

December 12, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

The Third Sunday of Advent



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Rev. Chris Campbell, pastor
Russell Farnell, minister of music
Shina Heo, organist
The Chancel Choir and the Festival Brass

An Advent Festival

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Please silence all phones and devices.

Please fill out the Friendship pad in your pew.

Gathering

Prayer for Preparation

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things that hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Greeting and Words of Preparation

Lighting the Advent Candles

Chancel Choir members

We light the candle of Peace as a sign of the coming light of Christ,
who is called the Son of the Most High;

Of his kingdom there will be no end.

About the hour of Christ's coming no one knows; therefore keep awake,
for you do not know when the time will come.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of God endures forever.

§ Hymn 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5

Prayer of Confession

O promised Christ:

We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming.

We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming.

We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;

our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it.

**Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon,
and for your grace. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

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

The Gloria Patri

Glory to God

Russell Farnell

I.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

II.

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

Proclaiming

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–2

Choral Response of Faith

Glory to God

Russell Farnell

III.

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;*

IV.

*You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:8–14

§ Hymn 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in the Fellowship Hall.

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.**

Responding

Offertory

Litany of Praise

Glory to God in the highest, **and peace to his people on earth.**
Lord God, heavenly King, **Almighty God and Father,**
we worship you, we give you thanks, **we praise you for your glory.**
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, **Lord God, Lamb of God,**
you take away the sin of the world: **have mercy on us;**
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: **receive our prayer.**
For you alone are the Holy One, **you alone are the Lord,**
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, **with the Holy Spirit,**
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

I.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
 Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
 We praise you. We bless you. We worship you. We glorify you.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
 We give thanks to you for your great glory.

II.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
 Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
 Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, only Son of the Father,

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
 You take away sins of world, have mercy on us.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
 You take away the sins of world, receive our prayer.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
 You sit at right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

III.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
 For you alone are the Holy One

Tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
 You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

§ Charge and Benediction

***The Festival Brass***

Trumpets
 Cody McClarty, Garrett Lindholm, Mario Mojica, Alan Wemhoff

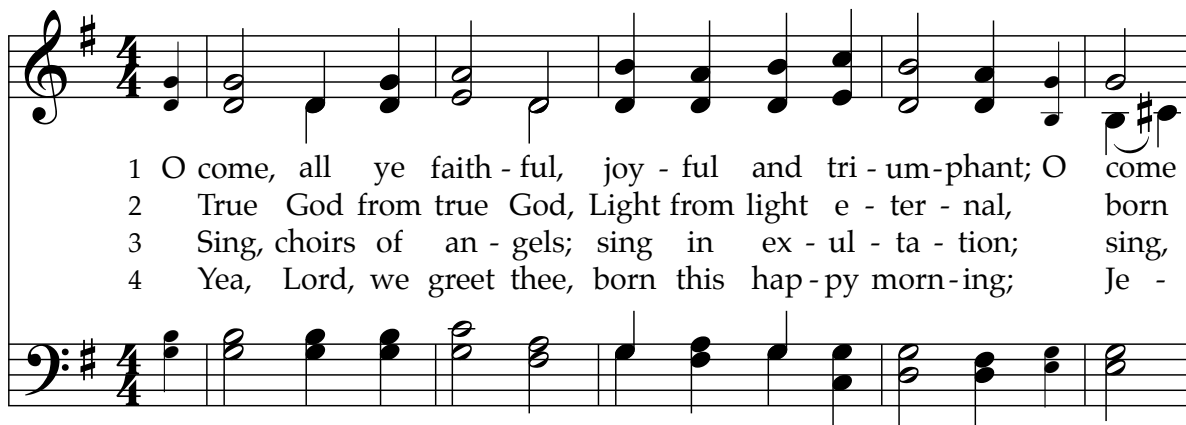
Horn
 Reese Farnell

Trombones
 Jacob Muzquiz, Joel Grizzelle, Scott Nguyen

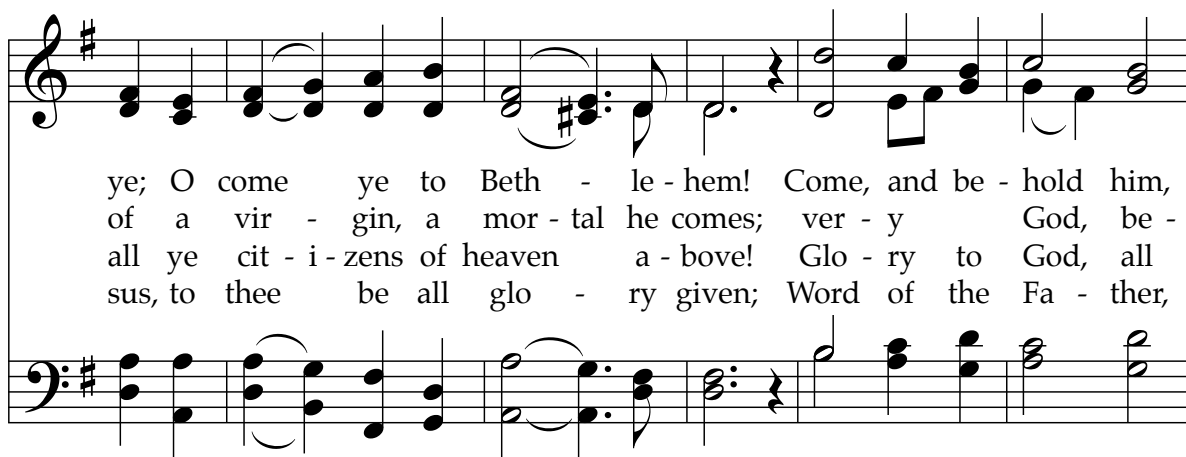
Tuba
 Jarrod Robertson

Percussion
 Waichi Champion, Logan Seith

O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

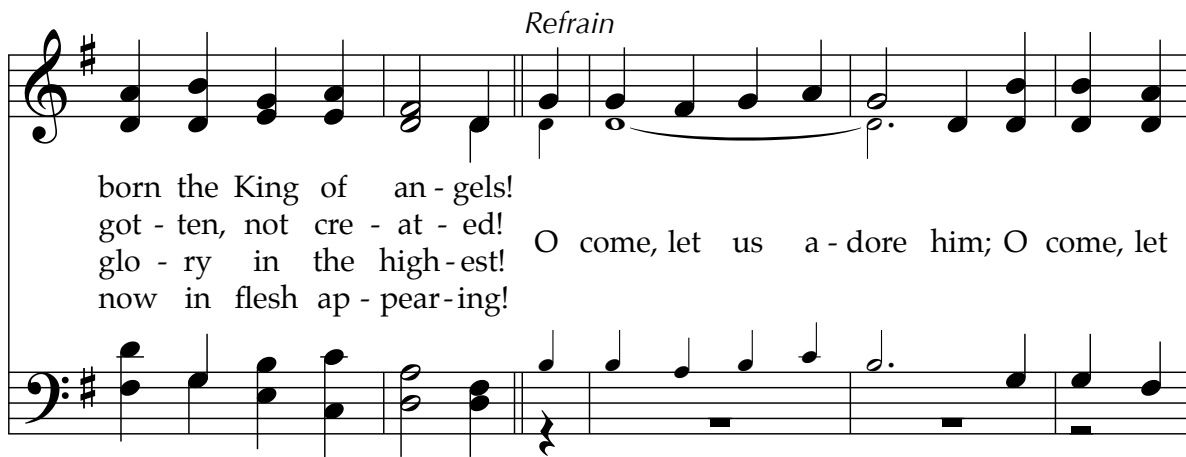


1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -



ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

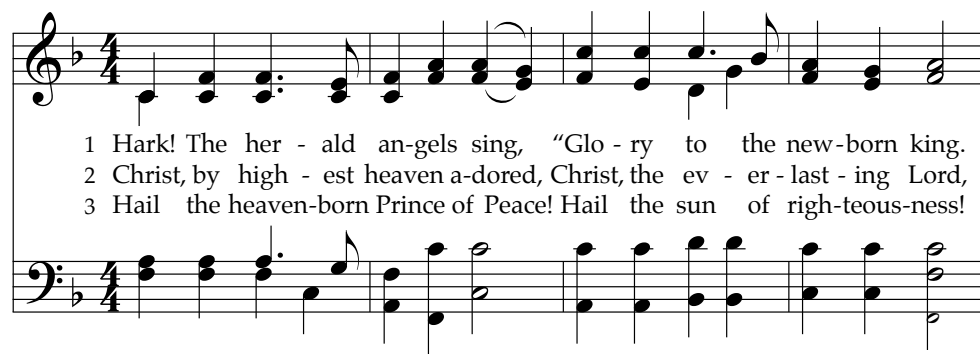


born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!


119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



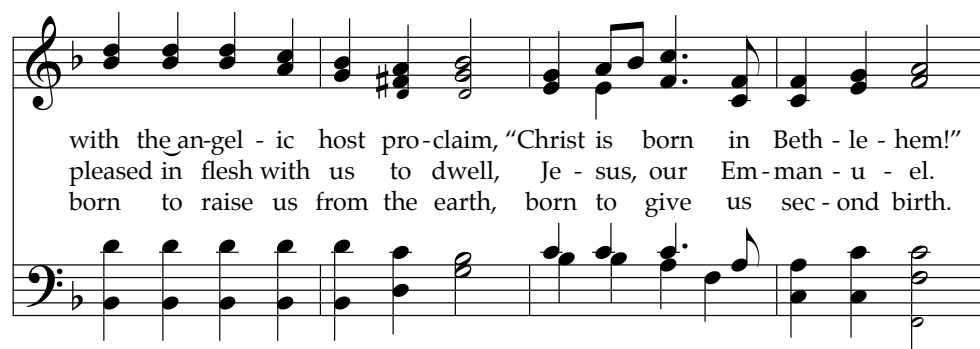
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

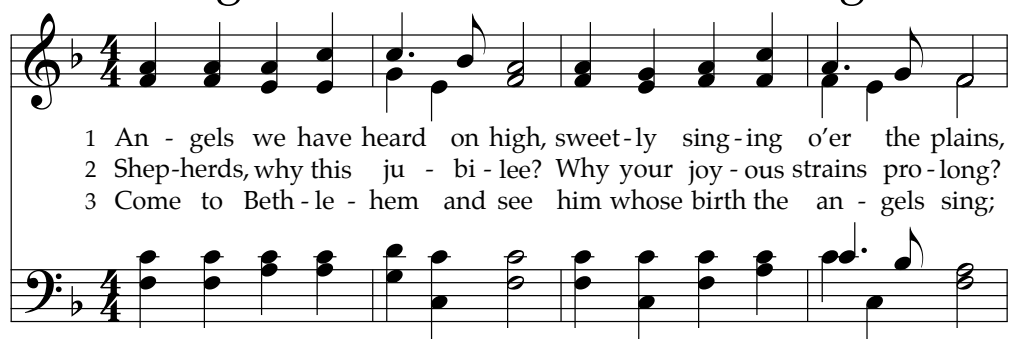


with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

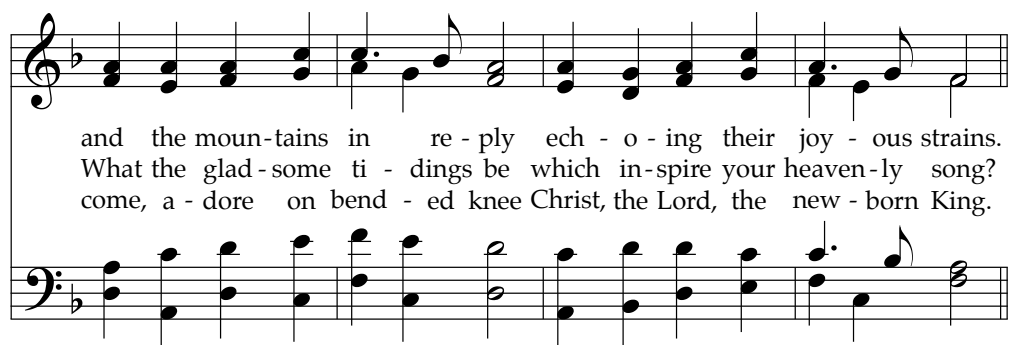


Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

113 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

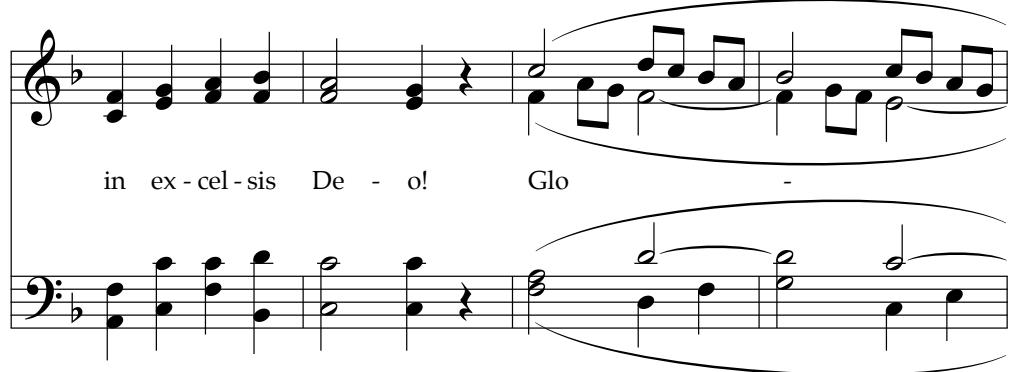


and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some ti - dings be which in-spire your heaven-ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

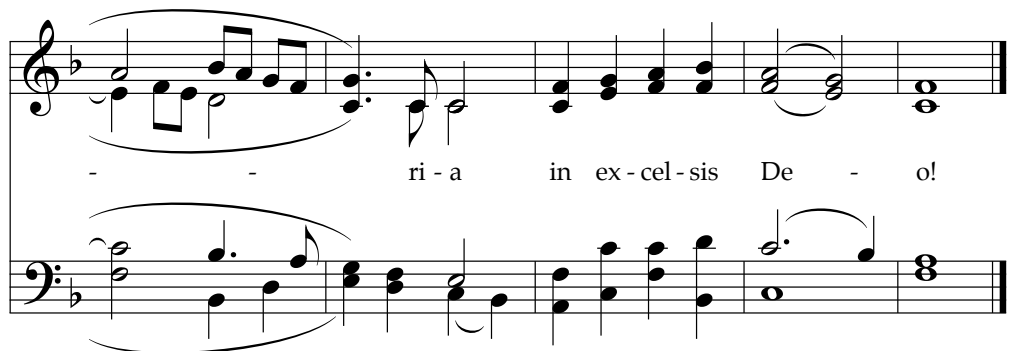
Refrain



Glo - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -



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This week @ FPCA

Sunday 12/12	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	An Advent Festival
Monday 12/13	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Tuesday 12/14	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	10:30 a.m.	Tues. Morning Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 12/15	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 12/17	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
Saturday 12/18	6:00 p.m.	Youth Christmas Party

Information for the December 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, the Boice Family, Jack Bos, James (Andrew) Bridges, Carol Browning, Vannah Caylor, John Clements, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lloyd Counts, the Ellis Family, the Farnell Family, Don Farrell, Yvette Fielder, the Formusoh Family, the Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, the Gottmann Family, Andrew Hydock, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, the McDermott Family, Barbara Mooers, the Moore Family, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Joan Reynolds, Beth Rotert, Kathy Rotert, John and Donna Vickers, and Nancy Welborne.

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Mancini, Amie Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Peyton Steeno, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Esther Albright, Suzette Armstrong, Tom and Bobbie Fowler, Barbara Hughes, Jeanne Malone, Charlene Miller, Carrie Pacot, Ann Pitstick, Betty Snowden, 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 Chris Campbell at 817-274-8286.

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Narthex @ Noon

Narthex @ Noon will be today after the worship service in the Narthex with light refreshments. Please join us for wonderful fellowship.

Christmas Poinsettias

Please help us prepare our Sanctuary to celebrate the birth of our Savior by ordering a poinsettia. Order forms are in the Narthex and church office. Please complete the form and place it in the offering plate, the basket in the Narthex, or mail/bring them to the church office. The cost is \$10.00 each and the deadline to order is next Sunday, December 19.

Offering Envelopes - Reminder

Please remember to pick up your offering envelopes in the Narthex before or after the service. During the week the offering envelopes will be in the church office. If you would like them mailed to you, please call the church office .

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). Special offering envelopes can be found outside the sanctuary or chapel or you can designate on a blank envelope or your check which offering you are supporting.



A Presbyterian tradition for 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 undesignated offerings will benefit PCHAS. 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. To find out more about PCHAS, visit: <https://www.pchas.org/who-we-are/pchas-way>.

Gifts of Hope

FPCA will once again be offering Gifts of Hope for the 2021 Advent Season. Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift market that offers a creative and caring way to honor friends, family members, colleagues, etc. through donations to a wide range of outreach organizations. "Shoppers" choose an organization, donate the amount specified, and then receive a card to give as a gift to friends or family. This program not only supports outreach organizations, but also seeks to offer a less materialistic option for gift giving.

Gifts of Hope will be available for sale on Sundays before and after the 11AM worship service starting Sunday, December 5th and ending Sunday, December 19th. They are also available for sale in the church office during the week. If you have any questions or are available to help with the program (by selling Gifts of Hope before/after worship services, etc.), please email Suzie McCoy at smccoybelize@gmail.com, Laura Farnell at laura.farnell@gmail.com, or contact the church office.

The Mitten Tree 2021

Please help families during this Christmas season and during the cold winter months by bringing new warm gloves, hats, and scarves and hang them on the Mitten Tree! These will be given to Arlington Charities for children and adults in time for Christmas. The Mitten Tree is located in the red hall. Please stop by and make someone's Christmas happy...and WARM!

The Dove Tree 2021

The Dove tree is up in the Narthex. Each dove has a name of one of our home bound members. Please take a dove and make a visit to one of our senior members. A small gift, a visit, poinsettia, etc. will brighten their Christmas season and you will be blessed in return.

Youth Christmas Party

Let's celebrate! The youth ministry will have their annual Christmas Party on December 18, 2021 from 6pm-8pm at church in the fellowship hall. Dinner and plenty of dessert will be served. We will have our annual white elephant gift exchange, so don't forget to bring a gift of no more than \$5 dollars with you. We look forward to seeing you then.

If you have any questions, please contact Adrian Rodriguez at thewellfpca@gmail.com.

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 during the offering time or in the offering basket in the Narthex 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!

FPCA Newsletter

The Newsletter is available in the Narthex and outside the Chapel. The News continues to be in the church-wide email each month. The Newsletter is also on our church website at firstprestexas.org.

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.

Friendship Pads

Please take the time to fill out the Friendship Pad in your pew. Whether you're a guest or a member, we would love to have your contact information so we can keep in touch with you.

HOPE Tutoring at FPCA

HOPE Tutoring meet each Monday night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 218. Masks will be required for all persons entering the building.

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