

January 7, 2017
First Presbyterian Church
Epiphany Sunday



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.

Preaching: Rev. Rich McDermott

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Campbell

8:30 Lay Leader: Kathi Dailey

11:00 Lay Leader: Eric Gottmann

The Worship of God

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Loving the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and loving our neighbors as ourselves is hard. Yet, those are the two commandments Jesus tells us we must obey above all else. Thank goodness we are loved even though we are works in progress.

Prelude

Pastorale on What Is This Lovely Fragrance?

Austin Lovelace

Call to Worship

O come, let us worship the Lord, and consider what wondrous things God has done.

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

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The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

O Come, let us worship the Lord!

§ Hymn 147

The First Nowell

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Most holy and loving God, we admit to you and to each other that we are creatures who often choose darkness instead of light. Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions, our short-sightedness, our deep seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal.

Please forgive the pain we have inflicted on others, and restore the hopes and ideals within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ The Gloria Patri

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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.

§ Passing the Peace

Greet those around you with, **“The peace of Christ be with you.”**

§ Hymn 151

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Community Joys and Events

The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; _____

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Sermon Notes

The Mission of FPCA - Glorifying God, Following Jesus, Loving our Neighbor

Romans 12:1-5; Matthew 22:34-39

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 1/7

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. This Changed Everything
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Luncheon for Families with Children
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Tuesday 1/9

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 1/10

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 1/11

6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
6:45 p.m. Team Meeting Night

Friday 1/12

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

Information for the January 21 bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Yvonne Babb, Elaine Bahn, David Boice, Debbie Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Tommy and Kathryn Copeland and family, Laura and Moses Duffney, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Lila Glenn, David Goff, Jack Gray, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes, Bob Koch, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Cosme Pacot, John Pittman, Jim L. Quick, Aileigh Rodriguez, Albert Ross, Kyle Terwilliger, Donna Vickers, Karl Winter, Mary Jane Wright

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Mancini, Jack Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our home-bound members

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Rich McDermott at the church office 817-274-8286.

For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at juanicey@gmail.com or 817-794-5626.

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Luncheon for Families with Children

Today will be the Luncheon for Families with Children in 6th grade or younger after the 11:00 a.m. service in room 214. Come visit with other families and see some of the things being taught in children's ministry during the month of January.

This Changed Everything 500 Years of the Reformation - Film Series

What: A 6-week documentary film class
When: 9:45 a.m. starts today and continues January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 11
Where: Fellowship Hall
Each Week: 30 minutes of film, 30 minutes of questions and discussion.

Financial Peace University

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you had no house payment? What if your kid(s) college(s) were paid for? What if you could retire with peace? What if you could GIVE more than you've ever been able to give? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future, regardless of where you are in life. If you're interested in learning more about the class, contact Katina or James Gifford: 817-565-3835 or katinap84@aol.com. FPCA is offering it on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m., January 13 to March 10, 2018. If you would like to go ahead and sign up, go to the following link or ask us to help you! Link: <https://fpu.com/1051680>

**Childcare will be available upon request. Classes will be held in the Parlor at FPCA.

Saints Alive

Saints Alive will meet on Thursday, January 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will start with a potluck lunch, so please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share.

Our entertainment will be Paul Baskin who will sing and accompany himself on the piano. All seniors are welcome to join in the fun. Any questions, please call Bev Koch at 817-261-3202.

FPCA's First Annual Parable of the Talents Show

Please join us February 18, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to support our youth as they present to you "FPCA's First Annual Parable of the Talents Show." This will be a talent show where our youth will showcase their biblical knowledge and talents. Lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Annual Leaf Raking Party

The All-Church Work Day - Annual Leaf Raking Party (weather permitting) will be on Saturday, January 20 at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

Bags will be provided. Please bring your own rake!
Come join us in this fun time.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the church Parlor.

Undecorate the Church

We will take down Christmas decorations at the church on Saturday, January 13 at 9 a.m. Your help is needed! Please join in on this event.

The News – In 2018, you will have choices!

Starting in January 2018, you will have choices on how The NEWS is delivered to you.

*It will continue to be in our church-wide emails with a link to The NEWS.

*You can Opt-In to have the FPCA NEWS mailed to you if you prefer a paper copy. Just call the office to let them know.

*Or you can always go to our website at firstprestexas.org and find the Newsletter under the Media tab.

The bottom line is, we will be relying more on digital ways to get you the newsletter, and we will be saving money on printing costs and paper. But remember, you can always call the church office and let them know if you prefer a paper copy of The NEWS mailed to you.

Also, if you are not receiving our weekly FPCA E-News church-wide emails and you would like to receive them, please call the church office at 817-274-8286.