



**Service for the Lord's Day
The Baptism of the Lord**

January 13, 2019

8:30am

11:00am

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”
(Isaiah 43:1-3)

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you join us for this time of worship.

First Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming and inclusive fellowship of believers united by our love of God and our service to the needs of the world. We are a diverse fellowship – meaning we don't all look, act, think or believe alike. We have different questions about our faith, differing ways of reading the Bible and differing passions and concerns. Still we stand together as one family every Sunday in the songs we sing, prayers we pray, and the bonds of fellowship that hold us together. We are always open to newcomers in our midst!

If You Are New Here:

Introduce yourself to any of our members and use the red Friendship Pad to let us know who you are and how to add you to our church email list for weekly updates about events in the church's life. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities in all our ministries, so don't hesitate to get involved!

Please join us for **Coffee Hour** in the Welcome Hall after the 8:30 service or downstairs in the Social Hall after the 11:00 service.

During Today's Worship:

Large print hymnals and **hearing amplification devices** are available at both sanctuary entrances. The **church elevator** is accessible from the parking lot and sidewalk (southeast side of the church, nearest Carlin Springs Rd.) and reaches all floors of the church. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

Restrooms are located just outside the Sanctuary across from the Welcome Hall, and below the narthex (front lobby).

The **nursery** is located at the end of the main floor hallway. Trained attendants are on duty to care for our littlest ones. There is also a place for mothers to nurse in the nursery. All children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary during the "**Time with the Children**" for a special message from the church's Children's Ministry Director. Children ages 3 through 1st grade are welcome to attend the "**Bridges to Worship**" during the remaining portion of the worship service. **Children's Bibles, story books** and **worship bags with age-appropriate bulletins** are available in the parking lot entrance hallway.

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WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

NOTE - Words in **bold** are to be said by the congregation. *Designates an invitation to stand.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

PRELUDE (8:30am)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR (8:30am)

CHORAL INTROIT (11am)

We Have Come Into His House

Bruce Ballinger

OPENING SENTENCES:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Bryan Mickle

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (from 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 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!**

Together let us worship and praise the Lord.

Liturgists: Chris Taylor (8:30am)

Keri Johnston (11:00am)

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CONFESSION OF SIN:

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain self-absorbed and preoccupied with ourselves. We avoid deepened relations with sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and are reluctant to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in our baptism so that we may rise to new life cleansed by the waters of life and renewed by the power of your Spirit.

(silent time of confession and reflection)

*KYRIE No 579:

Lord, Have Mercy

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHANT

(Cantor first, Congregation repeats)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS:

Friends, in baptism we have been claimed by God and welcomed into God's family as sons and daughters and brothers and sisters to one another. Believe the good news that we are members of the family of God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 468:

In My Life

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11am)

Sarah Dianne Jones

BRIDGES TO WORSHIP No. 486: (11:00am) *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* (verse 2)

KINGDOM

Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!

Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7 Pew Bible, p. 672 OT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Pew Bible, p. 60 NT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Through the Waters of Baptism" The Rev. Dr. Bryan Mickle

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN No. 164 *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways* WEST MAIN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

(from: A Brief Statement of Faith)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (8:30am service) (please refer to the communion insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Violin Concerto in A minor BWV 1041

J.S. Bach

Tona Brown, Violin

*RESPONSE No. 607:

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Ye Now In Peace

Joyce Eilers

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

May the peace of Christ be with you;

and also with you.

(Please extend the peace of Christ toward all those who are seated
around you and to those whom you will meet in the week ahead)

POSTLUDE

WE DEPART TO SERVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE THANK TONA BROWN, VIOLINIST, whose music enhances our worship today.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY were donated by Kathy Kobe in celebration of all the January birthdays at FPC and by Louise Shutler in memory of her mom, Margaret Shutler, who loved birthdays!

TODAY: HONORING JANUARY OCCASIONS – WITH CAKE! – The Deacons invite everyone to celebrate members and friends with birthdays and other special events this month. Please join us in Yount Social Hall (downstairs) after today's worship service.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES on the table in the Welcome Hall. If you do not find envelopes and would like some please let Kathy Kobe know (kathryn.kobe@yahoo.com) and she will make sure you receive a box. The two envelopes at the beginning of the box sometimes need further explanation. The initial offering is usually a small amount (around \$5) that is used to defray the cost of the envelopes themselves. The per capita envelope is there if you want to help pay the church's annual per capita assessment to the greater Presbyterian Church USA. This year's per capita assessment is \$41.73 per member.

If you have any other questions please contact Kathy Kobe (Treasurer) or Peter Lipsett (Elder for Stewardship).

THE REFORMED INSTITUTE'S 16th ANNUAL CONVOCATION – Protestants of all types in the US appear to have only a passing knowledge of the Bible. What is the significance of this for how Protestants understand their own identity? Please attend the RI Convocation to hear Dr. Bruce Douglass, outgoing director of the RI, examine "*Still People of the Book? – Protestant Identity in Our Time*" on Saturday, January 26 at National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Continental breakfast at 9am. The program will begin at 9:30am and conclude by noon.

Childcare can be arranged by contacting Mary Hill, mhill@reformedinstitute.org, by next Sunday, January 20. Online registration on the RI website is helpful but not required; walk-ins are welcome!

GET INVOLVED AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

ADULT COVENANT GROUP: BIBLE AND BAGELS – Meets in the Pastor's Study each Thursday at 7am for fellowship, Bible discussion, prayer, and coffee. All are welcome to join us as we talk theology.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASSES – Sundays at 9:45am in Room 102. During the month of January 2019 Pastor Mickle will lead a class on *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, written in 1963 by Rev. Martin Luther King. The most recent General Assembly of our denomination recommended that the letter, one of the seminal writings from the Civil Rights movement, be studied for possible future inclusion in our denomination's creeds and confessions. Our Adult Sunday School class will read, study, and discuss this letter and, perhaps,

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make an informed opinion about its creedal/confessional significance. If you've never read the letter, you will be moved by reading and studying its contents. If you have studied it before, please join us to discuss it and help others learn about it. And, since Pastor Bryan was a delegate to the General Assembly, he will be able to give us some of the highlights of their discussion.

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS FOR AFAC CLIENTS – Over 80,000 pounds of food are distributed weekly to Arlington Food Assistance Center's nearly 2,000 family clients. Please continue to help meet this growing need with your donations of non-perishable foods. The bins are in our Welcome Hall under the counter. Some favored foods include low-sugar cereals and low-sodium canned tomatoes, tuna, beans and soups. Thank you.

CHOIR – Our Choir typically rehearses each Sunday at 9:45am and the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7-9pm in the choir room. *New singers of all abilities welcome!* For more information contact Adam Graham at adam@fpcarlington.org.

CHURCH LADIES BOOK CLUB – Always open to newcomers. If you enjoy interesting discussions and good food, please consider joining us even if you haven't finished the book. On January 28, 2019 we will discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. We'll meet at 7pm at the home of Maura Lensink, 7339 Barbour Ct., Falls Church 22043. Please bring a dish to share and let Maura know if you can come: 703 876-0470 or fraumaura@gmail.com. Upcoming dates and books are February 25: *The Brightest Hour: A Memoir of Living and Dying* by Nina Riggs; March 25: *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson; April 29: *Varina* by Charles Frazier.

FLOWERS FOR CHANCEL – We need flower sponsors each Sunday, including most of January and February. You can sign up for either two arrangements (\$50) or one (\$25). You can indicate who you would like to dedicate them to as well as if you would like to pick them up after the service or donate them. Sign up on the church sign up website: <https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup>, and place a check with "flowers" in the memo line into the offering plate. If you have any questions or if you can't access the SignUpGenius page, please contact [Kristen Boehme](mailto:Kristen.Boehme@fpcarlington.org) at 703-474-3681 or the [church office](mailto:church.office@fpcarlington.org) at 703-527-4766.

MISSION TEAM – Give back to the community! Contact Austin Wiehe at awiehe@verizon.net or 703-677-4336 or reach out to a Mission Team member.

SOCIAL HOUR – Please sign up to bring the food for social hour on a forthcoming Sunday. Sign up at <https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup> or contact Julie Bosland at jbosland@comcast.net for more information.

VAN GO LUNCH – Van Go is a monthly gathering for an informal, no-host lunch for adults. All are welcome. Please join us for our next lunch on Thursday, January 17, 2019. We'll be meeting at the church in the newly remodeled Welcome Hall at 11:30am and carpooling to Anthony's Restaurant in Falls Church. (The November lunch at Anthony's was cancelled due to inclement weather, but this time we're hoping for clear skies!). Please RSVP to Ruth Garfield at r.garfield@comcast.net or 703-536-5679.

YOUNG ADULTS – Please join us for exciting events. For more information contact Carly Horton at carlylynn.horton0423@gmail.com.

REMINDERS

THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS who have tirelessly provided refreshments and snacks for the social hour following each service this year. Given that our members live all over the metro area, this time of sharing food provides an important opportunity to connect with our church community. Please consider signing up today to provide light snacks. You can sign up and find instructions at: <https://www.fpcarlinton.org/signup>. Thank you! – Julie Bosland and the Fellowship Team: (703) 408-4612 or jbosland@comcast.net.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Celebration of January Birthdays and Other Special Occasions	TODAY following 11am worship service Yount Social Hall: Cake and punch and merriment courtesy of our Deacons!
Mission Team Meeting	Tuesday 1/15, 7:30pm Room 103
CYMT Meeting	Wednesday 1/16, 7:15pm Offsite
Outreach Team Meeting	Wednesday 1/16, 7:30pm Room 103
Adult Covenant Group	Thursday 1/17, 7am Pastor's Study
Van Go Lunch: Anthony's Restaurant	Thursday 1/17, 11:30am Church Welcome Hall / carpool to restaurant
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Thursday 1/17, 7pm Choir Room
ESL Volunteer Orientation	Thursday 1/17, 7pm Room 102
Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	Monday 1/21
National Capital Presbytery Meeting	Tuesday 1/22, 4pm National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC
Stated Meeting of the First Church Session	Thursday 1/24, 7pm Room 103
ESL Class Registration	Thursday 1/24, 7-9pm Room 102
Reformed Institute's 16th Annual Convocation	Saturday 1/26, 9am-noon National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC
Discovering First Church	Sunday 1/27, 12:30pm Room 102
Church Ladies Book Club	Monday 1/28, 7pm At the home of Maura Lensink
ESL Classes Begin for Winter Semester	Monday 1/28, 7pm Mondays and Thursdays through April 4

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ellery Burgess (brother of Wells Burgess) for his care in assisted living.
Jim Cooke (Lynnette Yount's husband) being treated for cancer.
Esther Crosby (sister of Georgine Neureiter)
Midge Curry recovering from a broken ankle.
Virginia DeLange (sister of Carol Walker; aunt of Linda Hardy) in assisted living for dementia.
Rose Esposito (grandmother of Krystina Burke), battling lung cancer, and Clyde Payne (grandfather of Stephen Payne), suffering from dementia.
Janice Fain recovering from surgery at home at Brookdale, Arlington.
Diane Hamilton (sister-in-law of Carol Schadelbauer) in treatment for cancer.
The Family of Anne Harrington (colleague of Jen Allen's) who lost her battle with cancer.
Mary Helen Harris (wife of Bob Harris) undergoing cancer treatments.
Greg Leeper (son of John Leeper) in palliative care for cancer at the Powhatan Nursing Home, Falls Church.
John Leeper recovering from a stroke at the rehabilitation center of the Hermitage, Alexandria.
Chu-yu Lu (the 19-year-old son of Chris Lin's former pastor in Korea) for successful treatment of leukemia as well as strength for Chu-yu's family.
Ase Lundgren for good health.
Emma (niece of Shandra Niswander) who is recovering from emergency kidney surgery.
Lisa Osterheld (friend of Jack Madison & Debra Fowler) for good health & healing as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
Beth Patterson (cousin of Carol Schadelbauer) diagnosed with cancer.
Kenneth Ray (brother of Janice Ellsworth) dealing with cancer.
Mike Rivet and his family (brother-in-law of Margaret McGilvray) as Mike continues to battle stage 4 melanoma.
Caitlin Rivet (niece of Margaret McGilvray) as her foster baby Eddie undergoes surgery for a brain tumor and she awaits the treatment options.
Rohan (son of a friend of Dana Edwards), 8 year old recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor.
Daniel Seitz in hospice care at Capital Caring Hospice, N. 15 th Street, Arlington.
Lee Taylor (brother of Al Taylor) battling cancer.
Bill Wyant (friend of Kathy Kobe) undergoing treatment for cancer.

Those in home-care or assisted living, including **Anne Horton** (wife of Jack Horton; Sunrise at Bluemont Park, James Building Room 303, 5910 Wilson Blvd.; visitors welcome), **Anne Neill** (Brookdale Arlington, 3821 Wilson Blvd.) **Lois Potter** (Gainesville Health & Rehabilitation Center, Fairview Unit, Room 218-Door), and **Kevin Talley** (Fairfax Rehabilitation and Nursing Center).

Those serving in the Armed Forces abroad including: **Calvin Hubbard**, nephew of Jane Dunphy, member of the Army Special Forces on assignment in Syria; **Daniel O'Loughlin**, grandson of Don and Marty Orth, in Italy.

LEADERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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 Meg Sherwood, Joe Lederle, Kevin Johnson, Jesse Bloome,
 Casey Bloome, and Annette and Mark Benbow (11am)
 Parish Associates Rev. Madeline Jervis
 Rev. Donna Weddle

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