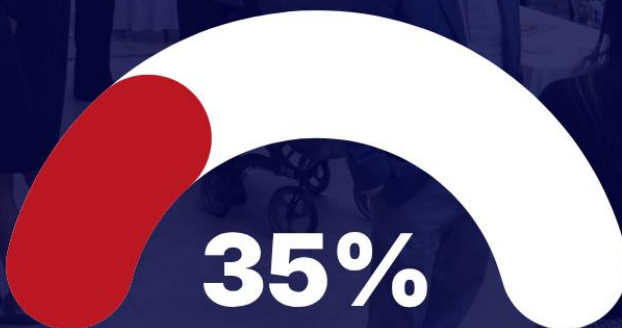
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*Calculation as of print time, Thursday, Sept. 17.

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SANCTUARY

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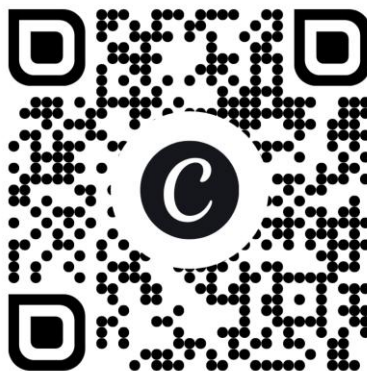
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