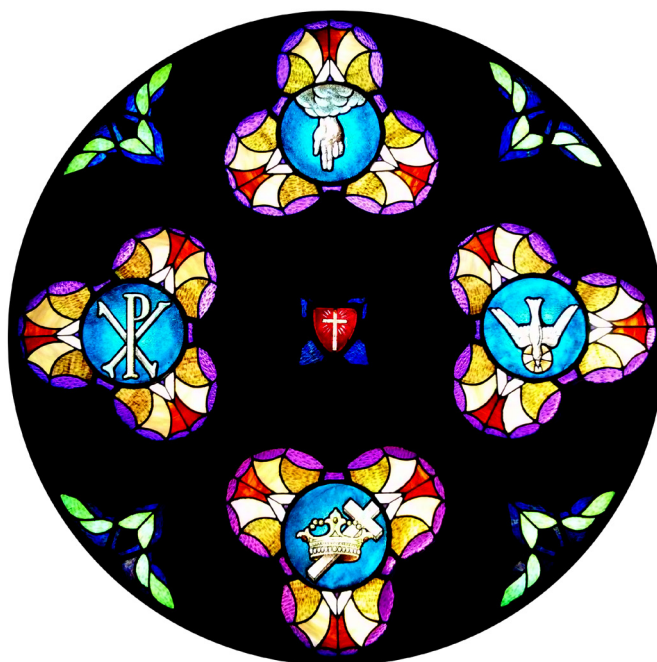


December 8, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent



An Advent Festival

Mission Statement:

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

Pastor: Rev. Chris Campbell

Lay Leader: Sonia Ellis

Organist: Shina Heo

Minister of Music: Russell Farnell

Youth and Children's Music Ministries Leaders:

Laura Farnell, AJ Baker, Shannon Annen,

Emily Ledesma, Matthew Stringer

African Praise Choir Coordinator: Clara Formusoh

Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body. **Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.**
 Come now, O God of love; make us one body. **Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.**
 Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior. **Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.**

Carol Emmanuel, Expected Jesus arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Youth Music Ministries Choir Ryan Farnell, cello

*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.*

*Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.
 From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
 Dear Desire of every nation, hope of every longing heart.*

Children's Time

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

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

Proclamation of Prophecy Fulfilled O, That Birth

Voluntary Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. William Hussey
 Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

Response to Prophecy Fulfilled Rank on Rank, Evermore

A Ceremony of Carols Benjamin Britten

Processional: Hodie Christus Natus Est

*Hodie Christus natus est. Hodie Salvator apparuit;
 hodie in terra canunt angeli: laetantur archangeli;
 hodie exsultant justi, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
 Alleluia!*
 —Gregorian Chant

[Today Christ is born; today the Savior appears;
 today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice;
 today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God
 in the highest.] Alleluia!

Wolcum Yole! [Welcome Yule!]

*Wolcum be thou hevenè [heavenly] king, wolcum Yole!
 Wolcum, born in one morning,
 Wolcum for whom we sall [shall] sing!*

*Wolcum be ye, Stevene and Jon,
 Wolcum, Innocentes every one,
 Wolcum, Thomas marter one,
 Wolcum be ye, good Newe Yere,
 Wolcum, Twelfth Day both in fere [fear (honor)],
 Wolcum, seintes lefe and dare, [saints loved and dear]
 Wolcum Yole, Wolcum Yole, Wolcum!*

*Candelmesse, Quene of Bliss,
 Wolcum bothe to more and lesse.*

*Wolcum be ye that are here, Wolcum Yole,
 Wolcum alle [all] and make good cheer.
 Wolcum alle another yere,
 Wolcum Yole. Wolcum!*
 —Anon. 14th c

There Is No Rose

*There is no rose of such vertu
 As is the rose that bare Jesu.
 Alleluia. [Praise the Lord]
 For in this rose containèd was
 Heaven and earth in litel space,
 Res miranda. [Marvelous thing]*

*By that rose we may well see
 There be one God in persons thre,
 Pares forma. [Equal beings]
 The aungels sungen the shepherds to:
 Gloria in excelsis, gloria in excelsis Deo!
 Gaudeamus. [We rejoice]*

*Leave we all this werldly mirth,
 and follow we this joyful birth,
 Transeamus. [We transform]
 Alleluia, Res miranda, Pares forma,
 Gaudeamus, Transeamus.*
 —Anon. 14th c

That Yongë Child

*That yongë child when it gan [began] weep,
With song she lulled him asleep:
That was so sweet a melody
It passèd alle minstrelsy. [surpassed all music]*

*The nightingalë sang also:
Her song is hoarse and nought thereto:
Whoso attendeth to her song
And leaveth the first then doth he wrong.
—Anon. 14th c*

As Dew in Aprille

*I sing of a mayden [maiden] that is makèles
[matchless]:
King of all kings to her son she ches [chose].
He came al so stille, there his moder [mother] was,
As dew in Aprille that falleth on the grass.
He came al so stille to his moder's bour [bower],
As dew in Aprille that falleth on the flour [flower].
He came al so stille, there his moder lay,
As dew in Aprille that falleth on the spray.
Moder and mayden was never none but she:
Well may such a lady Goddes moder be.
—Anon. 15th c*

In Freezing Winter Night

*Behold, a silly [helpless] tender babe,
In freezing winter night,
In homely manger trembling lies,
Alas, a piteous sight!
The inns are full; no man will yield
This little pilgrim bed.
But forced he is with silly beasts
In crib to shroud his head.
This stable is a Prince's court,
This crib his chair of State;
The beasts are parcel of his pomp,
The wooden dish his plate.
The persons in that poor attire
His royal liveries wear;
The Prince himself is come from heav'n;
This pomp is prized there.
With joy approach, O Christian wight [being],
Do homage to thy King,
And highly praise his humble pomp,
which he from Heaven doth bring.
—Robert Southwell*

Balulalow [Lullaby]

*O my deare hert, young Jesu sweet,
Prepare thy creddil in my spreit,
And I sall rock thee to my hert,
And never mair from thee depart.*

*But I sall praise thee evermoir
with sangës sweet unto thy gloir;
The knees of my hert sall I bow,
And sing that richt Balulalow!
—James, John and Robert Wedderburn, 1548*

This Little Babe

*This little Babe so few days old,
Is come to rifle Satan's fold;
All hell doth at his presence quake,
Though he himself for cold do shake;
For in this weak unarmed wise
The gates of hell he will surprize.
With tears he fights and wins the field,
His naked breast stands for a shield.
His battering shot are babish cries,
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,
His martial ensigns Cold and Need,
And feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.
His camp is pitched in a stall,
His bulwark but a broken wall;
The crib his trench, haystalks his stakes;
Of shepherds he his muster makes;
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,
The angels' trumps alarum sound.
My soul with Christ join thou in fight;
Stick to the tents that he hath pight
[pitched].
Within his crib is surest ward;
This little Babe will be thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,
Then flit not from this heavenly Boy.
— Robert Southwell (1561-1595)*

Spring Carol

*Pleasure it is to hear iwis [certainly],
the Birdes sing,
The deer in the dale, the sheep in the vale,
the corn springing.*

*God's purvayance for sustenance,
it is for man;
Then we always to give him praise,
And thank him than [then].
—William Cornish (1465-1523)*

Deo Gracias!

Deo gracias!
Adam lay i-bounden, bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.

Deo gracias!
And all was for an appil that he tok [took],
As clerkes finden [clerics found] written in their book.

Deo gracias!
Ne [never] had the appil take ben [been taken],
Ne hadde never our lady a ben hevene quene.
[heavenly queen]
Blessed be the time that appil take was.
Therefore we moun singen [must sing]:
Deo gracias!
—Anon. 15th c

Recessional: Hodie Christus Natus Est

Hodie Christus natus est. Hodie Salvator apparuit;
hodie in terra canunt angeli: laetantur archangeli;
hodie exsultant justi, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Alleluia! —Gregorian Chant

Soloists:
Ana Caballero, Soprano
Emily Ledesma, Mezzo Soprano
Matthew Stringer, Tenor

§ Affirmation of Faith

from the Nicene Creed

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.**

Offering Our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

He Came Down

He came down that we may have life (joy, peace, hope, love)
We may have life (joy, peace, hope, love), hallelujah, in abundance.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens, there shone a Holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,
And brought us all salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

§ Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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.**

Litany

Love Has Come

Love has come and never will leave us! **Love is life everlasting and free.**

Love is Jesus within and among us. **Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.**

Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. **Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

§ Hymn 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Proclamation of Prophecy Fulfilled

Love Has Come

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Lord Christ, the Only Son of God

Johann Sebastian Bach



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 December 1 in the Westminster 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.

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 Presbyterian Church - USA. The other goes to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS). Special offering envelopes can be found in the narthex or you can designate on a blank envelope or on the memo line of your check which offering you are supporting.

A Presbyterian tradition for over 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 brief accounts of those who have benefited from the Christmas Joy Offering, visit: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/>.

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 with services you or someone you know might find helpful. To find out more about the many services PCHAS offers, visit: <https://www.pchas.org/who-we-are/pchas-way>.

Women's Advent Party "Rest in the Lord"

Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library

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. Don't let Christmas stress you out this year! Come join the fun and enjoy some treats, as we spend time with friends, rest our souls, and welcome in the season. Wear something comfy and cozy . . . can't wait to see you there!

Registration: Free to Register, but Let Us Know You're Coming

- FPCA Website (www.firstprestexas.org) - Ministries - Adult Ministries
- Scroll down to Women's Ministry and register

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,

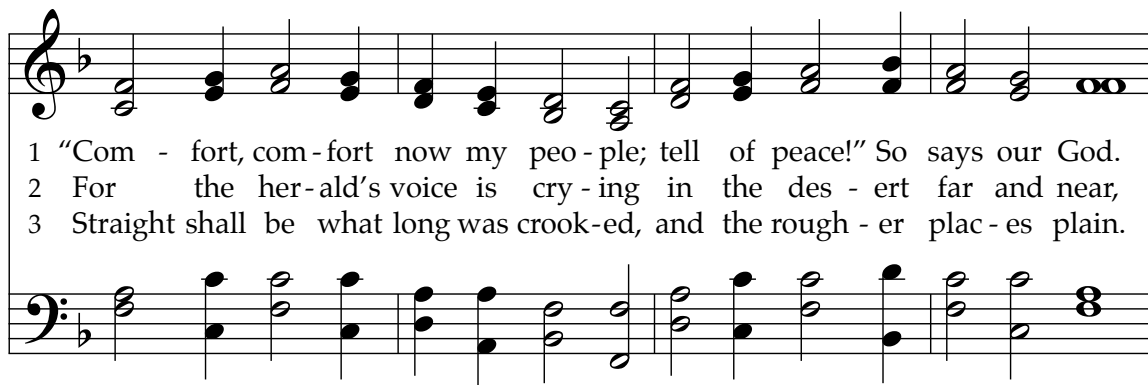
Refrain

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!

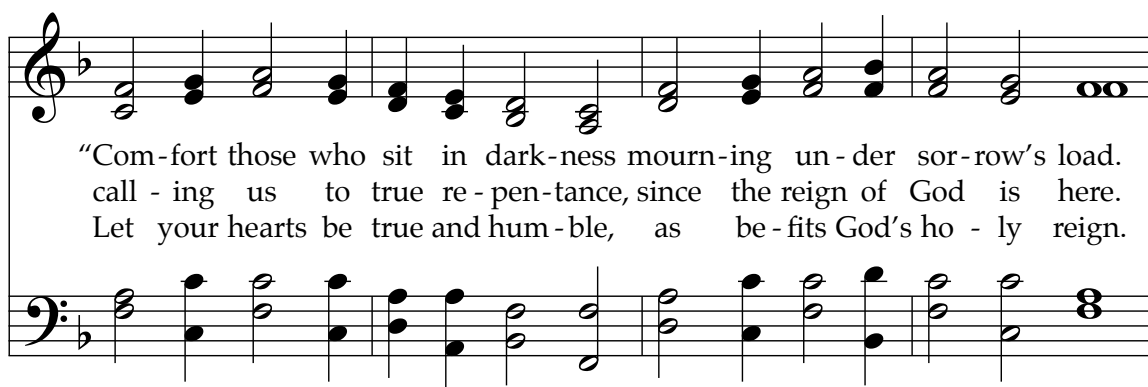
us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

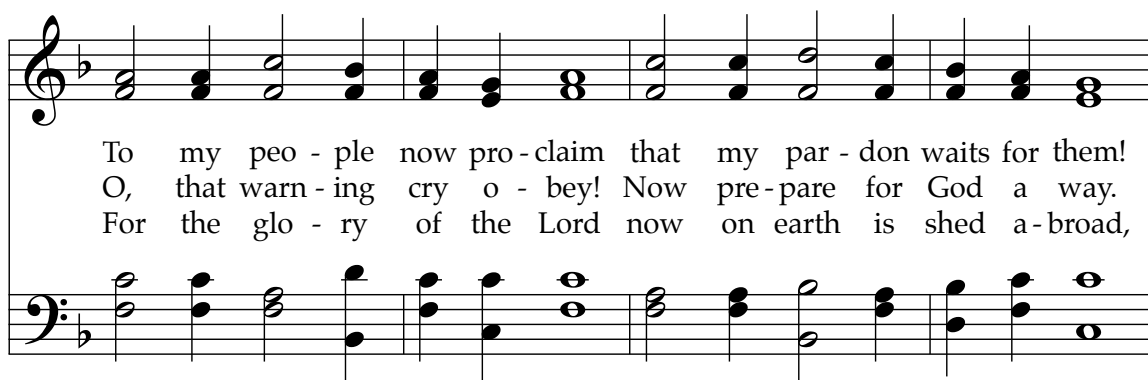
Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87



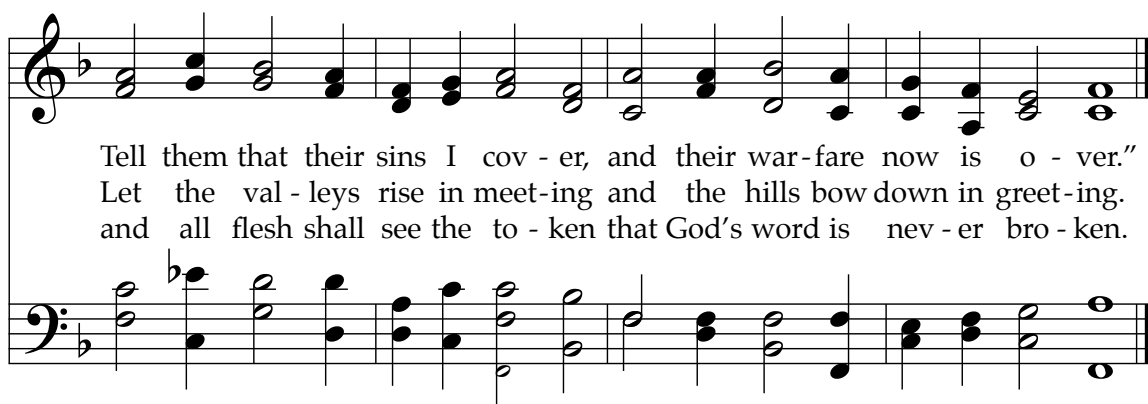
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver."
 Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1-5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.

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.

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 -

- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Blood Drive

Sunday, December 15 in Fellowship Hall
from 8:45 a.m.~1:00 p.m.



Appointments can be made online:

https://www.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/156690

or contact Bob Dawson (214-415-5396) to make an appointment.

Allow 45 minutes for a donation.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 15

The session has called a congregational meeting for after worship on December 15th.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect new officers.

All members are encouraged to stay after worship and participate.

Christmas Poinsettias

Help prepare the Sanctuary to celebrate the birth of the Savior by ordering a poinsettia that will be placed through the Christmas season. Poinsettia orders can be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one. Order forms are available in the Narthex. 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 8.

Gifts of Hope

FPCA will again be offering Gifts of Hope, an alternative gift market, with an opportunity for you to participate in this creative and caring way to honor friends and family through donations to a wide range of outreach organizations. 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.

For more information contact Suzie McCoy – txt 817-271-5995.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. Currently the meeting location is in the Fellowship Hall. This year's study is the 2024-2025 PE/Horizons Bible Study "Let Justice Roll: God's call to care for Neighbors and All Creation." A light snack is served at each meeting. Members volunteer to lead the discussion and/or to bring a snack. All women are invited.

Questions?

Contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com).

FPCA MUSIC MINISTRIES

PRESENT

Christmas

WITH

TEXAS BOYS CHOIR

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

7 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

SAVE
the
DATE

*to celebrate
the ordination of*

ADRIAN J. RODRIGUE

DECEMBER 15, 2024

Ordination Service 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 12/8	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Christmas Party Luncheon for Families with Children and Youth	12:00 pm
Monday 12/9	
Tuesday 12/10	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Women's Advent Party	7:00 pm
Wednesday 12/11	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting	10:30 am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 12/12	
Fellowship Team Meeting	4:30 pm
Friday 12/13	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
HOPE Tutoring Christmas Party	5:30 pm
Saturday 12/14	
Texas Boys Choir Concert	7:00 pm

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Addie Rodriguez, Ann Scarr, Jennifer Meyer, Charles Arnold, Jo Ann Nichols, Bob Hanson and his family, Mia Navarro and her family, Billie Jo Campbell, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Charlie Nieman, Tina Paulk, Jim and Sheri Quick, Aileigh Rodriguez, Eleanor Schernbeck, Tonya Scrabeck, Lorna Snyder, David Spencer, Larry Spencer, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Colin A. Peden, Christopher Young, Wolfgang Van Wie

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Madge Casselman, Lucy Cleaver, 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

Staff Directory

Chris Campbell	Lead Pastor	chris@firstprestexas.org
Russell Farnell	Minister of Music	russell@firstprestexas.org
Jim Shroyer	Parish Associate	jim@firstprestexas.org
Reggie Manuel	Facilities Manager	reggie@firstprestexas.org
Shina Heo	Organist	shina@firstprestexas.org
Adrian Rodriguez	Director of Youth Ministry	adrian@firstprestexas.org
Kyle Terwilliger	Director of Children's Ministry	kyle@firstprestexas.org
Eric Gottmann	Director of Social Media	eric@firstprestexas.org
Cheryl Harris	Music Ministry Associate	cheryl@firstprestexas.org
Jeanne Chin	Finance Manager	jeanne@firstprestexas.org
Jane Leathem	Finance Assistant	jane@firstprestexas.org