

December 30, 2018

# First Presbyterian Church

First Sunday after Christmas



## 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. Chris Campbell

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Kathi Dailey

11:00 Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod

# *The Worship of God*

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.**

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Bob and Maggie Johnson in celebration of their  
wedding anniversary--43 years and counting!

## **Gathering**

Preparation for Worship

Colossians 3:13

*“Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other, just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”*

Voluntary

Chorale No. 2

César Franck

Call to Worship

Praise God from the heavens! Praise Him from the skies above!

**Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!**

Praise Him, sun and moon, and shining stars!

**Praise God, all creatures great and small,**

Praise Him, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!

**Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,**

Praise Him, men and women, young and old!

**Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord, at whose word creation came into being.**

We gather to praise and worship our God!

§ Hymn 140

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**O Lord, change and challenge are always difficult. We often turn our backs on opportunities of service instead of making changes that will promote healing and wholeness.**

**Forgive us when we make promises to you then do nothing. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' name, we offer this prayer. 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 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Community Joys and Events



***Sermon Notes***

Three Changes

Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12–17

## ***This week @ FPCA***

Sunday 12/30

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel  
9:45 a.m. Fight Back with Joy  
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 12/31

**Preschool Closed**  
8:00 p.m. Ghana Church -Watch Night Service

Tuesday 1/1

**Preschool & Church Office Closed**

Wednesday 1/2

**Preschool Closed**  
10:00 a.m. Quilters

Thursday 1/3

**Preschool Closed**  
6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Friday 1/4

**Preschool Closed**

Information for the January 13 bulletin should be turned into Kim at the church office by this Monday.



## ***Prayer Ministry***

*Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

Esther Albright, Richard Ankele, Elaine Bahn, Jack Bos, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Vannah Caylor, Kevin Chin, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Mike Copeland, Michael Deardorff, Laura, Moses and Abe Duffney, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jack Gray, Andrew Hydock, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Cosme Pacot, J.D. Paulk, Bill and Sue Perry, John Pittman, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, Sarah Rabb, Joanna Rabourn, Al Smithson, Kyle Terwilliger, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Richard Whitenight, Jake Winkler, Karl Winter, Mary Jane Wright, Bob Zakrzewski

*Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:*

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, James Dailey, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Mancini, Amie Murtha, Jack Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Peyton Steeno, 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 Marge Dawson at mdawsonarltx@att.net or 817-980-6825.

## ***Staff Directory***

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## Can you offer a special gift to FPCA this year at Christmas?

As we face the end of 2018 at FPCA, we are encouraged by the generous giving this year by our congregation. We are in an excellent position to finish the year well. With a small deficit of about \$19,000 going into December, we are poised to eliminate the deficit and finish in the black, but we will need your help with some special year-end gifts. If you can give a special Christmas gift before the end of the year, we would be eternally grateful for your extraordinary generosity. May the Lord bless you richly for your great care for your church.

### THE STORY Continues...January 13

Join us as we continue our 31-week overarching tour of God's Word in the entire Bible (pausing for Advent and Christmas), using a 31-chapter book of Scriptures chronologically arranged called THE STORY.

Both the sermon series and several Sunday School classes will follow the themes of THE STORY, which requires reading less than three pages/day, or fifteen pages/week. Copies of THE STORY can be ordered through [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com). Come and discover how your story connects with God's story of steadfast love and mercy.

### The Mitten Tree

Please help families during this Christmas season and during the cold winter months by bringing new warm gloves, hats, and scarves and hang them on the Mitten Tree! These will be given to Arlington Charities for children and adults in time for Christmas. The Mitten Tree is located by the choir room. Please stop by and make someone's Christmas happy...and WARM!

### The Dove Tree

The Dove Tree is in the Westminster Hall. Each dove will have a name and address of one of our home bound members. Advent is a great time for us to spread love to those who cannot get out easily. Please take a dove from the tree and visit one of our home bound. A small gift, a card, a poinsettia, etc. will brighten their holiday season and you will be blessed in return.

### December's Two Special Offerings

Our church supports two special offerings during the month of December. One is the Christmas Joy Offering which goes directly to Presbytery. The other goes to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS). Offering envelopes can be found outside the sanctuary or chapel or designate on your check which offering you are supporting.

The receipts from the Joy Offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs and to the National Ministries of the General Assembly Council to support Presbyterian racial ethnic education. To view a brief video about the Christmas Joy Offering, visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy>.

Our church continually supports PCHAS but especially at Christmas. During the evening Christmas Eve services at our church, the undesignated offerings will benefit the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS). To find out more about PCHAS, visit <http://www.pchas.org>. You could also speak to Marge and Bob Dawson, PCHAS Ambassadors and volunteers, about this very worthy organization which supports many children and families in a variety of ways throughout Texas.

Submitted by Sheri Quick and Bob Dawson, Mission and Evangelism Team

### Please turn in your pledge card!

**Thanks to all of you who have turned in your blue pledge card for 2019!** We appreciate your diligence and commitment to Jesus' mission and ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington. **If you have not turned in your pledge card, you should have received a mailing with another card and return envelope.** We would be most grateful if you would please fill out your card, and send the two smaller parts to the church, so that we may know that you are committing yourself anew to the Lord's work at FPCA. Both your name and an approximate annual amount you hope to give in the coming year will help our Stewardship Team know something of what to anticipate in 2019, and will encourage us to trust in the Lord's provision for our church.

**Thank you so much** for helping us to complete our Stewardship campaign, and for offering yourself anew to the Lord and his mission at FPCA!