

December 1, 2019

# First Presbyterian Church

The First Sunday of Advent



## 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

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Kathi Dailey

11:00 Lay Leaders: Jane Leathem

# *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.

## *Gathering*

Preparation for Worship

Isaiah 40:5

*Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

Prelude

Pavane I

Ravel

Jeremiah Roper, trombone

Cheryl Harris, piano

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(8:30) The Le Blanc Family, (11:00) Youth Ministry

This Advent, we call out to God.

**Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you.**

**We ask for your mercy to reform us in your image. Shine on us, O God of justice.**

**Come to us, O Christ the Light. Amen.**

§ Hymn 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Stanzas 1, 2, 3

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior that you sent to be among us and to live in us. We confess that we have kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season. We do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.**

**Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. 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 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading                      Isaiah 40:1–8                      Old Testament page 667

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                      Matthew 3:1–12                      New Testament page 2

The Sermon                      John the Baptist                      Rev. Campbell

## ***The Table***

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory (8:30)                      Pavane II                      Ravel  
Jeremiah Roper, trombone                      Cheryl Harris, piano

(11:00)                      Blessed Is He                      Mark Johnson

*Blessed is He who brought us the truth, who brought us the light, who brought us the truth and light;*

*Blessed is He who hung on the cross, who died for our sins, who gave up his life for us; Blessed is He.*

*Blessed is He who came to save us all, brought us the truth and light;*

*Blessed is He who comes with life for us. He comes with life. Blessed is He.*

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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

*8:30 – Come forward to partake.*

*11:00 – Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, “**the body of Christ, broken for you,**” and, “**the blood of Christ, shed for you.**”*

Prayer after Communion

## ***Sending***


§ Hymn 96                      On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry                      WINCHESTER NEW

§ Charge and Benediction                      the congregation joins hands

Postlude                      Prelude                      Gordon Young  
Donna Vickers, organ



## *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*

John the Baptist

Isaiah 40:1–8; Matthew 3:1–12

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

Sunday 12/1

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
12:05 p.m. Congregational Meeting  
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries  
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 12/2

3:30 p.m. Kids Beach Club-Blanton

Tuesday 12/3

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

Wednesday 12/4

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group  
6:00 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 12/5

6:00 p.m. The Well  
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring  
6:45 p.m. Team Meeting Night

Friday 12/6

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

Saturday 12/7

9:00 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Advent Festival Dress Rehearsal  
2:00 p.m. Preschool Staff Christmas Party

Information for the December 15 bulletin should be turned in to Kim at the church office by this Monday.

## ***Prayer Ministry***

### ***Prayers for those with health and other concerns:***

Apana Agha, Elaine Bahn, Jack Bos, James (Andrew) Bridges, Vannah Caylor, Frank and Allena Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Marge Dawson, Michael Deardorff, The Farnell Family, Don Farrell, The Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, Andrew Hydock, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, Barbara Mooers, Betsy Pense, Craig Poindexter, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Joan and Homer Reynolds, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Karl Winter

### ***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, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Peyton Steeno, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

### ***Prayers for our home-bound members:***

Esther Albright, Suzette Armstrong, Polly Baugh, Shirley Bragg, Renabel Clutz, Bobbie and Tom Fowler, Jack Gray, Marge Harrand, Barbara Hughes, Barbara Kraemer, Jeanne Malone, Allen and Charlene Miller, Cary and Ruth Moore, Carrie and Cosme Pacot, Ann Pitstick, Al Smithson, Betty and Jack Snowden, Lorraine Swanson, Brooks and Connie Taylor, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, Mary Jane Wright.

### ***Prayers for those who do not know Christ***

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

## **Gifts of Hope returns!**

FPCA will once again be offering Gifts of Hope for the 2019 Advent Season. Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift market that offers a creative and caring way to honor friends, family members, colleagues, etc. through donations to a wide range of outreach organizations. "Shoppers" choose an organization, donate the amount specified, and then receive a card to give as a gift to friends or family. This program not only supports outreach organizations, but also seeks to offer a less materialistic option for gift giving.

Gifts of Hope will be available for sale after both worship services between Sunday, December 1st and Sunday, December 15th and are also available for sale in the church office during the week. If you have any questions or are available to help with the program (by selling Gifts of Hope before/after worship services, etc.), please email Suzie McCoy at [smccoybelize@gmail.com](mailto:smccoybelize@gmail.com) or contact the church office.

## Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting will be today at 12:05 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be:

- 1) Voting to elect four Elders, seven Deacons, two Congregational Nominating Team (CNT) and one Trustee;
- 2) Approving the Pastors' Terms of Call.
- 3) Increasing our loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP).

Thank you for joining us!

## Christmas Poinsettias!

Please help us prepare our Sanctuary to celebrate the birth of our Savior by ordering a poinsettia. Order forms are in the Narthex, Chapel hall and church office. Please complete the form and place it in the offering plate, the baskets in the Chapel hall and Narthex, or mail/bring them to the church office.

The cost is \$10.00 each and the deadline to order is Sunday, December 8.

## Worship Service on Sunday, December 8

Next Sunday, December 8, will be the Advent Festival at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

There will be NO 8:30 a.m. service.

Sunday School schedule continues as usual.

## An Advent Festival

a service of worship in song

celebrating the coming of the Savior  
featuring children, youth, and adult choirs  
with organ and orchestra

Sunday, December 8, 2019  
11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church  
1200 S. Collins St  
Arlington, TX 76010  
[www.FirstPresTexas.org](http://www.FirstPresTexas.org)

## Preschool Christmas Program

The Preschool will have the Christmas Program on Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Following the program will be photos and cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Fellowship Hall.

We hope you all will join us!

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## 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 will be 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.