

January 5, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

Epiphany Sunday



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. Rich McDermott

Organist: Susan Fuchs

8:30 Lay Leader: Kathi Dailey

11:00 Lay Leader: Katina Gifford

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

Matthew 2:7

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Prelude

What Child Is This?

John Behnke

Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you
**Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,
wise men came from the East, saying:
Where is he who is born king of the Jews?
**For we have seen his star in the East,
and have come to worship him.**
Let us worship God together.

§ Hymn 147

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

God of light and darkness, we have seen the light of your star beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. 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 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

New Testament page 2

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

Mark 1:1, 14–15, 21–28

New Testament page 34

The Sermon

The Beginning of the Good News

Rev. McDermott

The Table

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory (8:30)

Angels We Have Heard On High

Anna Laura Page

(11:00)

Three Kings from Persia
Cassandra Kirby, guest director

Gustav Holst

*In Bethlehem, that noble place, of Virgin Mary, full of grace,
within a stable all forlorn, the Savior of the world is born.
Be we merry in this feast, In quo Salvator natus est.*

*Three kings from Persian lands afar, Following the distant star:
And this the quest of the travelers three, Where the newborn King may be.
Be we merry in this feast, In quo Salvator natus est.*

*The star shines out with steadfast ray; The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship, they bend the knee, unto the child they'd come to see.
Be we merry in this feast, In quo Salvator natus est.*

*The star of mercy the star of grace, Shall lead thy heart to its resting place:
Gold, incense, myrrh thou cannot bring, So give thy heart unto the King!
Be we merry in this feast, In quo Salvator natus est.*

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 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Noel

Louis Claude d'Aquin



The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

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.

The musical score is written on six staves of music in 3/4 time. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes. The first line of music ends with a long horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Sermon Notes

The Beginning of the Good News Matthew 2:1-12; Mark 1:1, 14-15, 21-28

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 1/5	8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	12:05 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Families & Children Lunch
	2:00 p.m.	PCGRC
Monday 1/6		Preschool - Back to School
Tuesday 1/7	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Wednesday 1/8	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	5:15 p.m.	Preschool Team Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Ring of Praise Handbells
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 1/9	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
	6:45 p.m.	Team Meeting Night
Friday 1/10	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
Saturday 1/11	10:00 a.m.	Women's Ministry Brunch
	1:00 p.m.	Officer Training

Information for the January 19 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, 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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Congregational Meeting

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

- 1) Voting to elect two Deacons and one Congregational Nominating Team (CNT).
- 2) Approving the Pastors' Terms of Call.

Thank you for joining us!

Women's Ministry Brunch - Today is the Last Day to Register! Saturday, 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
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

Rev. Larry Thomas in Fellowship Hall: Christian Theology in the 20th and Early 21st Centuries

The Theological Inquiries and Indagators Sunday School Classes will host the Reverend Dr. Larry Thomas in Fellowship Hall beginning January 12, 2020 for four Sundays. Larry's topic will be evolution of Christian theology since the start of the 20th century. Larry's talk will begin at 9:30AM. Everyone is invited.

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

Music Ministry

Interested in leading worship through music?
Join the Chancel Choir,
Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble,
Agape Youth choir, or Children's Music Ministries!

Contact Russell Farnell for information:
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