

The First Sunday in Advent



# First Presbyterian Church Arlington

1200 South Collins St.  
Arlington, TX 76010

The people gather for the Worship of God  
Sunday, November 30, 2025

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell  
Lay Leader: Jotham Talemwa  
Organist: Shina Heo

## Mission Statement:

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



## Proclaiming

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36–44

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Children's Time

Children, age 3 to fourth grade, are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC).

Anthem

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Patrick Liebergen

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel will come to you, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by your advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Will come to you, O Israel.*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
O come.*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1–5

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Sermon

Expectation: The Comforter Has Come

Rev. Campbell

## Responding

§ Hymn 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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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

Savior of the Nations, Come

Dieterich Buxtehude

§ 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

from the Westminster Larger Catechism

Q41.

Why was our mediator called Jesus?

**Our mediator was called Jesus because he saves his people from their sins. Amen.**

§ Hymn 102

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM,  
DER HEIDEN HEILAND

§ Charge and Benediction

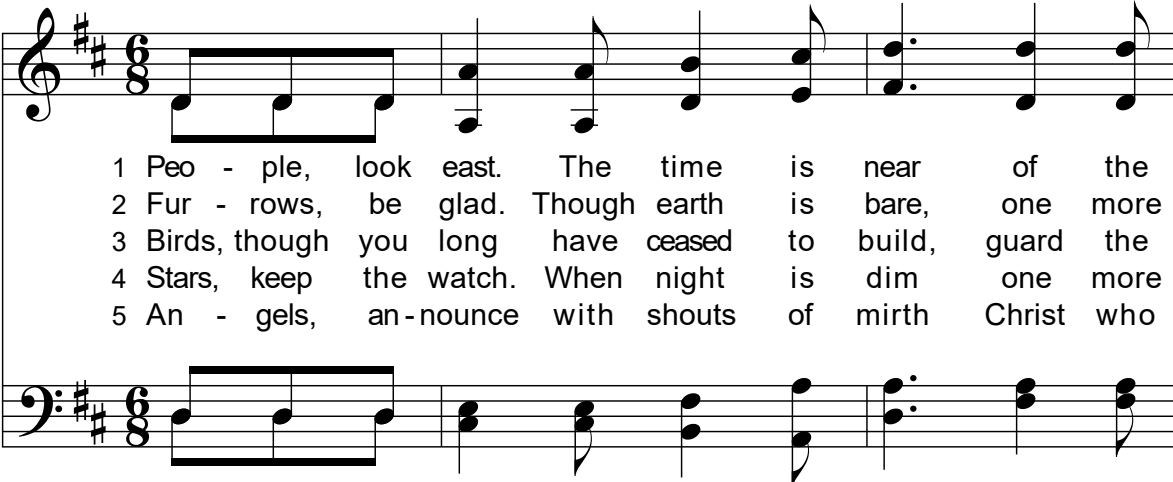
Postlude

O God in Heaven We Praise Thee

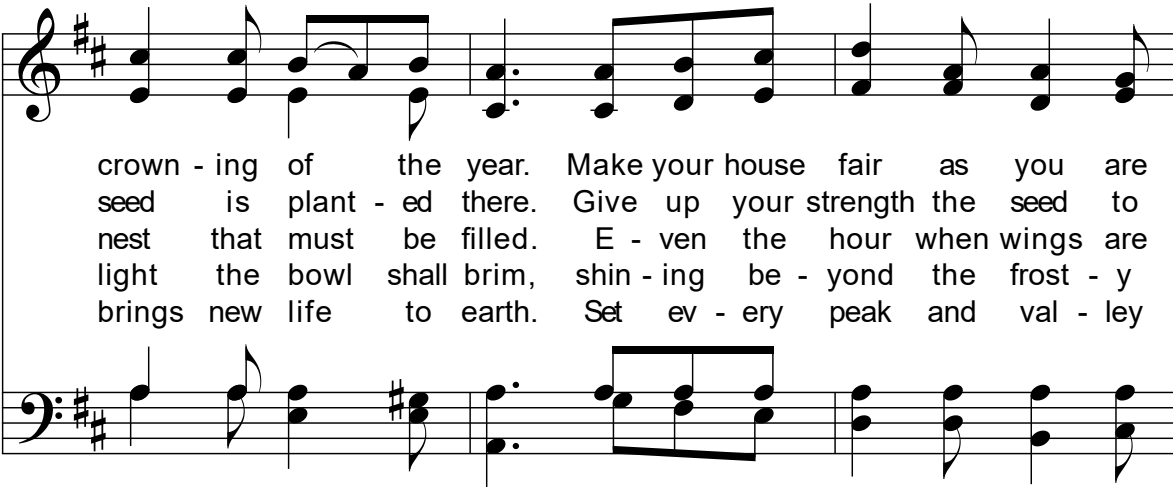
Johann Sebastian Bach



## People, Look East

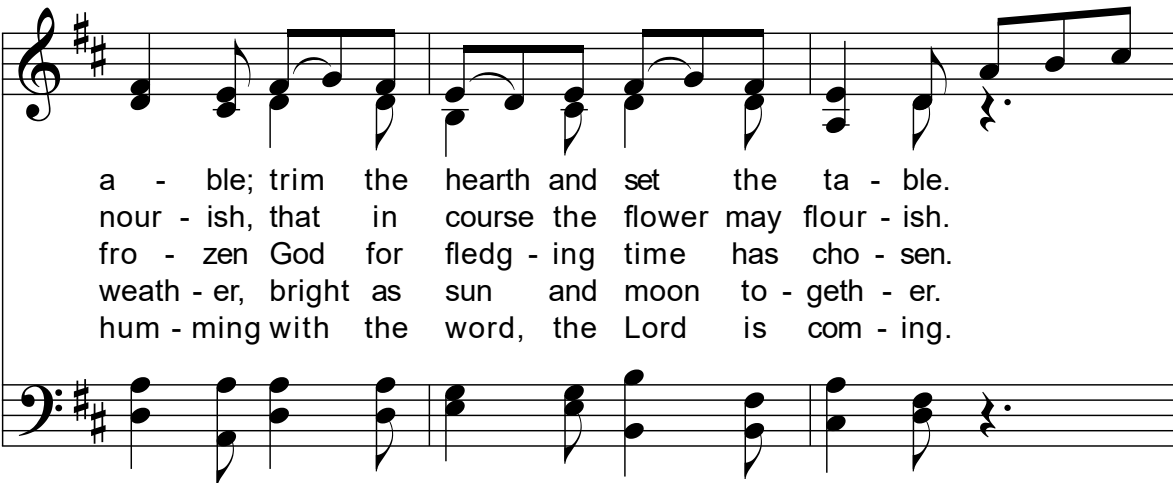


1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more  
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the  
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more  
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who



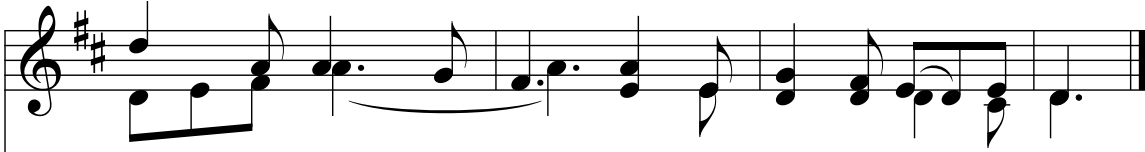
crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to  
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val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

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.

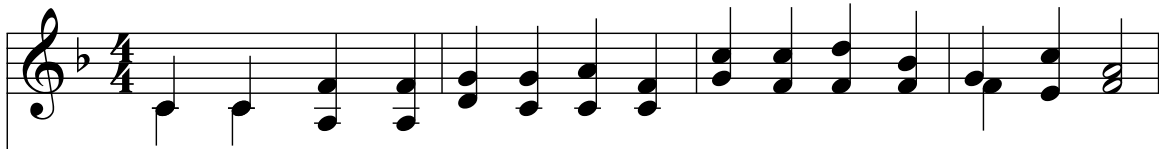
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo - ple, look east:

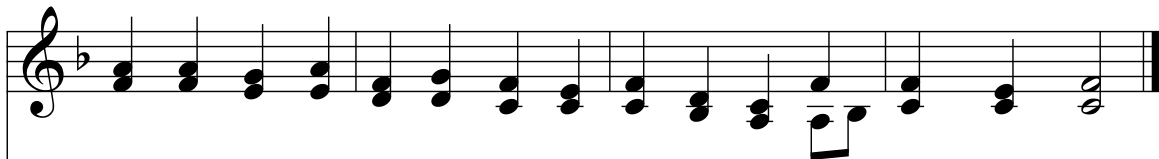
(Love is on the way.)



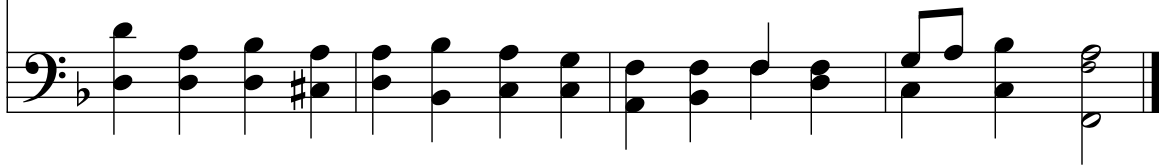
# 83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



# Savior of the Nations, Come 102



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's  
2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to  
3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows  
4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's



son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O  
God his path - way leads; out to van - quish  
night with new - born light. Night can - not this  
son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.  
light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.  
Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.



# This week:

## Sunday, Nov. 30

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Luncheon for families with children or youth - 12 p.m in the Fellowship Hall
- Youth and Children's Music Ministries - 12:45 p.m.

## Tuesday, Dec. 2

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- HOPE tutoring - 6:30 p.m. in room 218
- Women's Ministry Merry and Bright Night - 7 p.m. in the Parlor

## Wednesday, Dec. 3

- Men's Bible Study - 8 a.m. in room 204
- Quilting - 10:30 a.m. in room 204
- Ring of Praise Handbells - 6 p.m. in the choir room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.
- CWF Meeting - 7 p.m. online

## Thursday, Dec. 4

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Prayer Ministry Council Meeting - 1 p.m. in the conference room
- Team Meetings - 4:30 in room 210 and 7 p.m. online

# Coming up:

## Thursday, Dec. 11

- Saints Alive - 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Deacon Meeting/Dinner - 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

# Community:



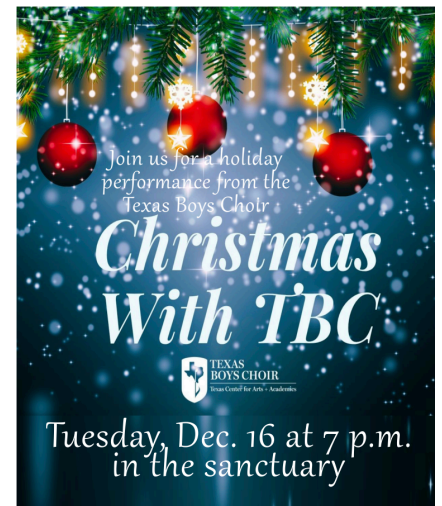
## Dove Tree available today

The Dove Tree will be up in Westminster Hall starting today. Each dove has a name and address of one of our homebound members.

Advent is a great time to spread love and grace them this season with a small gift, card, poinsettia, and visit to brighten the holidays.

## Join TBC for an evening of Christmas music

Get ready to jingle all the way with the Texas Boys Choir this Christmas season Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. as they spread holiday



joy. TBC's most beloved annual tradition returns bigger than ever. Tickets are available at [artsacademics.org](http://artsacademics.org).



## Children and Youth family Christmas party Dec. 7

All Children and Youth Families of

FPCA, please join us for a joyful celebration filled with laughter, love, and holiday cheer on Dec. 7 in Fellowship Hall right after church. Come ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus and make memories.

Get  connected:



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[firstprestexas.org](http://firstprestexas.org)

# Prayer Ministry:

Send prayer requests to [prayer@firstprestexas.org](mailto:prayer@firstprestexas.org)

## Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Charles Arnold, Carol Browning, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Jay and Susan Graham, Nancy Guerry, Elaine Keefer, Bob and Beverly Koch, Lisa Landolt, Margaret Landolt, Shawn LeBlanc, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Judy Reck, the family of Misti Reed, Debbie Richardson, Lisa Scrobeck, Tonya Scrobeck, David Spencer, Drew Stephenson, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble

## Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Wolfgang Van Wie, Christopher Young

## Prayers for our home-bound members:

Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Judy Crowell, Margaret Fite, Bobbie Fowler, Lila Glenn, Jay and Susan Graham, Teresa Hanson, Ann Scarr, Becky Speck, Leonard and Mary Jane Tibbetts, Dee Uhri, Biddie Walker

## Pray 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).

## Women's Ministry invites you to Merry and Bright Night Dec. 2

The Women's Ministry Team invites you to enjoy a night of fellowship and fun Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor with your sisters in Christ as we celebrate the start of Advent and the Christmas season. Take a night away from the to-do lists and let's savor an evening relishing some nibbles, laughing with friends, playing Bunco, and enjoying being together. The event is free, but let us know you're coming. Register at [firstprestexas.org](http://firstprestexas.org) under Adult Ministries, or email [womensministry@firstprestexas.org](mailto:womensministry@firstprestexas.org).

## Mark your holiday calendars

### Poinsettia orders due Dec. 7 for \$13 - Poinsettias can be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one.

Order forms are available in the Narthex or the online link in the E-news.

**Advent Festival** - Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. - The service will celebrate the preparation, reflection, and anticipation of Jesus's birth.

**Texas Boys Choir Christmas Concert** - Join us Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** - Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. - Celebrate Christ's light coming into the world with worship, reflection, and community.



## Staff directory:

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