

Epiphany Sunday



First Presbyterian Church Arlington

1200 South Collins St.
Arlington, TX 76010

The people gather for the Worship of God
Sunday, January 4, 2026

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell
Lay Leader: Susan Malone
Organist: Shina Heo

Mission Statement:

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

About our service

Please silence all phones and devices.

Please fill out the Friendship Pad in your row.

Words in **bold** are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all to stand in body or spirit

Our communion grape juice is alcohol-free. Communion is open to all.

FPCA follows the liturgical calendar. Currently we are in the season of Christmas. We use gold paraments as a symbol of joy, glory, and light.

If you are a guest today, please stop by the narthex for information and a warm FPCA welcome!

Gathering

Prelude

Adagio in C Minor

Miriam Reveley

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us and bear fruit in us. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ's light, we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

God does not see as mortals see.

We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Once we lived in darkness, but now — as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 150

As With Gladness, Men of Old

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§ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light.

We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.

We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.

We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves.

Forgive us, we pray.

Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly.

Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves as loved.

Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives.

Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ Gloria Patri

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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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

Old Testament page 690

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Christmas Joy

Mark Schweizer

Matthew Stringer, tenor

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky has withdrawn,
When the kings see their prophecy rightly fulfilled,
When the princes and shepherds have gone;
Then the true work of Christmas begins.*

*To find the lost.
To heal the broken hearts,
To feed the hungry,
To free the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among all brothers,
To make music in the heart.*

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
Then the true work of Christmas begins.*

New Testament Reading

John 8:12, 9:1–12

New Testament page 101

Sermon

I Am the Light of the World

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 128

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

The Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer sung

see below

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, "the body of Christ, broken for you," and, "the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 151

We Three Kings

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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Help Me Praise God's Goodness

Johann Sebastian Bach



The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; _____
Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:
For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

As with Gladness Men of Old 150

1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last

so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven-ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat-tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep-ing; shep-herds keep-ing vig-il till the morn-ing new

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties.

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know-ing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, ti - dings of the gos-pel true.

The second system of music continues the melody from the first system. It features similar rhythmic patterns and chordal accompaniment in the bass line.

Swift are wing-ing an-gels sing-ing, no - els ring-ing, ti-dings bring-ing:
Thus re-joic-ing, free from sor-row, prais-es voic-ing greet the mor-row:

The third system of music continues the melody. The lyrics are split across two lines, with the first line ending in a colon and the second line starting with a lowercase letter.

Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!

The fourth and final system of music concludes the piece. It features a final cadence in both staves, with a double bar line at the end of the lower staff.

151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty night;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

This week:

Sunday, Jan. 4

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Officer training - noon in the Parlor

Tuesday, Jan. 6

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 7

- Men's Bible Study - 8 a.m. in the Parlor
- Quilting - 10:30 a.m. in room 204
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.
- CWF Bible Study - 7 p.m. online

Thursday, Jan. 8

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Fellowship Team Meeting - 4:30 p.m. in room 210

Coming up:

Sunday, Jan. 11

- Officer Ordination and Installation during worship at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary
- Children's and Youth Music Ministries resume lunch and meetings

Thursday, Jan. 15

- Fellowship Team Meetings - 4:30 p.m.; other teams meet at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17

- Women's Ministry "New Year, New Beginnings" workshop - 10 a.m. in the Parlor

Community:

All Dove Tree names were claimed!

In an outpouring of FPCA love and generosity, all our homebound members on the Dove Trees have been claimed. Each dove had a name and address of one of our homebound members. All of them were graced this season with a small gift, card, poinsettia, and visit to brighten the holidays.

Children's and Youth Music Ministries resume next week

Children's Music Ministries and Youth Music Ministries will resume Jan. 11 in the new year on Sundays from 12:45 to 1:45. Children and youth meet for lunch (provided) in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15.



New Year, New Beginnings

The Women's Ministry Team invites you to help us launch 2026 with our "New Year, New Beginnings" event Saturday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. in the Parlor. We'll enjoy brunch and teaching from a treasured guest speaker, Martita Lynch, as we seek to learn about the discipline of service. Since a new year brings 365 opportunities to develop new habits, let's walk this journey together. Bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you there! Registration is \$15. Go to firstprestexas.org and click on the Ministries tab.

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Prayer Ministry:

Send prayer requests to prayer@firstprestexas.org

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Charles Arnold, Carol Browning, Jimmy Chefor, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Marshall Gesner, Jay and Susan Graham, Nancy Guerry, Elaine Keefer, Bob and Beverly Koch, Lisa Landolt, Margaret Landolt, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Richard Price, Carole Ray, Judy Reck, Debbie Richardson, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, 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:

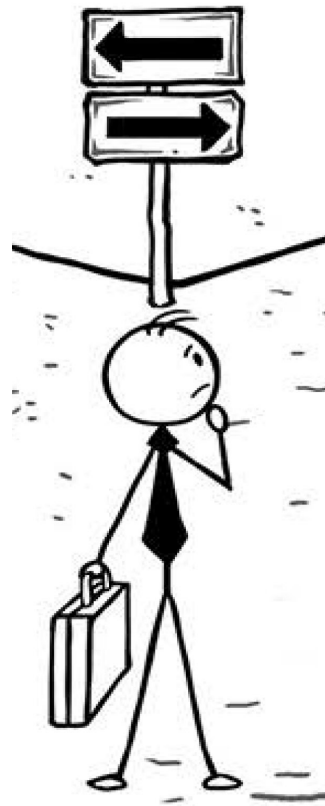
Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Wolfgang Van Wie, Christopher Young

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.



Follow The Little Man

Our Prayer Ministry has been unveiling The Little Man – a 16-week visual storytelling experience along the east wall of the Fellowship Hall hallway. To deepen the experience, our weekly E-News will feature a short devotional insight – an invitation to pause, reflect, and engage with the journey in your own life. Join us as we walk alongside The Little Man, exploring the quiet courage of decision-making and the grace that meets us along the way.

Souper Bowl of Caring coming Feb. 1

The Fellowship Team will be serving the Souper Bowl of Caring lunch immediately following the Church Service on Feb. 1 in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy a delicious meal. Everyone is invited.



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