January 1, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The First Sunday after Christmas



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. Rich McDermott Liturgist: Rev. Chris Campbell

Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod

The Worship of God

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

John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Prelude

Prelude for Epiphany

Ronald Nelson

Call to Worship

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come

And bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Let us worship God!

§ Hymn 140

Once in Royal David's City

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§ Prayer of Confession

adapted from John 1

Lord, you were in this world; the world came into being through you, yet we did not know you. You came to what was your own, but we, your people, did not accept you.

Please forgive us, and lead us back to you. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ The Gloria Patri

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 150 As With Gladness Men of Old

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Community Joys and Events

The Sacrament of Baptism of Elissa Ruth Treu—Baptismal Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:15–20 New Testament page 199

Children's Time (11:00)

Children age 3 to fourth grade are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 216.

Scripture Reading John 1:1–18 New Testament page 91

The Sermon Cosmic Christmas Rev. McDermott

The Table

Offertory Anthem Domine Deus from Mass in C Minor Mozart
Cassandra Kirby and Lillian Bailey, sopranos

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

(11:00) Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together.

While passing the elements, we say, "the body of Christ," and, "the cup of salvation."

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 151 We Three Kings Kings of Orient

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude Trumpet Tune on March of the Kings Gordon Young

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The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

