

December 24, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve



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.

Offering envelopes can be found in the pews. Please place them in the offering basket in the Narthex.

Co-Pastor: Rev. Rich McDermott
Co-Pastor: Rev. Chris Campbell
Organist: Shina Heo

The Nativity of The Lord

5:00 & 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Services
§ Invites all who are able to stand.

The poinsettias are given to the glory of God.
See dedications on page 4.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

*On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring:
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth!*

Prelude

Welcome and Joys

Lighting the Christ Candle

(5:00) The Campbell Family
(7:30) The McDermott Family

Hymn 133

O Come All Ye Faithful
Jane Leathem, soprano

ADESTE FIDELES

Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Proclaiming

Anthem

All My Heart This Night Rejoices
Cassandra Kirby, soprano

Johann Ebeling

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:26–38

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Hymn 145

What Child Is This
Jane Leathem, soprano

§ Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:18–25
(read responsively, see opposite page)

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Anthem

In the Bleak Midwinter
Cassandra Kirby, soprano

Gustav Holst

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:1–20

New Testament page 58

Hymn 119

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Jane Leathem, soprano

MENDELSSOHN

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1–12

New Testament page 2

Hymn 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
Jane Leathem, soprano

REGENT SQUARE

Sermon

Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room

Rev. Rich McDermott

Responding

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Anthem

O Holy Night
Cassandra Kirby, soprano

Adolph Adam

You can place your offering in the basket in the Narthex. Unless otherwise marked, your offering will benefit Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.

Sending

§ Hymn 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

§ The Light of Christ

§ Hymn 122

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

§ Charge and Benediction



Matthew 1:18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah[a] took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel which means, “God is with us.”

24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son;[b] and he named him Jesus.

Joy to the World

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks,
hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders, of his love.*

Silent Night, Holy Night

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright ‘round yon virgin, mother and child
Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!”*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.*

Poinsettia Dedications

In Honor of

In honor of our homebound members, by anonymous
In honor of our family, by Sheri and Jim Quick

Our children and grandchildren, by Judy & Mike Northup

In Loving Memory of

Dr. Lee J. Walker & Laurie Walker Shelby, by Marilyn Walker
Our Parents, by David & Isobel Peden
My parents, Harry & Kathleen Moore, by Kathy Moore
Claudia Johnson, by Lew Johnson
LTJG W A Johnson and G E Johnson, by Lew Johnson
L N and Anne Johnson, by Lew Johnson

David Chambers, by Paula Thomson
Robert Reagan, by Darlene Reagan
Shannon Reagan, by Darlene Reagan
Milton & Kathryn Edwards, by Larry & Joyce Stephenson
Morris & Jo Stephenson, by Larry & Joyce Stephenson
Our family, by Sheri & Jim Quick