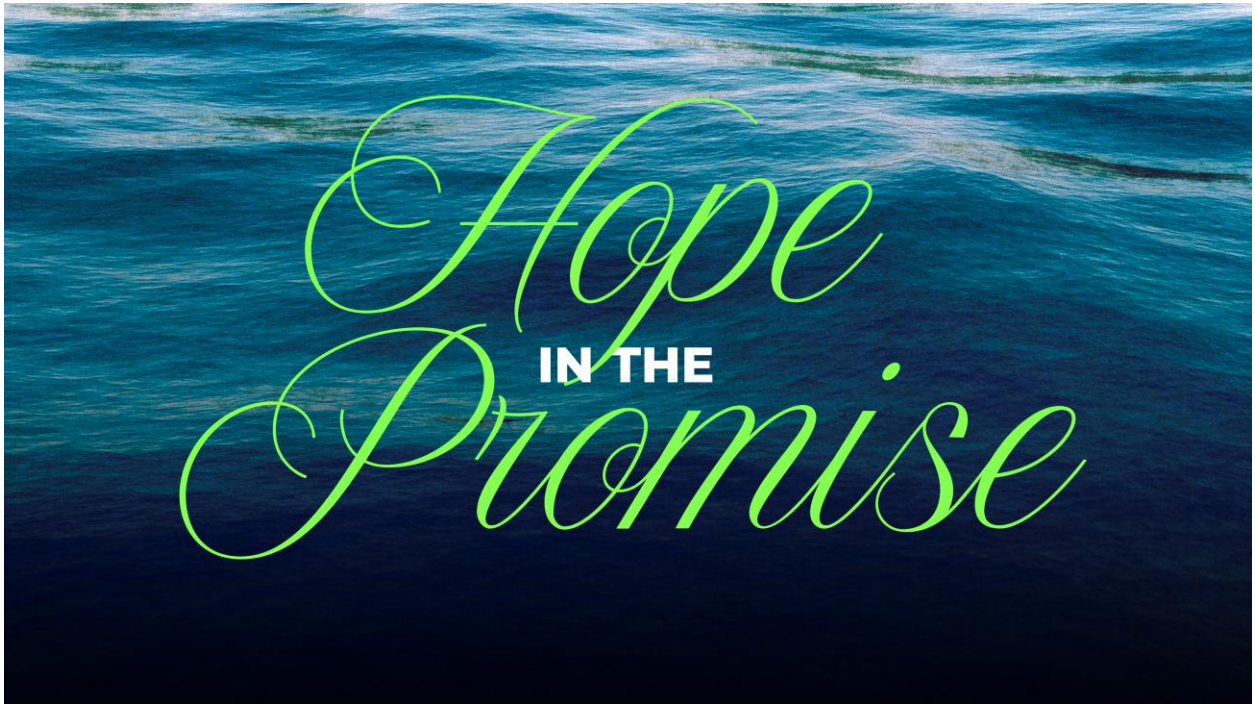


Dalton First United Methodist Church

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October 11, 2026



OUR MISSION:

“Making disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world”

Order of Service

Sunday, October 11, 2026 11:00 am

Twentieth 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

*"Be Thou My Vision"
"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

Matthew Dean

Welcome & Chiming of the Hour

Mat Napp

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 32:1-5

Leader: Blessed is the one whose
transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**People: Blessed is the one whose sin
the Lord does not count
against them.**

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones
wasted away through my
groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was
heavy on me; my strength was
sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and confessed my transgressions
to the Lord.

**ALL: And you forgave the guilt of my
sin. Praise be to God who gives
us grace abundantly.**

Liturgist

*Opening Hymn

#61 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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

Matthew Dean

*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

*Hymn of Preparation

#369 "Blessed Assurance"

Chancel Choir

Generosity Matters

Cantey Smith

*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

"On Eagles' Wings"

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 Gotham

Scripture Reading

Liturgist

Exodus 19:3-7 and Exodus 20:1-17 (CEB)

...while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him from the mountain, "This is what you should say to Jacob's household and declare to the Israelites: You saw what I did to the Egyptians, and how I lifted you up on eagles' wings and brought you to me. So now, if you faithfully obey me and stay true to my covenant, you will be my most precious possession out of all the peoples, since the whole earth belongs to me. You will be a kingdom of priests for me and a holy nation. These are the words you should say to the Israelites."

So Moses came down, called together the people's elders, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him.

Then God spoke all these words:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
You must have no other gods before me.
Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow down to them or worship them, because I, the Lord your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way.
Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. Six days you may work and do all your tasks, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. Because the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

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Do not commit adultery. Do not steal.
Do not testify falsely against your neighbor. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

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

"Nineteen Comes Before Twenty"

Rev. Don Gotham

*Closing Hymn

#413 "A Charge to Keep I Have"

Matthew Dean

*Benediction

Rev. Don Gotham

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

Zach Gibson

Service Participants:

Rev. Don Gotham, Director of Finance
Matthew Dean, Director of Music Ministries
Mat Napp, Director of Modern Worship
Jody McClurg, Liturgist
Sarah & Charles Maret, Hospitality
Nancy Ponder, Hospitality

Dr. Alan Nichols, Pianist
Zach Gibson, Organist
Erin Smith, Interim Director of Family Ministries
William Lock, Acolyte
Chris Rehberg, Usher
Laurice Tatum, Usher

Music:

"Be Thou My Vision"
"Fairest Lord Jesus"
"On Eagles' Wings"

SLANE (arr. Dean)
CRUSADERS HYMN (arr. Grant)
Michael Joncas

PRAYER CONCERNS

Past Concerns:

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
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
David Painter, Doug Renz's friend
Margaret Crow
Chuck Blessing, Chris Blessing's cousin
Susan Reams
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





OASIS

**Our OASIS messaging
has changed!**

Look for messages from Dalton First UMC with
OASIS NEWS in the subject line.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY **NO!!**

NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK!!!!

be the 
CHURCH

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OCTOBER 21ST, 2026**

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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