

December 24, 2017

# First Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve



## Following Jesus, Transforming Life

### *Mission Statement:*

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Ask an usher for a large print bulletin, Bible, or hearing enhancement device.

Prayer cards, visitor information cards, and offering envelopes can be found in the pews. Please place them in the offering plate.

Senior Pastor: Rev. Rich McDermott  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Chris Campbell  
Minister of Music: Russell Farnell  
Organist: Josh Lang

# *The Nativity of The Lord*

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service  
§ Invites all who are able to stand.

The poinsettias are given to the glory of God.  
See dedications on page 4.

## **Gathering**

Preparation for Worship

*On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring:  
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth!*

Prelude	A Medley of Christmas Carols	
Lighting the Advent Wreath		The Bitnar family
§ Hymn 97	Watchman, Tell Us of the Night	ABERYSTWYTH
Opening Prayer		Rev. Chris Campbell

## **Proclaiming**

Hymn 121	O Little Town of Bethlehem	St. LOUIS
Scripture Lesson	Luke 1:26–38 Cassandra Kirby	New Testament page 56
Hymn 112	On Christmas Night All Christians Sing	SUSSEX CAROL
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 1:18–25 Ben Ayers	New Testament page 1
Carol	What Sweeter Music	Eleanor Daley
Cassandra Kirby, soprano	Lisa House, soprano    Laura Farnell, alto	Cheryl Harris, piano
	<i>text on page 3</i>	
Scripture Lesson	Luke 2:1–20	New Testament page 58
§ Hymn 119	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Rev. Campbell	MENDELSSOHN
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 2:1–12 Rev. Rich McDermott	New Testament page 2
§ Hymn 134	Joy to the World	ANTIOCH
Sermon	Have You Met Emmanuel: God With Us?	Rev. McDermott

## **Responding**

Anthem	The Hallelujah Chorus	G. F. Handel
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*Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;  
And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!*

Offertory	Sussex Carol	Olive Nelson Russell
	The offering will benefit Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.	

## **Sending**

§ Passing the Light of Christ  
As the light of Christ is passed, hold the unlit candle over the lit candle.

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and  
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - enly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing  
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

Please extinguish your candle when the lights come back on.

§ Charge and Benediction

all are invited to join hands



What Sweeter Music, text by Robert Herrick

*What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing the birth of this our heavenly king?  
 Awake the voice! Awake the string for this the birth of our heavenly king.*

*Dark and dull night fly hence away, and give the honor to this day, that sees December turn to May,  
 If we may ask the reason say: We see him come, and know him ours who with his sunshine and his showers,  
 turns all the patient ground to flowers.*

*The darling of the world is come, and fit it is we find a room to welcome him,  
 the nobler part of all the house here is the heart, which we will give him and bequeath  
 this holly and this ivy wreath to do him honor who's our king, and Lord of all this reveling.  
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 Awake the voice! Awake the string; for this the birth of our heavenly king.*

## Poinsettia Dedications

### *In Honor of*

Our families, by Sheri & Jim Quick  
Elaine Bahn, by Helen Schrickel  
Bettye Burdett, by Helen Schrickel  
Jane Leathem and her work with children's music,  
by Russell and Laura Farnell  
Cassandra Kirby and her work with children's music, by  
Russell and Laura Farnell  
Our grandchildren: Andy, Cadence, Liam, Jackson & Ireland,  
by Rev. Gary and Eileen Lindley  
Our children & grandchildren, by Gary & Juanice Young  
Patsy's parents, by Donald & Patsy Freeman  
Donald's parents, by Donald & Patsy Freeman  
To the Glory of God, by Mary Spencer  
Bob & Marge Dawson, by Lucy Cleaver

Evelyn Ford, by Lucy Cleaver  
The Kilpatricks, by The Bitnars  
My children & grandchildren, by Ann Turney  
All the "volunteers" who have assisted in the 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service this year, by Ann Turney  
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The Kilpatricks, by the Bitnars  
Elaine Bahn, by Kathy Bahn  
My mother, Emily Berry, by Ronald Berry

### *In Loving Memory of*

Our families, by Sheri & Jim Quick  
Robert Reagan, by Darlene Reagan  
Shannon Reagan, by Darlene Reagan  
James & Laverne Wolfe & Jimmy Wolfe by Shelby & Sherry  
Wolfe  
Virginia Dolph Bower & Marty Bower by Shelby & Sherry  
Wolfe  
Stella Mae Scharf, by Richard & Lois Ankele  
David Chambers, by Paula Thomson  
Shirley Counts, by Lucy Cleaver  
My parents, Sandy & Mabel Peden, by David Peden  
Dr. Lee J. Walker & Laurie Walker Shelby, by Marilyn Walker  
My parents & sister, by Isobel Peden  
Our parents, by Marge and Bob Dawson  
Our brother & uncle Rob, by Jennifer & Greg Meyer, Hannah  
& Mady  
Our son Rob, by Marge & Bob Dawson  
Great Ga Ga Dawson, by Jennifer & Greg Meyer, Hannah &  
Mady  
Tom & Frankie Armstrong, by Ellen & Ross Dill

G.B. Turney, by Ann Turney  
Our niece, Emily Kate Black (June 2009-November 2009), by  
Russell, Laura, Ryan & Will Farnell  
My parents, Doris & Don Tubbs by Shirley Herzog  
Bill Herzog, by Shirley Herzog  
John & Minnie Ray, parents of Allen Ray by Allen & Carole  
Ray  
Floyd & Marjorie Elkinton, parents of Carole Ray, by Carole  
& Allen Ray  
Our parents, by Gary & Juanice Young  
Allen & Nadine Freeman, by Donald & Patsy Freeman  
Eldon & Roberta Couch, by Donald & Patsy Freeman  
Walter B. Cooper, by His Family  
Mary Nell White, by Frances Cooper  
Ted Dysart, by Helen Schrickel  
Judy Poindexter, by Helen Schrickel  
Gene Schrickel, by Helen Schrickel  
Our parents, by Judy & Mike Northup  
Ed & Joyce Carpenter, by Carl & Sue Carpenter  
Morris Homstad (Tippy), by Dorothy Homstad  
Craig Gifford, by James & Katina Gifford  
George Bahn, by Kathy Bahn  
Zolena & Dee Graham, by Jay & Susan Graham  
Mavis & Charlie Embry, by Jay & Susan Graham

## *Merry Christmas!*