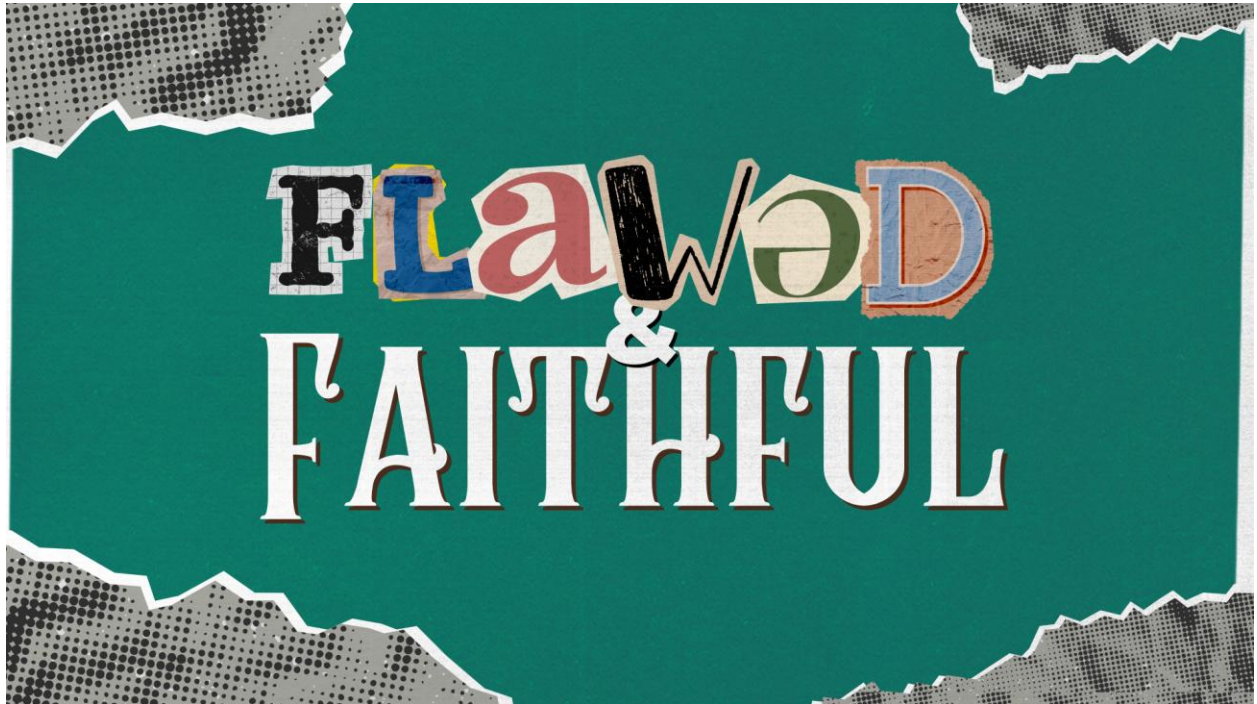


Dalton First United Methodist Church

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October 25, 2026



OUR MISSION:

"Making disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world"

Order of Service

Sunday, October 25, 2026 11:00 am

Reformation Sunday

*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

*"Adagio" from Organ Sonata 1
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

Zach Gibson

Welcome & Chiming of the Hour

Kate Orr

Prelude

"Ring for Joy"

Handbell Choir

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 139

Liturgist

Leader: You have searched me, Lord,
and you know my heart.

**People: The Lord knows when we sit and
rise; he knows our every thought.**

Leader: You discern my going out and
lying down; you are familiar with
all my ways.

**People: Before a word is on my tongue,
the Lord knows what we are
about to say.**

Leader: Where can I go from your
Spirit? Where can I flee from
your presence?

**People: Everywhere we go, you are
there! Everything we give,
you are present!**

Leader: Search me, oh God, and know my
heart. Test me and know what I
am thinking.

**ALL: As we prepare to fulfill your
ministry, lead us into the
way of everlasting.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

	*Opening Hymn	Matthew Dean
	#110 "A Mighty Fortress"	
<i>The lighting of the candles reflects the "coming in" of the Holy Spirit. We are blessed by God's presence every Sunday morning.</i>	*Lighting of the Candles	Acolytes
<i>We always take a moment to claim what we believe. You are invited to join us as we proclaim our faith.</i>	*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	
<i>As we pass the peace, take time to check in, fellowship, and meet a new friend!</i>	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.	
<i>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.</i>	Passing of the Peace	Rev. Don Landen
	Children's Moment	Courtney Hitchens
	Generosity Matters	Nathan Lock

*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

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Handbell 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!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Don Landen

Scripture Reading

**2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27;
12:1-9 (NRSV)**

Liturgist

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the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But
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the roof of the king's house, that he saw from
the roof a woman bathing; the woman was
very beautiful.

David sent someone to inquire about the
woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba
daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the

Hittite.” So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, “I am pregnant.”

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity.”

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

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

"Dangerous David:
When Gifts Become Possessions"

Rev. Don Landen

*Closing Hymn

#408 "Gift of Love"

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

Handbell Choir

#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

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

Dr. Alan Nichols

Service Participants:

Rev. Don Landen, Senior Pastor
Matthew Dean, Director of Music Ministries
Mat Napp, Director of Modern Worship
Courtney Hitchens, Children's Moment
Mary Lynn Jones, Liturgist
Kelly & Jeff Coon, Ushers
Nancy Ponder, Hospitality
Lydia & Tom Bartley, Hospitality

Dr. Alan Nichols, Pianist
Zach Gibson, Organist
Mark Orr, Audio/Visual
Ross Phillips, Audio/Visual
Kate Orr, Host
Parker Bock, Acolyte
Vivian Ward, Acolyte

Music:

"Adagio" from Organ Sonata 1
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"
"Ring for Joy"
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"Now Thank We All Our God"

Mendelssohn
Parry (arr. Lyndell Leatherman)
Douglas Wagner
Hewitt (arr. Nichols)
(arr. Carl Wiltse)

PRAYER CONCERNS

New This Week:

Audrey Montgomery
Sympathy to the family of Bo Thompson
Sympathy to the family of Jane Clark

Past Concerns:

Sympathy to Trisha & Procter Allen in the death of Trisha's sister, Ginger McKinnon
Sympathy to the Ward family in the death of Barbara's sister-in-law, Barbara King
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
Ben Walker
Betty Wright

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



YOU'RE INVITED

Charge Conference

Monday, November 2
7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Dalton First United Methodist Church



OASIS

**Our OASIS messaging
has changed!**

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

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