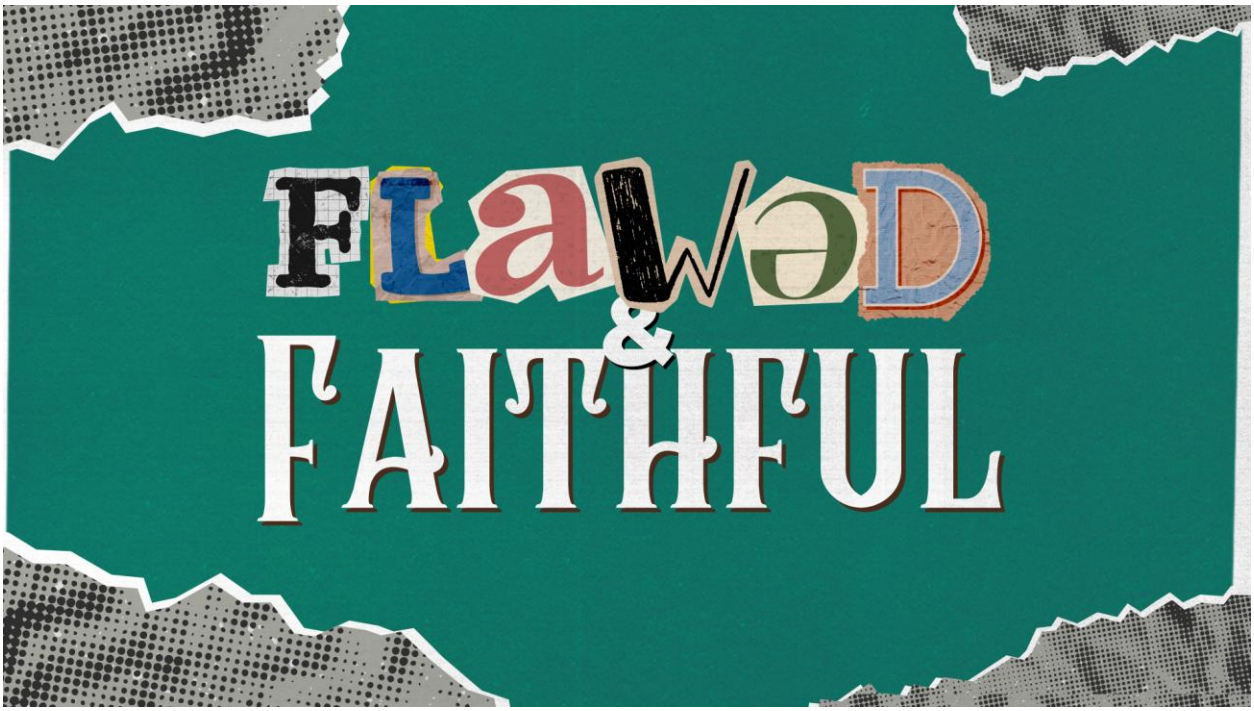
# Dalton First United Methodist Church

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November 1, 2026




***OUR MISSION:***
***"Making disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world"***

# Order of Service

# Sunday, November 1, 2026 11:00 am

*All Saints 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 — Dr. Alan Nichols

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*
*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

Welcome & Chiming of the Hour — Chris Blessing

*Call to Worship — Liturgist

***All Saints Sunday***

Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
**People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.**
Leader: As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:
**People: We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.**
Leader: We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:
**People: We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.**
Leader: Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.
**ALL: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn — Matthew Dean

*#711 "For All the Saints"*

*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

*Affirmation of Faith — Liturgist

*#881 "The Apostles' Creed"*

*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 — 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

*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!*

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.**

Offertory Anthem — Chancel Choir

*"Saints Bound for Heaven"*

*Doxology

*#95* OLD 100th

**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.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving — Rev. Don Landen

Scripture Reading — Liturgist

1 Kings 3:1-15 (NRSV)

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At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. He offered up burnt offerings and offerings of well-being and provided a feast for all his servants.

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 — Rev. Don Landen

“A Good Way to Pray”

*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.*

Celebration of Holy Communion and
Remembering the Saints

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,
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth:

God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,
God of our children to all generations.

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.

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 all your saints, especially those whom we name before you:

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| *Charlie Clark* | *Bill Sloan* |
| *Jane Clark* | *Harry Smith* |
| *Marie Crosby* | *Sue Tuggle* |
| *Katherine Davies* | *JoAnne Wright* |
| *June Mahan* | *Tom Wright* |
| *Alice Sloan* | *David Young* |

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

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 God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Communion Hymn — Matthew Dean

*#707 "Hymn of Promise"*

*Benediction — Rev. Don Landen

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

*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.*

*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.**

Recessional — *"Postlude on Azmon"* — Zach Gibson

## 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
Kate Orr, Liturgist
Procter Allen, Usher
Tim Crabtree, Usher
Nancy Ponder, Hospitality
Lydia & Tom Bartley, Hospitality

Dr. Alan Nichols, Pianist
Zach Gibson, Organist
Mark Orr, Audio/Visual
Ross Phillips, Audio/Visual
Jevin Jensen, Audio/Visual
Chris Blessing, Host
Sawyer Hitchens, Acolyte
Remy Phillips, Acolyte
Mandy & Trey Brindle, Communion Servers

## Music:

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* — Chisholm (arr. Nichols)
*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* — Alford (arr. Nichols)
*"Saints Bound for Heaven"* — Mack Wilberg
*"Postlude on Azmon"* — AZMON (arr. Jason Payne)

# PRAYER CONCERNS

**New This Week:**
Myra Thompson, Matthew Dean's friend
Audrey Montgomery

**Past Concerns:**
Sympathy to the family of Bo Thompson
Sympathy to the family of Jane Clark
Emma Tinney, Jan Roberts' friend
Hutton James Hall, Jan Roberts' family member
Maria Munguia, Yesica Munguia's mother
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

**Life Care Center of East Ridge**
Jim Chamblee

**Regency Park**
David Norman

**Royal Oaks**
Virginia Abernathy
Peggy Allen
Donna Barclay
Sylvia Carlson
Ben Walker
Betty Wright

**The Gardens at Royal Oaks**
Bob McCormick
Ronnie McClurg

**The Retreat**
Lisa Burton
Barbara Renz

**Walnut Creek**
Carl Smith
Elizabeth Arnold

**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



# A Good Way to Pray

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*Dalton First United Methodist Church* *Senior Pastor*

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