Dalton First United Methodist Church

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

Order of Service

Sunday, November 29, 2026 11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

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****.*

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

Opening Voluntary — Zach Gibson

"The Long and Winding Road"

Welcome & Chiming of the Hour — Elise Miller

*Opening Carol — Matthew Dean

#234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vv. 1, 2, 4)

*Lighting of the Candles — Acolytes

Lighting of the Advent Wreath — The Gotham Family

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves with hope, peace, joy, and love in our hearts so that we may be shown the true meaning of the holiday season. With great anticipation, we wait for the Lord's coming.

As Isaiah prophesied, "For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn."

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our *Hope.* May God's light shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Let us pray.

Loving God, your Church hopefully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and want. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of the wreath. Help us to remember and reflect the splendor of Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

#234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful (v.3)

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

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 — 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!

You are invited to turn to the back of your worship guide to view today's scripture reading.

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.

*Carol of Preparation — Matthew Dean

#196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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 Carol — Chancel Choir

"This Same God"

*Doxology — Matthew Dean

#230 O Little Town of Bethlehem (v.3)

**How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving — Rev. Don Landen

*Scripture Reading — Liturgist

Matthew 1:1-17 (NRSV)

Message — Rev. Don Landen

"The Long and Winding Road"

*Closing Carol — Matthew Dean

#206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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.

*Benediction — Rev. Don Landen

*Response to Benediction

#251 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (refrain)

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

Recessional — Dr. Alan Nichols

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
Curt Adams, Liturgist
Elise Miller, Host
Lucy Griffin, Hospitality

Dr. Alan Nichols, Pianist
Zach Gibson, Organist
Ross Phillips, Audio/Visual
Jackson Hitchens, Audio/Visual
Jason Oxley, Audio/Visual
Evan Miller, Acolyte
Lillian Crabtree, Acolyte

Music:

"This Same God" — Dennis Allen

PRAYER CONCERNS

Past Concerns:
Candy Noelke, Laura Gotham's friend
Sylvia Carlson
Joann Johnson, Jan Roberts' friend
Myra Thompson, Matthew Dean's friend
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





CHRISTMAS at Dalton First

Sun, Nov 29 at 12:30pm
Advent Wreath Workshop

Wed, Dec 9 at 5pm
Cozy Christmas

Fri, Dec 11 at 5pm
567 Christmas Party

Sun, Dec 20 at 4pm
Lessons and Carols

Mon, Dec 21 at 5pm
Blue Christmas

Wed, Dec 23 at 7pm
MODERN CHRISTMAS
Service

Thu, Dec 24 at 6pm
Traditional Christmas Eve
Service





Don't forget to turn in your pledge card!

The Long and Winding Road

Sunday, November 29, 2026 *Don Landen*
Dalton First United Methodist Church *Senior Pastor*

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph[e] the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, who bore Jesus, who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Matthew 1:1-17 (NRSV)