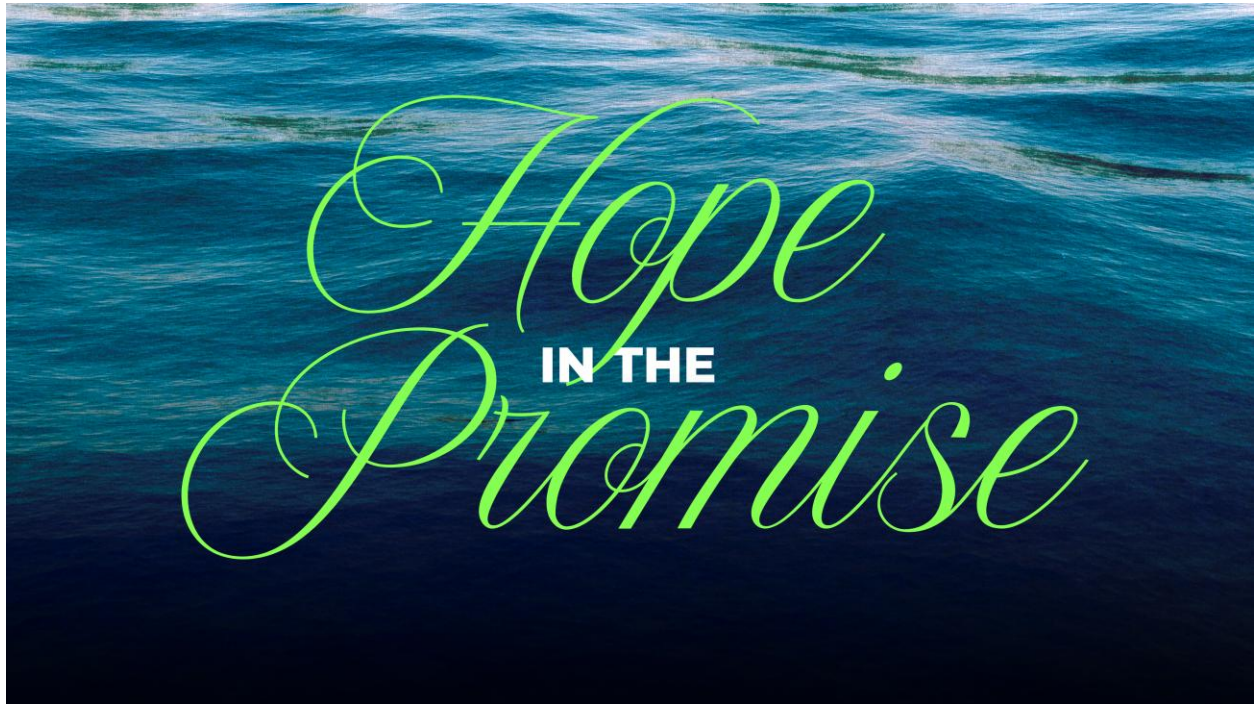


Dalton First United Methodist Church

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September 27, 2026



OUR MISSION:
“Making disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world”

Order of Service

Sunday, September 27, 2026 11:00 am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*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!*

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

Opening Voluntary

*"Choral Prelude on 'York'"
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"This is My Father's World"*

Zach Gibson

Welcome & Chiming of the Hour

Rev. Don Landen

*Call to Worship

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Liturgist

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
all ye lands.

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness;
come before his presence
with singing.**

Leader: Know ye that the Lord, he is God;

**People: It is he that that made us, and not
we ourselves; we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter into his gates with
thanksgiving, and into his courts
with praise;

**People: Be thankful unto him,
and bless his name.**

**ALL: For the Lord is good; his mercies
are everlasting and his truth
endures to all generations.
Let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

#529 "How Firm a Foundation"

Matthew Dean

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

*Lighting of the Candles

Acolytes

*We always take a moment
to claim what we believe.
You are invited to join us as
we proclaim our faith.*

*Affirmation of Faith

Liturgist

#881 "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 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

*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.*

Children's Moment

Erin Smith

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Don Landen

*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!*

**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

"The Ground"

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

**#94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Matthew Dean

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Don Landen

Scripture Reading

Genesis 39:1-23

Liturgist

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake;

the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care because the Lord was with him, and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

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

"From the Pit to the Palace"

Rev. Don Landen

*Closing Hymn

#381 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Dr. Alan Nichols

The altar flowers today are given in honor of Jackie Pope's 95th birthday by her family.

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
Linda Adams, Liturgist
Parker Bock, Acolyte
Vivian Ward, Acolyte

Dr. Alan Nichols, Pianist
Zach Gibson, Organist
Mark Orr, Audio/Visual
Ross Phillips, Audio/Visual
Kelly & Jeff Coon, Ushers
Steve Williams, Hospitality
Lucy Griffin, Hospitality
Lydia & Tom Bartley, Hospitality

Music:

"Choral Prelude on 'York'"
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"This is My Father's World"
"The Ground"
"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

(arr. Douglas Wagner)
NICEA (arr. Jerry Ray)
TERRA BEATA (arr. Jason Payne)
Ola Gjello
Allen/Crosby (arr. Nichols)

PRAYER CONCERNS

New This Week:

Hutton James Hall, Jan Roberts' family member

Past Concerns:

Maria Munguia, Yesica Munguia's mother
Alice Hairrell, Ronnie McClurg's friend
Alex Ware, Erin Ingersoll's friend
Bitsy McFarland
Mike Broadrick
Kim Tucker, Laura Gotham's friend
David Painter, Doug Renz's friend
Margaret Crow
Chuck Blessing, Chris Blessing's cousin
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 JBER - Anchorage Alaska - 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

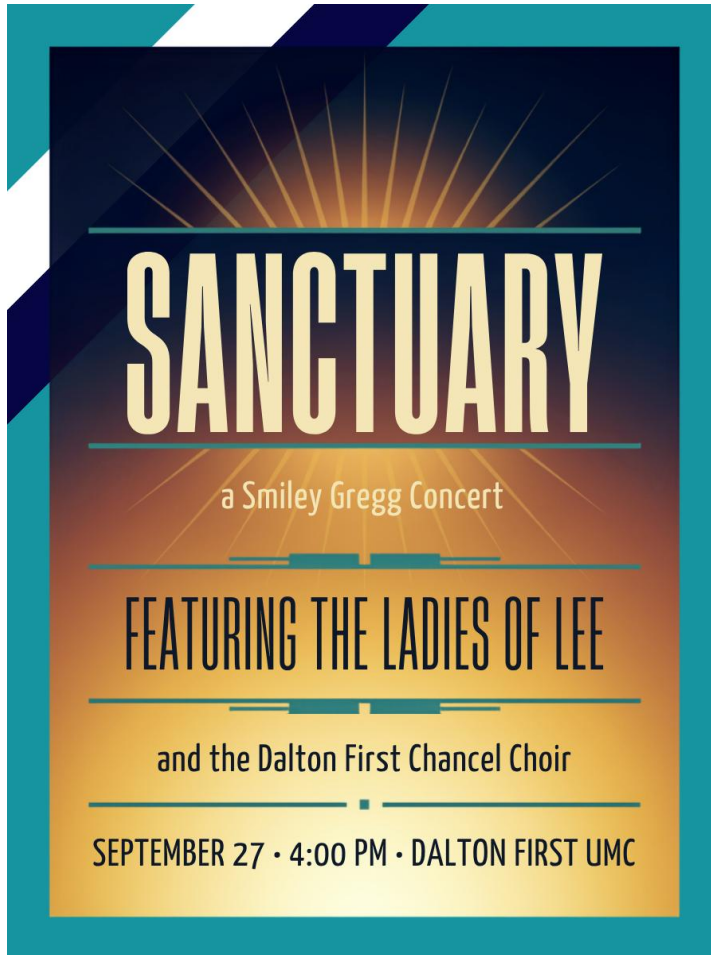
Carl Smith
Elizabeth Arnold

Royal Oaks

Virginia Abernathy
Peggy Allen
Donna Barclay
Sylvia Carlson
Jane Clark
Ben Walker
Betty Wright

If you have a prayer request, please contact Carey at 706-278-8494 or carey@daltonfumc.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A poster for a concert titled "SANCTUARY". The background is a gradient of dark blue at the top, transitioning through orange and yellow to a light yellow at the bottom. A sunburst graphic is at the top. The text is centered and separated by horizontal lines.

SANCTUARY

a Smiley Gregg Concert

FEATURING THE LADIES OF LEE

and the Dalton First Chancel Choir

SEPTEMBER 27 • 4:00 PM • DALTON FIRST UMC

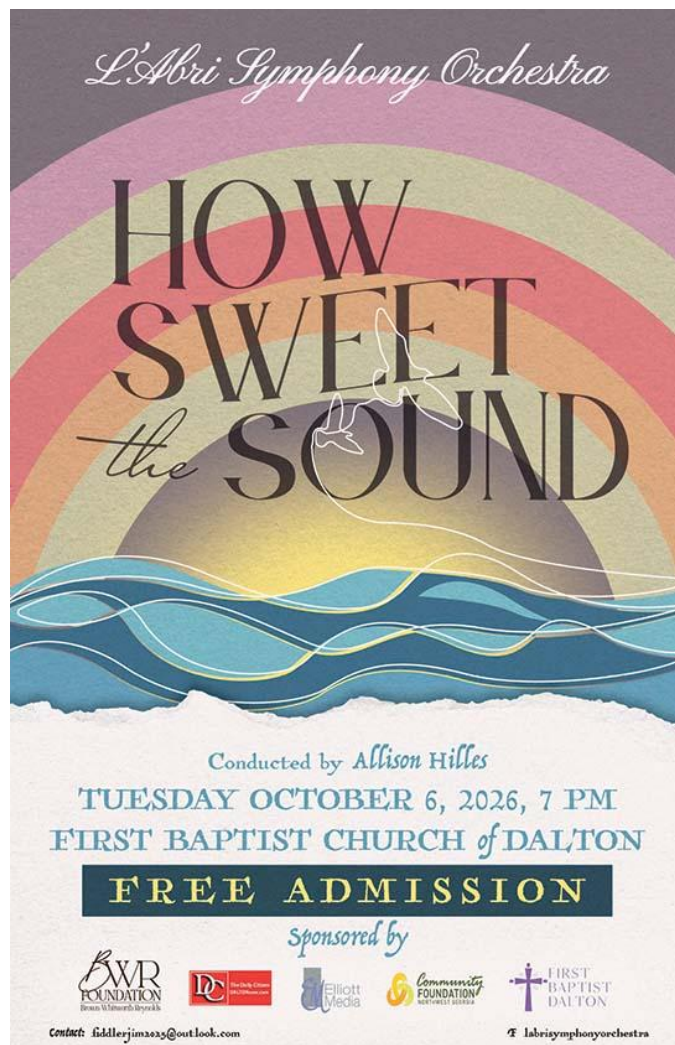
A poster for a youth retreat titled "ROOTED". The background is light purple. A large, stylized green tree with many roots is the central graphic. The text is overlaid on the tree. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

ROOTED NOV 6-8
YOUTH RETREAT 2026

The North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church

REGISTER HERE:







On October 4th, we will begin our annual stewardship campaign, which we are calling
"There's No Place Like Dalton First."



FROM THE PIT TO THE PALACE

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*Don Landen
Senior Pastor*

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