

January 3, 2021
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.

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell
Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

11:00 a.m.

The greenery is offered to the Glory of God.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Please silence all phones and devices

Gathering

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Preparation for Worship

God of Advent, of waiting and hoping, keep our hearts expectant, ready for your coming among us.

God of Christmas, of celebration and rejoicing, make our hearts glad with the joy nothing can take from us.

God of Epiphany, of hiding and making known, fill our hearts with wonder at the revelation of your glory that we have seen in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship

May the light of God's love push back the darkness.

We come to the light from the four corners of the earth: from the north, from the south, from the east, and from the west.

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

We come from many nations and many cultures.

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

We come seeking the light that guides us to life.

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

Let us lift up our many voices and praise the God of all people.

§ Responsive Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Eternal Light, **shine in our hearts;**

Eternal Goodness, **deliver us from evil;**

Eternal Power, **be our support;**

Eternal Wisdom, **scatter the shadows of our ignorance;**

Eternal Compassion, **have mercy on us, that with heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to the Holy Presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Anthem

We Three Kings

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

Dolly Hall, alto and Cassandra Kirby, soprano

Community Joys and Events

The Ordination and Installation of Officers

Proclaiming

First Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:1–12	New Testament page 2
Second Scripture Reading	Isaiah 60:1–6	Old Testament page 690
The Sermon	Morning Glory	Rev. Campbell

The Table

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.**

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.**

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

*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

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude	We Three Kings	Diane Bish
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Sermon Notes

Morning Glory Matthew 2:1–12; Isaiah 60:1–6

Offering

If you would like to give your tithes and offerings in person today, please use the envelope provided in the pews. You can drop the envelope off in the offering plate while departing the sanctuary when the service is completed. Please feel free to continue giving as you have during this time whether that is mailing checks or giving online. We are most thankful for your generous support!



Preschool Teachers Needed

We are currently looking for qualified teachers to fill part-time positions for our Infant, Toddler, and Pre-K classes. If you are passionate about working with children and want to provide them a safe environment that they may grow socially, emotionally, cognitively, and are given opportunities to learn about God's love, then First Presbyterian Preschool Arlington is just the place for you. We are accepting applications Monday through Friday from 7:30am -5:30pm. You may apply online at www.fppsarlington.com, call us at 817-274-4051, or simply stop by the office. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Sincerely, Preschool Staff

FPCA Newsletter

The Newsletter is available outside the Chapel and in the Narthex. The News continues to be in the church-wide email each month. The Newsletter is also on our church website. By using this digital method to send the Newsletter, the church is saving with both printing and mailing costs. If you prefer to have a copy mailed to you, please give the church office a call and let them know.

Important Hygiene Information to Remember

For now, in order to keep our church gatherings safe during the era of the coronavirus, remember, please:

1. If you are sick, stay home.
2. If your health is compromised, stay home.
3. Wash your hands with soap and water (20 seconds) regularly throughout the day, and especially before gathering.
4. Minimize touches to your face.
5. Wear a face covering and maintain social distance from those outside your family.
6. Use hand sanitizer if hand washing is unavailable.

At this point in time, we believe these are the appropriate measures to take, and we urge you to continue to come to worship and praise the Lord as one Body in Christ. We realize these may need to change in the future. Thank you for your understanding.