

January 8, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

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.

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Liturgist: Adrian Rodriguez
Lay Leader: Tina Hanson
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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

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

David Bednall

Prayer for Preparation

God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong! Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters. You sit enthroned above the floods of life. As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism, may we also hear you calling us your beloved, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

This Is the Day

Timothy McKinney

Call to Worship

We gather at the fresh start of a new year.

We come with expectance and anticipation.

Let us open ourselves to the possibilities of God's grace.

Our hearts are open, our minds are ready.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us sing and rejoice!

§ Hymn 141

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

PERSONENT HODIE

§ Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

Proclaiming

Responsive Reading

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, **ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; **worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; **the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful; **the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; **the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; **the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;

and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; **the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the Lord give strength to his people! **May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Children's Time

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

Gospel Reading	Mark 1:4–11	New Testament page 34
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Anthem	Seek Ye First	Karen Lafferty
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*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia!
Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you. Alleluia!*

Old Testament Reading	Genesis 1:1–5	Old Testament page 1
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Sermon	This Is the Beginning of the Rest of Your Life	Rev. Campbell
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Responding

§ Hymn 14	For the Beauty of the Earth	Dix
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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	Songs of Praise	African Praise Choir
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We are the light of the world. A city built on a hill can not be hidden,
So let us shine as the light of the world.

The Lord will touch (bless) someone today. It maybe you, it maybe I, it maybe someone by your side.

Happy are those who trust in the Lord.

§ 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.**

**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 159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Stallsmith



Sermon Notes

“There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world, that is not intended to make us rejoice.”
—John Calvin

“Being image bearers of God is also at the heart of how we see other humans, which results in treating them with dignity, regardless of race, age, gender, social or economic status.”
—Dave Bland

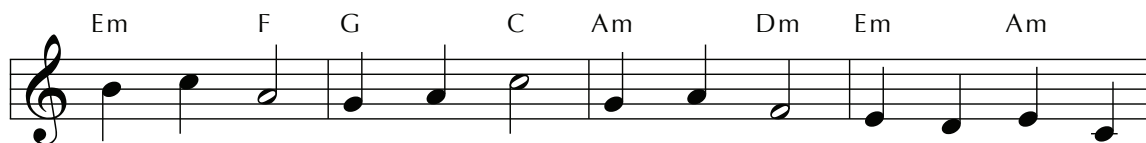
“If men can trust that life began in goodness, they can go forward into it with courage and gallant expectation. The evil in the world is not due to some relentless fate; it is a contradiction of the Creator’s purpose, and so can be redeemed. Creation is not a finished story. As there was the beginning in God, so there can be new beginnings.”
—The Interpreter’s Bible

“...the rich grace of God is given to us in such a way that we don’t have to be who we were when we walked into this [sanctuary]. We can be different people. We don’t have to be like snails who drag the shell of their past around with them. No, ours is a gospel of renewal. We believe in the God of second chances.”
—Chris Andrews

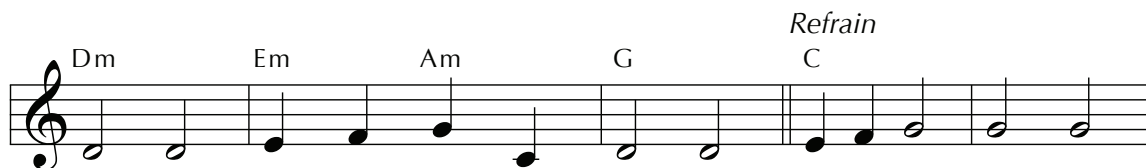
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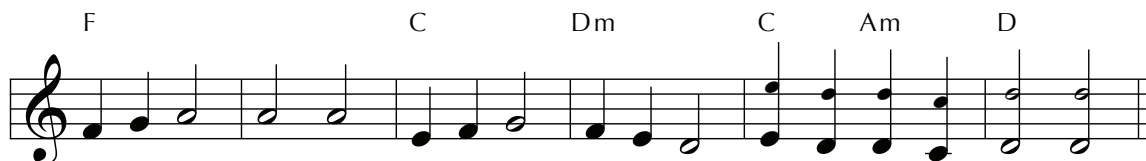
1 On this day earth shall ring with the song
 2 His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came
 3 God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three
 4 On this day an - gels sing; with their song



chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to
 down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be -
 to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts be -
 earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, heav - en's King, born on earth to



save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
 side him from the cold would hide him. *Id - e - o - o - o - o,
 fore him, praise him and a - dore him.
 save us; peace and love he gave us.



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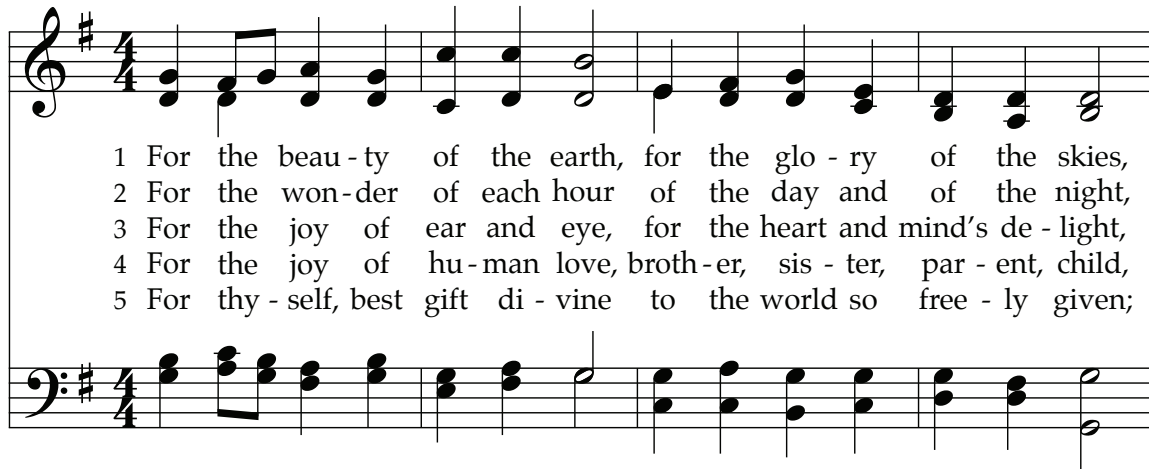
*Therefore, glory to God in the highest.

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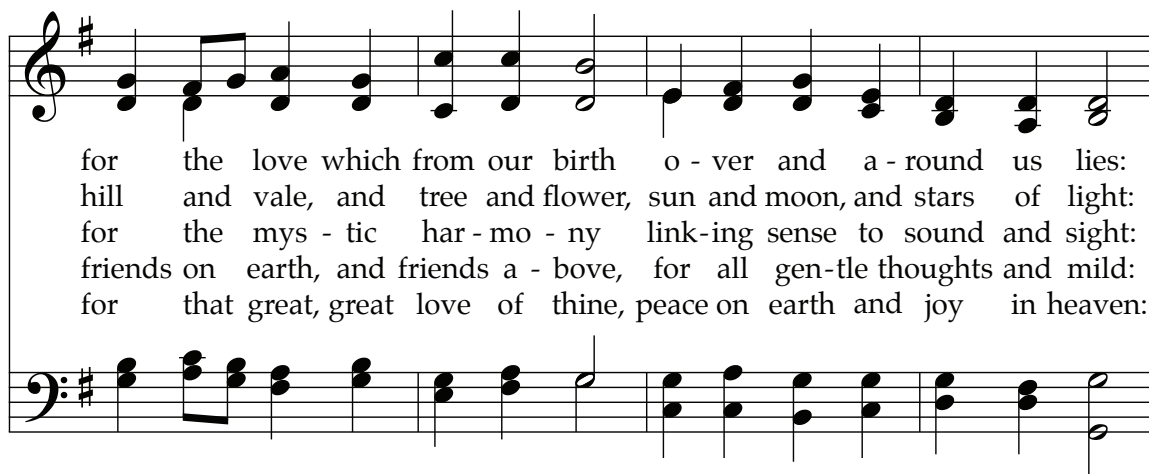
Although this Latin carol for Christmas may have roots several centuries older than its 16th-century emergence, the text was all in one language until its 20th-century translator chose to adopt the original last two lines of the fourth stanza as a unifying refrain in all stanzas.

For the Beauty of the Earth


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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain


Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,
 2 O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of sun-ny days of joy;
 3 O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,
 4 O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,

and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air.
 O sing of fra-grant flow-ers' breath, and of the sin-less boy.
 of him who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still.
 of him who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way.

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day.
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow.
 For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, dark seas of trou-ble roll,
 For he who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave,

Of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.
 Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.
 when faith has heard the Mas-ter's word, falls peace up-on the soul.
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a-dored, is might-y now to save.

This hymn created by a noted Presbyterian hymnal editor and scholar employs place names and sensory images (light, fragrance, wind) to sketch the events of Christ's life. The tune name commemorates the village in Sussex where the arranger first heard the traditional melody.

Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch

The Fellowship Team will be serving the “Souper Bowl of Caring” lunch immediately following the church service on February 5, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy a delicious meal. Come see what we have planned for your enjoyment. Everyone is invited. Save the date.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 1/8

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Sanctuary	11:00 am
Children and Youth Music Ministries	12:15 pm

Tuesday 1/10

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm

Wednesday 1/11

Quilting	10:00 am
Ring of Praise Handbell Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm

Thursday 1/12

Fellowship Team Meeting	4:30 pm
Team Meeting Night	7:00 pm

Friday 1/13

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Kids Night Out	6:00 pm

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The Family of Esther Albright.
Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Billie Jo Campbell, 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 Scrabeck, Esther Teboh, John and Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welbourne, 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:

Tom and Bobbie Fowler, Barbara Hughes, 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

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