



**Service for the Lord's Day  
The Third Sunday After Epiphany**

January 27, 2019

8:30am

11:00am

The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor  
and release to the captives.

(Luke 4:18)

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

Almighty God, you sent Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE (8:30am)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR (8:30am)

CHORAL INTROIT (11am)

*For The Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

### 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 19)

Liturgists: Marianne Okal (8:30am)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Danielle De Lanoy (11:00am)

**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;**

**the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,**

**O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Together let us worship and praise the Lord.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*CONFESSION OF SIN:

**Eternal God, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves. We have so often refused to shoulder the troubles of others, and turned from our neighbors. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. O God, in your great mercy, forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(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 and fellow believers, even though our sins are many, God's powers to forgive and redeem are still greater. Believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 307: *God of Grace and God of Glory*  
(chorus only)

CWM RHONDDA

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,**

**For the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

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: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Pew Bible, p. 436-437 OT  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS: Luke 4:14-21 Pew Bible, p. 61 NT  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Opening the Book" The Rev. Dr. Bryan Mickle

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*HYMN No. 61 *Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect* GREAT COMMANDMENT

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.**

**The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated.**

*(from: The Theological Declaration of Barmen and The Confession of 1967)*

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

*How Lovely are the Messengers*

Felix Mendelssohn

\*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. 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

\*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

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY** were donated by Jane and Bob Dunphy in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They were married at First Presbyterian Church Arlington.

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**PASTOR MICKLE** will be away at a Pastor's Retreat Monday, January 28 through Wednesday, January 30.

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**WE WELCOME BECCA GATES** as a new member of our Adult Choir.

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**CHILDREN'S CHOIR RESUMES TODAY** – Please meet in Harmony Hall (room 208 upstairs) at 9am.

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**SOUPer BOWL SUNDAY** – The youth of FPC invite YOU to bring canned goods to be donated to AFAC with you to worship next Sunday in celebration of SOUPer Bowl Sunday! During worship, you'll be invited to bring your donation of canned goods to the front of the sanctuary during the opening hymn, and we'll also have a soup pot for any monetary donations. Let Sarah Dianne know if you have any questions!

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS TUESDAY** – The American Council of the Blind (ACB) seeks volunteers to guide their members around Capitol Hill this Tuesday, February 26th, from 8:30am until about 4pm. Volunteers can help for a few hours, a half day or a full day, as schedules permit. Meet at the rear of the Rayburn cafeteria, near the vending machine room. The ACB can give a crash course in sighted guide technique if needed. Volunteers should dress appropriately for Capitol Hill and for the weather, and wear good walking shoes. You'll need a Metro fare card, money for lunch and snacks, and an umbrella in case of inclement weather. Questions? Contact Sharon Lovering, Editor, at (202) 559-2044, or [slovering@acb.org](mailto:slovering@acb.org).

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## 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.

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**ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASSES** – Sundays at 9:45am in Room 102. Today Pastor Mickle will lead one more 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, 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.

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**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](mailto:adam@fpcarlington.org).

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**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](mailto: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.

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**FLOWERS FOR CHANCEL** – We need flower sponsors each Sunday, including all of February and most of March. 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.

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

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**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](mailto:jbosland@comcast.net) for more information.

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**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 in mid-February. For more information please contact Ruth Garfield at [r.garfield@comcast.net](mailto:r.garfield@comcast.net) or 703-536-5679.

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**YOUNG ADULTS** – Please join us for exciting events. For more information contact Carly Horton at [carlylynn.horton0423@gmail.com](mailto: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. 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.fpcarlington.org/signup>. Thank you! – Julie Bosland and the Fellowship Team: (703) 408-4612 or [jbosland@comcast.net](mailto:jbosland@comcast.net).

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Discovering First Church</b>	TODAY, 12:30pm Room 102
<b>Church Ladies Book Club</b>	Monday 1/28, 7pm At the home of Maura Lensink
<b>ESL Classes Begin for Winter Semester</b>	Monday 1/28, 7pm Mondays and Thursdays through April 4
<b>Adult Covenant Group</b>	Thursday 1/31, 7am Pastor's Study
<b>SOUPer Bowl of Caring</b>	Sunday 2/3, during Worship Services Please see announcement within bulletin
<b>First Church Session Half-Day Retreat</b>	Sunday 2/3, afternoon
<b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b>	Thursday 2/7, 7pm Choir Room
<b>FPC Annual Meeting of the Congregation and FPC Corporation Meeting</b>	Sunday 2/10, following 11am worship service Sanctuary
<b>Celebration of February Birthdays and Other Special Occasions</b>	Sunday 2/10, following Annual Meeting Yount Social Hall
<b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>	Tuesday 2/12, 7:15pm Room 103
<b>Worship Ministry Team Meeting</b>	Wednesday 2/13, 7pm Room 102
<b>CYMT Parents' Night Out Fundraiser</b>	Friday 2/15, 6-9pm Upstairs Classrooms
<b>Outreach Team Meeting</b>	Wednesday 2/20, 7:30pm Room 103
<b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b>	Thursday 2/21, 7pm Choir Room
<b>Church Ladies Book Club</b>	Monday 2/25, 7pm Offsite

# IN OUR PRAYERS

<b>Ellery Burgess</b> (brother of Wells Burgess) for his care in assisted living.
<b>Jim Cooke</b> (Lynnette Yount's husband) being treated for cancer.
<b>Esther Crosby</b> (sister of Georgine Neureiter)
<b>Midge Curry</b> recovering from a broken ankle.
<b>Virginia DeLange</b> (sister of Carol Walker; aunt of Linda Hardy) in assisted living for dementia.
<b>Rose Esposito</b> (grandmother of Krystina Burke), battling lung cancer, and <b>Clyde Payne</b> (grandfather of Stephen Payne), suffering from dementia.
<b>The Family of Janice Fain</b> , who passed away last Friday.
<b>Diane Hamilton</b> (sister-in-law of Carol Schadelbauer) in treatment for cancer.
<b>Mary Helen Harris</b> (wife of Bob Harris) undergoing cancer treatments.
<b>John Leeper</b> recovering from a stroke at the rehabilitation center of the Hermitage, Alexandria.
<b>Chu-yu Lu</b> (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.
<b>Ase Lundgren</b> for good health.
<b>Emma</b> (niece of Shandra Niswander) who is recovering from emergency kidney surgery.
<b>Lisa Osterheld</b> (friend of Jack Madison & Debra Fowler) for good health & healing as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
<b>Beth Patterson</b> (cousin of Carol Schadelbauer) diagnosed with cancer.
<b>Kenneth Ray</b> (brother of Janice Ellsworth) dealing with cancer.
<b>Mike Rivet and his family</b> (brother-in-law of Margaret McGilvray) as Mike continues to battle stage 4 melanoma.
<b>Caitlin Rivet</b> (niece of Margaret McGilvray) as her foster baby Eddie undergoes surgery for a brain tumor and she awaits the treatment options.
<b>Rohan</b> (son of a friend of Dana Edwards), 8 year old recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor.
<b>Daniel Seitz</b> in hospice care at Powhatan Nursing Home, Falls Church, VA.
<b>Lee Taylor</b> (brother of Al Taylor) battling cancer.
<b>Bill Wyant</b> (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 stationed in Okinawa; **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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