

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

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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

*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 - en - ly 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!