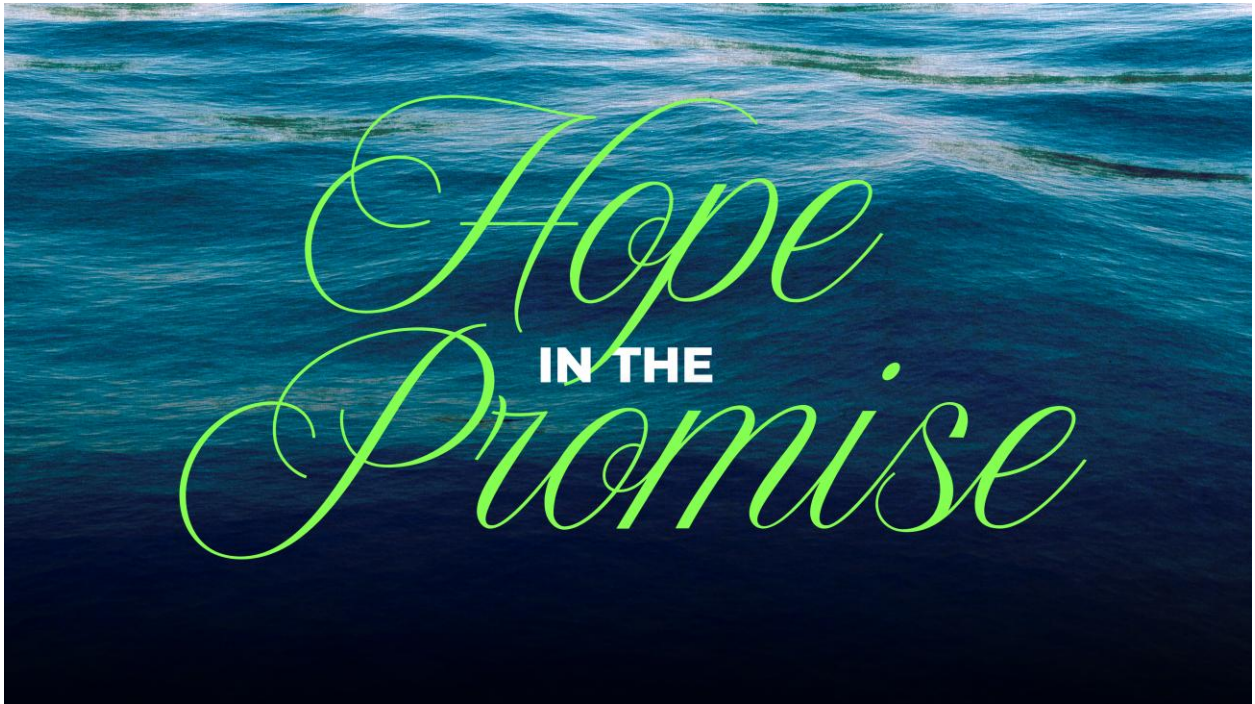


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October 4, 2026



OUR MISSION:

“Making disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world”

Order of Service

Sunday, October 4, 2026 11:00 am

World Communion Sunday

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

Opening Voluntary

*"The Old Rugged Cross"
"For All the Saints"*

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

Mary Lynn Jones

*Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 137

Liturgist

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

Leader: Come, all who sit by rivers of sorrow,
who have hung up their hope and
wondered if God still sings.

**People: We come carrying exile in our
bones, dislocation in our hearts,
and longing in our prayers.**

Leader: This is the table where memory is
honored, where story is sacred,
where strangers become siblings.

**People: We come to taste and see that the
Lord is good, to feast on grace,
to believe again in belonging.**

Leader: Around the world, across languages
and landscapes, a holy table is set.

**People: We come not because we are
worthy, but because Christ
calls us in love.**

**ALL: Come, let us worship the One
who welcomes, the One who
remembers, the One who feeds
the whole world with hope.**

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

*Opening Hymn

#128 "He Leadeth Me"

Matthew Dean

*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

Ansley Crabtree

*Hymn of Preparation

#512 "Stand By Me"

Matthew Dean

Generosity Matters

Cassie Davidson
Amy Phillips

*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

"Be Still My Soul"

Matthew Dean

*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!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Don Landen

Scripture Reading

Liturgist

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him; he took six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord.

They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

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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.

We invite you and your family to join us as we participate in the Lord's Supper.

Dalton First is proud to offer gluten-friendly elements for Holy Communion.

Message

"The Way Through the Waters"

Rev. Don Landen

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

*Communion Hymn

#376 *"Dona Nobis Pacem"*

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)*

*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.*

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

Recessional

"A Mighty Fortress"

Zach Gibson

*The flowers on the altar today were designed by the children of
Dalton First UMC and given in honor of their parents.*

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, Children's Moment
Remy Phillips, Acolyte
Sawyer Hitchens, Acolyte
Bill Forthman, Communion Server

Dr. Alan Nichols, Pianist
Zach Gibson, Organist
Mary Lynn Jones, Host
Laura Gotham, Liturgist
Tim Crabtree, Usher
Procter Allen, Usher
Sarah & Charles Maret, Hospitality
Karen & Brad Townsend, Communion Servers
Jeffrey Parrot, Communion Server

Music:

"The Old Rugged Cross"
"For All the Saints"
"Be Still My Soul"
"A Mighty Fortress"

Bennard (arr. Nichols)
How/Vaughan Williams (arr. Nichols)
Stephen Paulus
EIN FESTE BERG (arr. David Cherwien)

PRAYER CONCERNS

New This Week:

Sympathy to the Ward family in the death of Barbara's sister-in-law, Barbara King
Sympathy to Gizele Albert in the death of her brother, W.C. Warmack
Emma Tinney, Jan Roberts' friend

Past Concerns:

Hutton James Hall, Jan Roberts' family member
Maria Munguia, Yesica Munguia's mother
Alice Hairrell, Ronnie McClurg's friend
Alex Ware, Erin Ingersoll's friend
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





Sounds of Joy

A Community Choir Concert



Thursday, October 8
11:00 AM
The Chapel

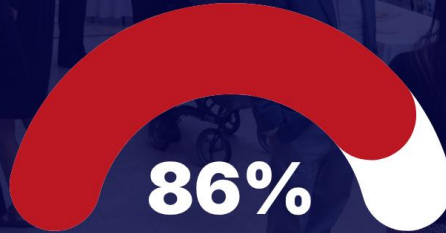
Come sing, listen, and celebrate with us.

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THE WAY THROUGH THE WATERS

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*Don Landen
Senior Pastor*

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