

December 25, 2016

First Presbyterian Church

Christmas Day



Glorify. Grow.

Mission Statement:

We, as the Church, are the Body of Christ equipped through prayer by the Holy Spirit to glorify God; through passionate worship, nurturing fellowship, sacrificial service, respectful evangelism, and active discipleship, we encourage and challenge all ages of our congregation and community to grow in relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

Lay Leader: Stephanie Arredondo

The Nativity of The Lord

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the
glory of God by Paul and Pat Fritz in celebration
of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Titus 3:5–6

*We are saved, not because of any righteous works we have done, but through the water of rebirth and
renewal by the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

Prelude

Greensleeves

Olive Nelson Russell

Call to Worship

§ Hymn 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

§ Litany of Affirmation

Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people.

God's grace has appeared for the salvation of all.

For to us is born a savior, who is Christ the Lord.

God's grace has appeared for the salvation of all.

And the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be
called, "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace."

God's grace has appeared for the salvation of all.

Therefore live sober, upright, and godly lives.

Welcome our blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

§ Hymn 113

Angels We Have Heard on High
Stanza 3

GLORIA

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

§ Passing the Peace

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

§ Hymn 147

The First Nowell
Stanza 1

THE FIRST NOWELL

**The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

Community Joys and Events

Hymn 115

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Titus 3:4–7 Old Testament page 215

Anthem Love Has Come arr. Eric T. Myers
Jane Leathem, soprano

Children's Time
Children age 3 through fourth grade are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 218.

Scripture Reading Psalm 96 Old Testament page 550

The Sermon Believing the Messiah Rev. Campbell

§ Hymn 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain Go TELL IT
Stanza 1

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.**

Offertory Divinum mysterium Wilbur Held

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer sung (see page 4)

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

The congregation comes forward from the center aisle.

Take a wafer, dip it in the cup, and receive the elements together.

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 134 Joy to the World ANTIOCH

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude On this Day Earth Shall Ring Robert Powell



The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas



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.

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