

November 27, 2022

# First Presbyterian Church

First 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.

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Adrian Rodriguez

Lay Leader: Jody Schenck

Organist: Shina Heo

# *The Worship of God*

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**

Prelude

Prayer for Preparation

*Holy God, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near.  
Keep us in faithful love and watchful in prayer,  
so that we may stand with confidence and joy  
at the coming of Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.*

Welcome

Rev. Chris Campbell

Lighting the Advent Candles

The Gottmann Family

We light the candle of Hope 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 105

People, Look East

BESANÇON

§ Prayer of Confession

**Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming.**

**We live in sin, as though there is no justice.**

**We live in fear, as though there is no grace.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love.**

**Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,  
for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ 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.**

BEYOND Moment

Diane Terwilliger

## ***Proclaiming***

### Children's Time

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

New Testament Reading                      1 Thessalonians 3:9–13                      New Testament page 204

Anthem    Call to Advent    Jerome Williams

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.*

Old Testament Reading                      Psalm 25    Old Testament page 502

Sermon    Finish    Rev. Campbell

## ***Responding***

§ Hymn 82    Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus    HYFRYDOL

### 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.**

### Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory    Cantabile Symphonique    Camille Saint-Saëns

### § 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

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 18

Who is this mediator who is at the same time true God and a true and perfectly righteous man?

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is freely given to us for complete redemption and righteousness. Amen.**

*Sending*

§ Hymn 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Stanzas 1-3

VENI EMMANUEL

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

A Festal Flourish

John Dixon



# 105

## People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more  
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the  
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more  
 5 An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to  
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look  
 a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.  
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.  
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.  
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

east and sing to - day:



Peo-ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
Love, the Bird, is on the way.  
Love, the Star, is on the way.  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo-ple, look east:

(Love is on the way.)



## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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| <p>5 O come, thou Key of David, come,<br/>             and open wide our heavenly home;<br/>             make safe the way that leads on high,<br/>             and close the path to misery.<br/>             Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>             shall come to thee, O Israel.</p>             | <p>6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer<br/>             our spirits by thine advent here;<br/>             disperse the gloomy clouds of night,<br/>             and death's dark shadows put to flight.<br/>             Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>             shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> |
| <p>7 O come, Desire of nations, bind<br/>             all peoples in one heart and mind;<br/>             bid envy, strife, and discord cease;<br/>             fill the whole world with heaven's peace.<br/>             Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>             shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> |  |

*One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:*

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| <i>Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)</i>        | <i>Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)</i>      | <i>Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)</i> |
| <i>Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)</i> | <i>Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)</i>         |                                |
| <i>Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)</i> | <i>Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)</i> |                                |

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.



# Hope Has Come!

*Women's Advent Kickoff Celebration*

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

*7:00 p.m. in the Parlor*



The FPCA Women's Ministry Team invites you to enjoy a night of fellowship with your sisters in Christ as we celebrate the start of Advent - a time of anticipating the coming of our Savior. Relax and enjoy hot chocolate and treats, as we spend time with friends, and welcome in the season where we are reminded that because of Jesus, hope has come to each of us. We will have a special gift for the first 25 ladies who register...can't wait to see you there!

*Registration: \$5 Online*

- FPCA Website ([www.firstprestexas.org](http://www.firstprestexas.org)) → Our Ministries → Adult Ministries
- Scroll down to Women's Ministry and register

## Two Special Offerings in December

Our church supports two special offerings during the month of December. 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.

**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 brief accounts of those who have benefited from the Christmas Joy Offering, visit: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/stories/>

Our church continually supports PCHAS but especially at Christmas. During FPCA's Christmas Eve service, 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, some services you might find helpful. For more about PCHAS, visit: <https://www.pchas.org/who-we-are/pchas-way>

**GIFTS** \*  
\* of **HOPE**

**Coming Dec. 4!**

Gifts of Hope offers a way to give a gift to a loved one, and to benefit mission organizations locally and around the world.

*It is more blessed to give than to receive.  
Acts 20:35b*



## An Advent Festival

a service of worship in song

celebrating the coming of the Savior with narrator, choir, organ, and congregational carols

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**

**11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary**

featuring *Gloria: A Collage*

including the works of Vivaldi, Rutter, Poulenc, Mozart, Schubert, Haydn, and Bass

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday 11/27

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday School                | 9:45 a.m.  |
| Worship in Sanctuary         | 11:00 a.m. |
| Children's Ministry Luncheon | 12:00 p.m. |
| Children's Music Ministries  | 12:15 p.m. |
| Youth Music Ministries       | 12:15 p.m. |

Tuesday 11/29

|                                    |            |
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| Senior Flexibility Class           | 9:30 a.m.  |
| Tues. Morning Women's Bible Study  | 10:30 a.m. |
| H. O. P. E Tutoring                | 6:30 p.m.  |
| Women's Advent Kickoff Celebration | 7:00 p.m.  |

Wednesday 11/30

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| Men's Bible Study                 | 8:00 a.m.  |
| Quilting Group                    | 10:00 a.m. |
| Ring of Praise Handbell Rehearsal | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Chancel Choir Rehearsal           | 7:00 p.m.  |
| CWF Women's Bible Study           | 7:00 p.m.  |

Friday 12/02

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| Kid's Night Out | 6:00 p.m. |
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## Prayer Ministry

### *Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

The family of Jeanne Malone, Apana Agha, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Billie Jo Campbell, Vannah Caylor, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Bunny Floyd, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Grady Herzog, the Hydock Family, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Gary Lindley, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Jim L. Quick, Tonya Scrapeck, Esther Teboh, John and Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Danny Womble

### *Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:*

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

### *Prayers for our home-bound members:*

Esther Albright, Tom and Bobbie Fowler, Barbara Hughes, Family of Jeanne Malone, Charlene Miller, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, Mary Jane Wright, Polly Baugh, Lucy Cleaver, Madge Casselman, Elizabeth Harris

### *Prayers for those who do not know Christ*

If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155 or [jim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:jim@firstprestexas.org)

## Staff Directory

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