

December 8, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

The Second Sunday of Advent



An Advent Festival a service of celebration

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.

An Advent Festival

11:00 a.m.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Please silence all phones and devices.

Lighting the Advent Candles

Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark

Chancel Choir members

John Bell

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, **while we are waiting, come;**

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, **with power and glory, come;**

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, **while we are waiting, come, Savior, quickly come.**

Voluntary

He Is Born

arr. Cassandra Kirby

Children's Music Ministries Handchimes

§ Hymn 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Carol

Advent Prayer

Mark Patterson

Children's Music Ministries Singers

Proclamation of the Prophecy

Isaiah 11:1-2

Carol

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

G. F. Handel

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Litany

Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body. **Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.**

Come now, O God of love; make us one body. **Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.**

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior. **Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.**

Pastoral Prayer

Carol

What Shall We Give?

arr. Russell Robinson

Youth Music Ministries Voices

Choral Reading

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Marty Haugen

Voluntary

Echo Carol

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Youth Music Ministries Handbells

§ Passing the Peace

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

§ Hymn 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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

Carol

A Savior From On High

Stephen Paulus

*O sweet was the song the Virgin sung, when she to Bethelam, Judah came,
And was delivered of a Son, and Jesus was his name. Lullaby.*

*O sweet Babe, sung she, my Son, and so a Savior is born,
Who was given from on high to visit us that were forlorn. Lullaby.
And Jesus was his name, And sweet was the song she sang. Lullaby.*

Litany

Love Begotten

Love has come: a light in the darkness! **Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.**
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; **hear how their song of joy arises:**
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! **Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he, of the things that are,
That have been, and that future years shall see, **evermore and evermore!**

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. **Love is God now asleep in the hay.**
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; **what is the name her heart is saying?**
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. **Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.**

Voluntary

Bell Jubilee

Ellen Jane Lorenz

Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

Proclamation of Prophecy Fullfilled

O, That Birth

Carol

Christmas Hymn

arr. Keith Christopher

*Praise to God whose love was shown; who sent his Son to earth.
Jesus left his rightful throne, became a man by birth.
The virgin's baby son, all creation praised Him,
God incarnate, come, come to Bethlehem.*

*Still a higher call had He; deliverance from our sins.
Come to set all people free from Satan's hold within.*

*For by the sin of man we fell; by the Son of God
He crushed the power of Hell; death we fear no more.*

Now we stand with strength, with power, the sons of God on earth.

Faithful to the final hour Christ's righteousness our worth.

*And now all praise is given, for the babe, the Son,
The Savior King is risen; Christ is Lord indeed.*

Litany

Love has come and never will leave us! **Love is life everlasting and free.**
Love is Jesus within and among us. **Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.**
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. **Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

Carol My Lord Has Come Will Todd
*Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels:
 No place for them but a stable. My Lord has come.
 Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;
 No place for them but a stable. My Lord has come.
 His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.
 Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;
 No place for me but a stable. My Lord has come.*

The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory Pastoral Symphony G. F. Handel

Carol A Christmas Carol Charles Ives
*Little star of Bethlehem! Do we see Thee now? Do we see Thee shining O'er the tall trees?
 Little Child of Bethlehem! Do we hear thee in our hearts?
 Hear the Angels singing, "Peace on earth, good will to men!" Noel!
 O'er the cradle of a King, Hear the Angels sing, "In Excelsis Gloria," Gloria!
 From his Father's home on high, Lo! for us He came to die;
 Hear the Angels sing, "Venite adoremus Dominum."*

Proclamation of Prophecy Fulfilled This Is He

Carol The Shepherd's Farewell to the Holy Family Hector Berlioz
*Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare.
 Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share.
 Loving father, loving mother, shelter thee with tender care!
 Blessed Jesus, we implore thee, with humble love and holy fear.
 In the land that lies before thee, forget not us who linger here!
 May the shepherd's lowly calling, ever to thy heart be dear!
 Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy father, mother mild!
 Guard ye well your heavenly treasure, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child!
 God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!*

Proclamation of Prophecy Fulfilled Evermore

Carol Movement I from Gloria Antonio Vivaldi
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Glory to God in the highest!

§ Affirmation of Faith from the Nicene Creed

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.**

Carol

Sing We Now of Christmas

John Leavitt

Sing we now of Christmas; Noël, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

Sing we Noël, the King is born, Noël! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noël!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest; journey forth to Bethlehem; find the lambkin blest."

Sing we Noël, the King is born, Noël! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noël!

From the eastern country came the kings afar, bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star.

Sing we Noël, the King is born, Noël! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noël!

§ Hymn 147

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Charge and Benediction



In the service:

Pastor, Rev. Rich McDermott

Associate Pastor, Rev. Chris Campbell

Minister of Music, Russell Farnell

Organist, Shina Heo

Music Associate, Cheryl Harris

Children's Music Ministries, directed by Laura Farnell, Cassandra Kirby, and Hunter Hendrickson

Youth Music Ministries, directed by Laura Farnell

The Chancel Choir

The Festival Orchestra

Christmas Poinsettias - Deadline!

Today is the deadline for turning in Poinsettia orders. 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 bring them to the church office. The cost is \$10.00 each.

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, December 15, during the 11:00 a.m. service is Confirmation Sunday. There will be a Reception following the 11:00 a.m. service in the Parlor.

Estimate of Giving Cards

Thanks to all of you who have turned in your Estimate of Giving card for 2020! We are so grateful for your commitment to Jesus' mission and ministry at FPCA! **If you have not turned in your Estimate of Giving card, please do so as soon as possible!** We need to wrap up our Will You Grow? generosity campaign for our annual giving. Cards can be located in the Narthex, or in the hall outside the chapel, or in the church office, or you can fill one out online! Your name and your estimate of giving will help our WYG team out considerably! Thank you so much for helping us to complete our WYG campaign, and for committing yourself anew to the Lord and His mission at our church! May God bless you!

Tailgate Party

It's tailgate time after church on Sunday, December 15th! Following the reception for the confirmation class, we will bust out the burgers, dogs, and bbq! We will turn on the early football games in the Fellowship Hall, and await the afternoon game featuring your Cowboys versus the Rams. All are invited and please bring some chips, sides, or desserts. Also if you have games like cornhole, please bring those so we can do this right! It is on church premises so this will be an alcohol free event. We look forward to a fun day. Feel free to invite a friend, preferable a Cowboy fan!

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. GiftsofHopewillbeavailableforsaleafterbothworshipservicesbetweenSunday,December1standSunday,December15thandarealsoavailableforsaleinthechurchofficeduringtheweek.Ifyouhaveanyquestionsorareavailabletohelpwiththeprogram(bysellingGiftsofHopebefore/afterworshipservices,etc.),pleaseemailSuzieMcCoyat smccoybelize@gmail.com or contact the church office.

Preschool Christmas Program

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

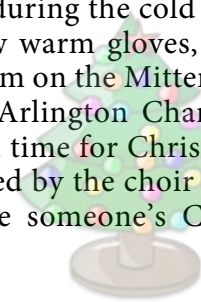
Following the program will be photos and cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you all will join us!

FPCA's Two Special Offerings in December

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. A Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years, the Christmas Joy Offering is designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to provide congregations a direct way of supporting specific causes that help those in need. 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 read a brief account of how one family benefited from the Christmas Joy Offering, visit: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/story/arms-church-around-us/>. Our church continually supports PCHAS but especially at Christmas. During FPCA's Christmas Eve services, the offerings that aren't designated otherwise will benefit 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

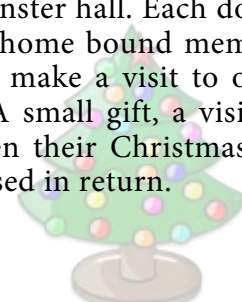
The Mitten Tree

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 up outside the choir room in the Westminster hall. Each dove has a name of one of our home bound members. Please take a dove and make a visit to one of our senior members. A small gift, a visit, poinsettia, etc. will brighten their Christmas season and you will be blessed in return.



SAVE THE DATE New Year, New Beginnings

January 11 at 10:00 a.m. Parlor

The new year is around the corner, and a time most look forward to a fresh start by hitting the reset button. Please make plans to join with other women of FPCA as we explore how to begin the new year (and decade) right, through learning the discipline of dedicating daily time with Jesus Christ.

More details to Come!

Women's Ministry Team

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 12/8	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	11:00 a.m.	Advent Festival Service
	2:00 p.m.	PCGRC
Tuesday 12/10	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Wednesday 12/11	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	11:00 a.m.	Capital Campaign Executive Team Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Ring of Praise Handbells
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 12/12	4:10 p.m.	Wyldlife
	6:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
	6:30 p.m.	Preschool Christmas Program
Friday 12/13	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	6:00 p.m.	Church Staff Christmas Party
Saturday 12/14	6:00 p.m.	Youth Christmas Party & Christmas Lights

Information for the December 22 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.

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