

January 12, 2020

# First Presbyterian Church

The Baptism of the Lord



## 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

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Campbell

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Samuel Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leader: Jamee Shroyer

# *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.

Please silence all phones and devices

## *Gathering*

Preparation for Worship

Proverbs 3:5–6

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Voluntary

When the Morning Breaks Anew

Shina Heo

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

**His grace is sufficient for us.**

Let us enter into God's realm rejoicing, not in our own strength,  
but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Let us worship God.**

Introit (11:00)

Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing!

MARIAN

§ Hymn 409

God Is Here!

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Holy God, we confess that at times we do not believe that you have overcome sin and death.**

**We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love.**

**In fear, we worship idols.**

**In despair, we collapse in hopelessness.**

**In rage, we seek to dominate others.**

**Forgive us. Have mercy on us. Grant us peace. Send us out with the good news: nothing can withstand the victory of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

**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 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

Community Joys and Events

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons (11:00)

Elders: Nelson Abam, Matt Annen, Clara Formusoh, Ron MacLeod

Deacons: Lucia Bitnar, Allison Carlisle, Kristi Carlisle, Tom Dombrowsky,  
Yvonne Mickelson, Debbie Richardson, Marilyn Smith

### ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1-13

New Testament page 40

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem (11:00)

Simple and Free  
Cheryl Harris, piano

arr. Russell Farnell

*I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free;  
I will bow and be humble, yea, bow like the willow tree.*

*I will bow, this is the token, I will wear the easy yoke,  
I will bow and will be broken, yea, I'll fall upon the rock.*

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right.  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.*

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:30-34

New Testament page 41

The Sermon

Learning to Trust the Shepherd

Rev. McDermott

### ***Responding***

Pastoral 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.**

The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory (8:30)

Adagio from Sonata No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

(11:00)

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

*It is a great thing to serve the Lord. Walking in the light of God.  
Oh what a lovely day, what a day, what a beautiful day  
Jesus came to me and made me a new man. And I know I'm a child of God.  
Go tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

§ 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.**

§ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Sending*

§ Hymn 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Shina Heo



*Comments for Contemplation*

Learning to Trust the Shepherd

Mark 6:1–13, 30–34

1. What we find in Mark’s gospel is that a number of people that we might expect to understand and to get the point, don’t. The crowds that observe his miracles don’t get it, his disciples don’t get it, the religious authorities don’t get it, his family doesn’t get it and even the people in his \_\_\_\_\_ town of Nazareth, about whom we read today, don’t get it. They miss the point of who Jesus really is.
2. On the other hand, when we learn to trust Jesus, to have faith in and believe in him, amazing, incredible and even miraculous things can and do happen. Of course, that is sometimes easier said than done, but we should take heart that even the somewhat dense disciples portrayed in Mark’s gospel were able to cast out demons and to heal many people. What a difference it would make in our world, if we could genuinely put our trust in Jesus, and tap into the power and \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s kingdom!
3. Fourth, my faith is **not** in my ability to improve myself, and not in my own sincerity. Sincerity can be a good thing, but a person can be sincere and still be utterly wrong and misguided. And while self-improvement is also a reasonable and laudable goal, putting one’s faith and trust solely in one’s ability to improve oneself will eventually be shattered by the \_\_\_\_\_ of our human frailties.
4. And finally, sixth, my faith is **not** in my power to tap some inner, godlike resources. While God may indeed use us from time to time to execute his will and to demonstrate his power, we also know that “we have this treasure in clay \_\_\_\_\_ to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us” (II Cor. 4:7).
5. Now, you might wonder why it is that Jesus would ask that his followers keep their lives and their travels very simple, without luxury and fanfare, without money or even food. That is because it helps them to trust in God and not in their \_\_\_\_\_ or their ability to control each situation with more than enough of everything.

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

Sunday 1/12

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Larry Thomas  
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. CMM Lunch  
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries  
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 1/13

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class  
6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

Tuesday 1/14

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

Wednesday 1/15

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 1/16

11:30 a.m. Roundtable  
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Friday 1/17

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Saturday 1/18

1:00 p.m. Craig Poindexter Memorial Service  
5:30 p.m. Roundtable

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, 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, Allen Ray, 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, Shirley Bragg, 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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## 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 today, 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

Do you have a New Year's resolution? Wondering how you're going to budget for the commitment you made during the generosity campaign? Want to give even more? What about that charity you've always wanted to give to? Do you want to give beyond your wildest dreams? Come find out how in 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.

Scholarships and childcare available upon request

# You Are INVITED!

Join us for a meal and conversation as we share and celebrate the change to which Jesus calls us at FPCA. At these important capital campaign gatherings, you will learn more about what has led us here, our next steps, and how we will move forward together.

Choose a date  
and time that  
works best  
for you:

*Lunch on Thursday*  
January 16  
11:30am to 2:30pm

*Dinner on Saturday*  
January 18  
5:30pm to 8:30pm

*Brunch on Saturday*  
January 25  
9:00am to Noon

**We look forward to seeing you  
in the Fellowship Hall!**

*Yours in faith and God's ministry together.*  
Pastor Rich & Pastor Chris

As soon as possible or at least 5 days  
before your chosen date, RSVP to  
[kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kim@firstprestexas.org) or by calling  
the church office, 817.274.8286.

*Childcare provided January 18 & 25 if requested.*

### Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet Monday,  
January 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.  
We will be studying Chapter 4.

### Annual Reports!

Don't forget to turn in your Annual Reports!  
Please email your reports to Kim Lewis at:  
[kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kim@firstprestexas.org).  
Reports in Microsoft Word are preferred.

### Join Us for a Saturday Morning at PCHAS

I hope you enjoyed Christmas and have a wonderful start of the new year! Kandi and Kristy have scheduled life skills classes for the moms in the SPF program for 2020, so I wanted to go ahead and get the dates for the next few months out to you so you can pencil us in on your calendar.

We will be in need of volunteers to help with childcare at the Waxahachie campus in the Learning Center/ Recreation Room on the following Saturday mornings from 9:15 AM-12:15 PM:

*1/18	*2/29
*2/1	*3/14
*2/15	*3/28

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