

December 29, 2019

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: Cheryl Harris

8:30 Lay Leader: Phil Austin

11:00 Lay Leader: Lona Watkins

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 44th wedding anniversary.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Eternal God, even as the heavenly host sang of your glory in the night skies over Bethlehem; even as the star shone in the heavens, and sheep and cattle gathered in that light, so we gather, young and old together, to recount all that you have done for us in mercy and steadfast love. With all creation, we praise you and exalt your name forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude

Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr

J.C. Bach

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

§ Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Proclaiming

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8–19

Old Testament page 3

Carol 82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Stanza 1

HYFRYDOL

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15–18

Old Testament page 18

Carol 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Stanzas 1 & 7

VENI EMMANUEL

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

Old Testament page 638

Carol 143

Angels from the Realms of Glory
Stanzas 1 & 4

REGENT SQUARE

Fourth Lesson

Micah 5:2–5

Old Testament page 865

Carol 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Stanzas 1 & 4

ST LOUIS

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26–35, 38

New Testament page 56

Carol 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1–7

New Testament page 58

Carol 147

The First Nowell
Stanza 1

THE FIRST NOWELL

Seventh Lesson	Luke 2:8–16	New Testament page 58
Carol 128	Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	W ZLOBIE LEZY
Eighth Lesson	Matthew 2:1–11	New Testament page 2
Carol 145	What Child Is This Stanzas 1 & 3	GREENSLEEVES
Nineth Lesson	John 1:1–14	New Testament page 91
Carol 133	O Come, All Ye Faithful Stanzas 1 & 6	ADESTE FIDELES

Responding

The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Stille Nacht

Franz Gruber

Emily Tettleton, soprano Cheryl Harris, piano

§ The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Psalm of Praise Psalm 148

All: Praise the Lord!

Left: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights!

Right: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

L: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

R: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

R: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

L: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

R: Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

R: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

R: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

R: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

All: Praise the Lord!

Sending

§ Hymn 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Canzona

Zipoli



This week @ FPCA

Sunday 12/29

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 12/30

Preschool Closed

Tuesday 12/31

Preschool Closed

Wednesday 1/1 **Preschool & Church Office Closed for New Years!**

Thursday 1/2

Preschool Closed

Friday 1/3

Preschool Closed

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, 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

Information for the January 12 bulletin should be turned in to Kim at the church office by this Monday.

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

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January 11th
10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parlor

ATTENTION, LADIES!!! It's said that a new year brings 365 new opportunities to develop new habits. Please join us for brunch and start 2020 off right by learning how to develop the discipline of daily quiet time with the Lord. Feel free to bring a friend!!

Registration:
December 29, January 5
Chapel Hall at 9:30, Red Hall at 10:45 and Noon
Cost: \$10

Registration forms are also available on the church website: (www.firstprestexas.org).
Childcare provided upon request

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

Financial Peace University

Never worry about money again with Financial Peace University (FPU), the nine-lesson course that gives you the proven plan to master budgeting, pay off debt, build wealth, and give generously. The course centers around lessons taught by Dave Ramsey, Chris Hogan and Rachel Cruze, followed by small group discussions. FPU includes your member workbook as well as one year of free access to Financial Peace Membership, where you'll find tons of online resources to help you start winning with money. Contact Katina Gifford at: 817-565-3835 for more info.

Saturdays, Feb. 1, 2020 - March 28, 2020
Location: Parlor, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Childcare available upon request

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!