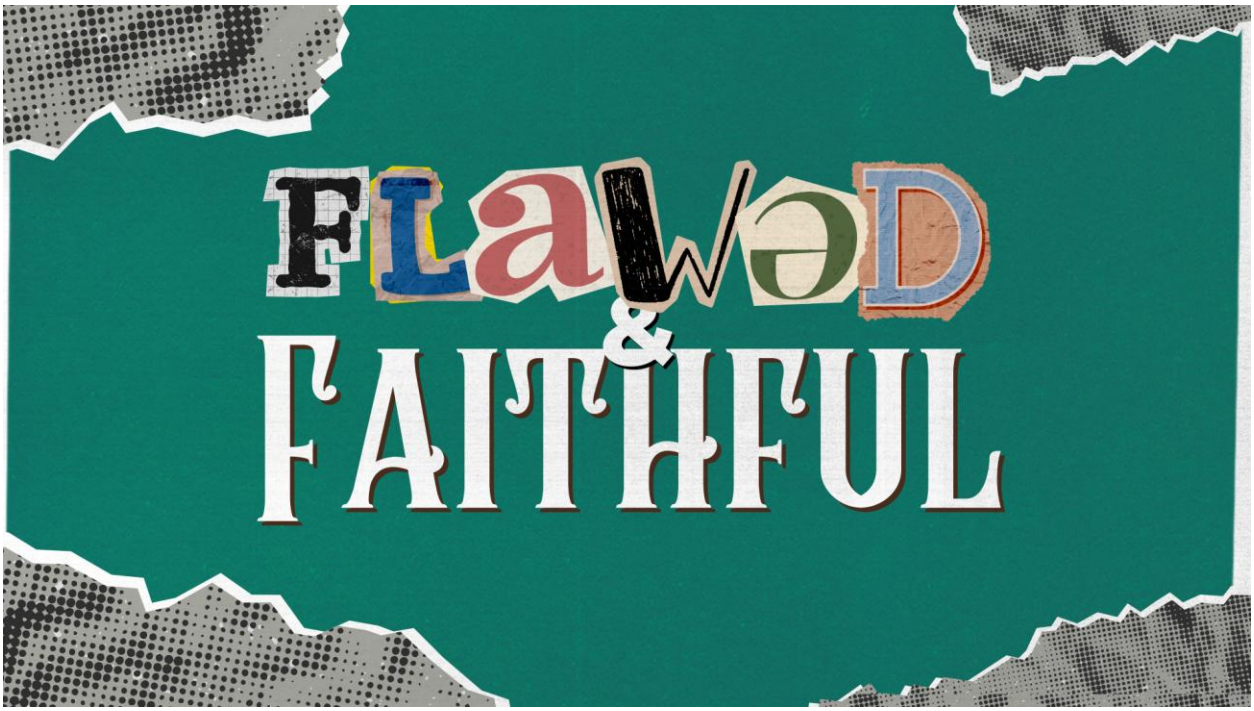
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November 8, 2026



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

Order of Service

Sunday, November 8, 2026 11:00 am

Twenty-fourth 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 — Samantha Dean

Welcome & Chiming of the Hour — Gay Rice

*Call to Worship — Liturgist

adapted from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
People: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!
People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.
People: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

*Opening Hymn — Matthew Dean

#361 "Rock of Ages"

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

*Hymn of Preparation — Matthew Dean

#428 "For the Healing of the Nations"

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.

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.

Offertory Anthem — Chancel Choir

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Today's offering will further God's Kingdom and support the mission of Dalton First. We encourage you to be generous and faithful!

*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

2 Kings 5:1-15a (NRSV)

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He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease.” When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.

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.

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.

Message — Rev. Don Landen

"Grace in Unexpected Places"

*Closing Hymn — Matthew Dean

#383 "This is a Day of New Beginnings"

*Benediction — Rev. Don Landen

*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 — Dr. Alan Nichols

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

Service Participants:

Rev. Don Landen, Senior Pastor
Matthew Dean, Director of Music Ministries
Mat Napp, Director of Modern Worship
Gay Rice, Host
Jim Patterson, Liturgist
Laurice Tatum, Usher
Chris Rehberg, Usher
Steve Williams, Hospitality

Dr. Alan Nichols, Pianist
Jason Oxley, Audio/Visual
Ross Phillips, Audio/Visual
Joey Stuart, Audio/Visual
Samantha Dean, Flute
Lillian Crabtree, Acolyte
William Lock, Acolyte
Sarah & Charles Maret, Hospitality

Music:

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (arr. Gilbert Martin)
"Stand Up and Bless the Lord" Williams (arr. Nichols)

PRAYER CONCERNS

New This Week:
Sympathy to the family of Bennett Cale, Tom and Lydia Bartley's friend
Sympathy to the family of Ellie Bramlett
Joann Johnson, Jan Roberts' friend

Past Concerns:
Myra Thompson, Matthew Dean's friend
Audrey Montgomery
Emma Tinney, Jan Roberts' friend
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

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

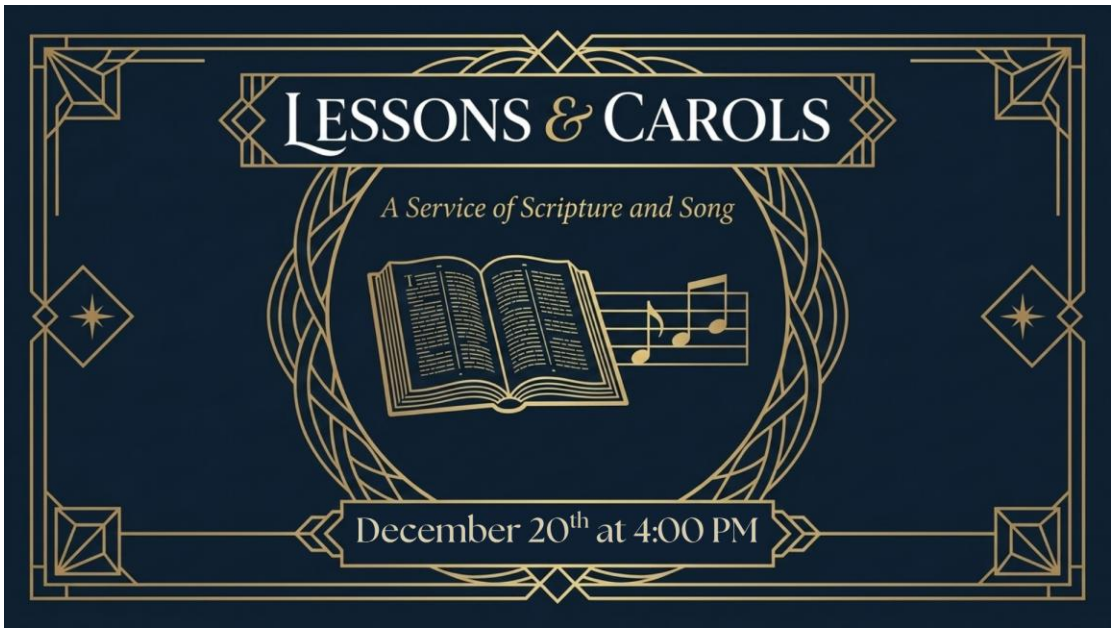
If you have a prayer request, please contact Carey at 706-278-8494 or carey@daltonfumc.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS






COZY CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9


LESSONS & CAROLS
A Service of Scripture and Song
December 20th at 4:00 PM


There's No Place Like
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SCAN HERE TO PLEDGE TO
THE 2027 GENERAL FUND

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