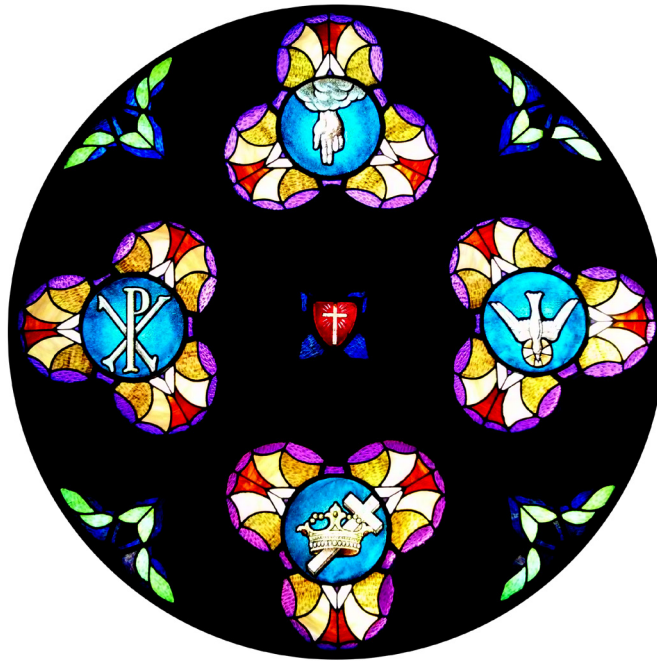


December 10, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent



An Advent Festival Pageant

Mission Statement:

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

Pastor: Rev. Chris Campbell
Minister of Music: Russell Farnell
Organists: Shina Heo, Cheryl Harris
Pageant Director: Sonia Ellis

Youth and Children's Music Ministries Leaders:
Laura Farnell, Shannon Annen, AJ Baker,
Jane Leathem, Emily Ledesma
African Praise Choir Coordinator: Clara Formusoh

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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 row.*

Gathering

Prelude Savior of the Nations, Come Dieterich Buxtehude

Prayer for Preparation

*Loving God, you sent your prophet John to prepare your way among us,
to call us to repentance and make our pathways straight.
Strengthen us to live lives of steadfast love and faithfulness as we await the Messiah's return,
that all may see your reign of peace through your just and gracious rule. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

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 104 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

§ Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness.

We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed.

We have not been at peace.

We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love.

**Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins,
that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ Gloria Patri GREATOR EX

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.

KFC Dismissal

Children age 3 to 4th grade are welcome to stay in the service today, or to go with Kyle to KFC in room 218.

Proclaiming

Introduction		Russell Farnell
Voluntary	O Come All Ye Faithful CMM Chimes	arr. Shannon Annen
SCENE I	The Prophets	
Organ Meditation	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	arr. Alec Rowley
SCENE II	Mary and the Angel	
Hymn 129	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	Est Ist Ein' Ros
SCENE III	Joseph and the Angel	
Anthem	Mary and Joseph	African Praise Choir
SCENE IV	Traveling to Bethlehem	
Voluntary	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus YMM Bells	arr. Susan Berry
SCENE V	The Birth in Bethlehem	
Anthem	Hush My Babe YMM Singers	arr. Cynthia Gray
Hymn 115	Away in a Manger	MUELLER
SCENE VI	The Shepherds	
Anthem	The Angels' Song CMM Singers	Fred Bock
Hymn 119	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	Mendelssohn
SCENE VII	Three Wise Men	
Anthem	My Lord Has Come Chancel Choir	Will Todd
Conclusion		
Song of Praise	The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy	African Praise Choir

Pageant Cast

Narrator: Jamee Shroyer

Isaiah: David Peña Mary: Hannah Robles Gabriel: Mathew Arredondo Joseph: Samuel Terwilliger
Shepherds: Mathew Arredondo, David Peña

Angel: Annabelle Ellis Heavenly Host: Children's Music Ministries

Three Kings: Gaspard: AJ Baker Melchior: Bob Watkins Balthazar: Matt Annen

Herod: David Terwilliger

Responding

§ Hymn 134

Joy To The World

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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

Christmas Fantasy
Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

arr. Russell Farnell

§ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

Sending

§ Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5–11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

§ Hymn 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Stanzas 1–4

VENI EMMANUEL

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

People, Look East!


Kristina Langlois



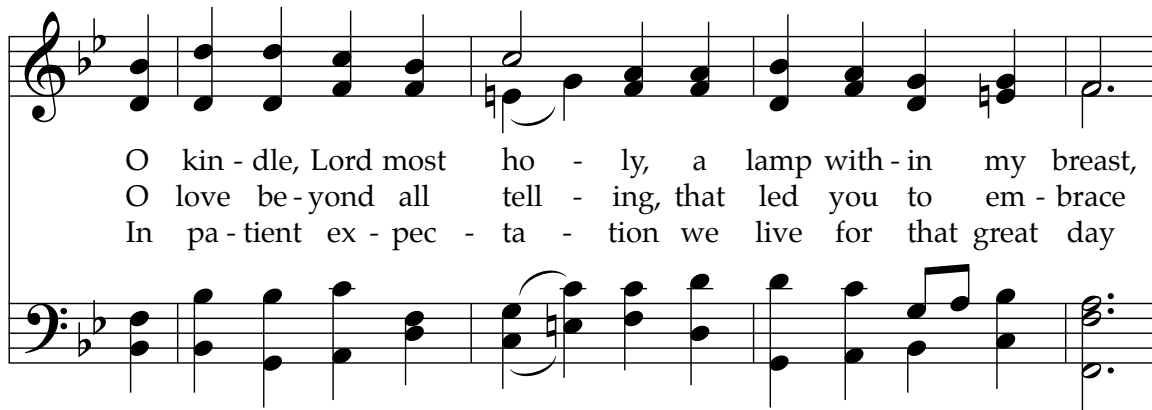
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104



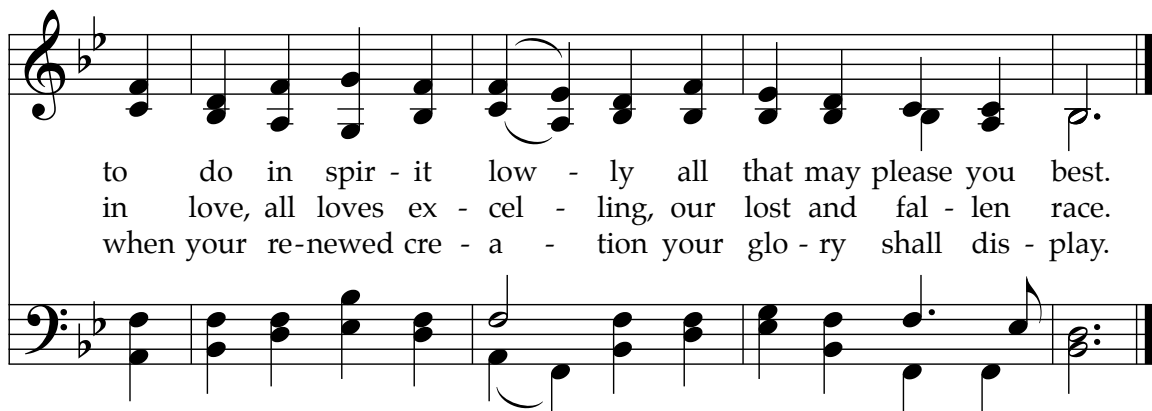
1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 129

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung.
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery-where.

It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right she bore for us a
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he

win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Although the early copies of this 15th-century German text include many more stanzas than are printed here, this simpler, shorter form has much to commend it. This early 17th-century harmonization of the traditional chorale melody invites and rewards singing in parts.

115

Away in a Manger

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B \flat (D) F

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(G) B \flat (D) F

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(A7) C7 (D) F (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Though erroneously attributed to Martin Luther, this anonymous carol has North American roots, probably originating among Pennsylvania Lutherans. Although more than forty melodies have been connected with these words, this tune was among the earliest written for them.

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.

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hark! The herald angels sing." It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, 4/4 time, with lyrics: "Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, 'Glo - ry to the new-born king!'". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in G major, 4/4 time, featuring a bass line and chords. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The music concludes with a double bar line.

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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-joyce! Re-joyce!
 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.

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

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

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

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.

Christmas Poinsettias

Help prepare the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the birth of the Savior by ordering a poinsettia that will be placed on Sunday, December 17, through the Christmas season. Poinsettia orders can be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one. Order forms are available on the table outside the Fellowship Hall. Place completed forms in the basket or the offering plate, or bring it to the church office. The cost is \$13.00 each, and the deadline is December 10.

2023 Annual Reports

It's that most wonderful time of year when our teams and groups submit their reports for the year. Team leaders and staff are asked to please send your reports to info@firstprestexas.org by the end of this year. Thank you!

End-of-Year Giving

As the calendar year draws to a close, we want to thank you for your faithfulness in giving to the ministries of FPCA this year.

Also, we want to share a hopefully, helpful reminder regarding giving as it relates to taxes. We are allowed to give credit to any gift that is received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2023. Of course, you can always give online up to 11:59 pm on 12/31/2023 through here. Other ways to give are described here.

Again, thank you for your prayerful generosity!

GIVE a RIDE to those who NEED a RIDE to and from Church and/or Sunday School

The Deacons are compiling a list of drivers by zip code and phone number to provide to members (in the same or near zip code) who can no longer get to and from FPCA! The deacons will supply the member with the list from their geographical area. It will be up to the person who NEEDS a RIDE to contact the person who can GIVE a RIDE. Please call the church office or email Kathy McCoy at jkmccoy@sbcglobal.net with your information to GIVE a RIDE or NEED a RIDE.

Personally I need to be on both lists because you never know when the car won't start or has a flat. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy McCoy at jkmccoy@sbcglobal.net.

Gifts of Hope 2023



FPCA will again be offering Gifts of Hope, an alternative gift market, with an opportunity for youth to participate in this creative and caring way to honor friends and family through donations to a wide range of outreach organizations. Using learning activities for youth, needs and the responses offered allow for selection of an organization and aid in designated amounts. Cards are provided to share with honored recipients to indicate the support of outreach organizations that shows God's love around the globe.

Gifts of Hope will be available for purchase before and after worship the first three Sundays in December as well as online thru <https://firstprestexas.org/gifts/> or file attached to the FPCA eNews.

For more information contact Bob Dawson – txt 214-415-5396.

The Mitten Tree

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 near the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by and make someone's Christmas happy...and WARM!

The Dove Tree

The Dove Tree will be up the month of December near the Fellowship Hall. Each dove will have a name and address of one of our home bound members. Advent is a great time for us to spread love to those who cannot get out easily. Please take a dove from the tree and visit one of our home bound. A small gift, a card, a poinsettia, etc. will brighten their holiday season and you will be blessed in return.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 12/10	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Advent Festival Service	11:00 am
Monday 12/11	
Tuesday 12/12	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Deacon Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday 12/13	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting, etc	10:30 am
Wednesday Women's Bible Study	1:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 12/14	
Friday 12/15	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Saturday 12/16	

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Ken Floyd, Jerry Tees, Harold Thomlinson, Sherry Wolfe, Sheri Quick, Charlie Nieman, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ivone Franzolin, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jo Ann Hanson, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Tina Paulk, Aileigh Rodriguez, Tonya Scrabeck, David Spencer, Alecia Street, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Danny Womble, Carlos and Jennyfer Zamora

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Amie Murtha, Colin A. Peden, Christopher Young

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Polly Baugh, Madge Casselman, Lucy Cleaver, Barbara Hughes, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight

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

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