



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

January 12, 2020

8:30am

11:00am

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

(Matthew 3:16-17)

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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 **Children's Sermon** 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:

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners and to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE: (8:30am) *Prelude* Unknown

INTROIT: (11am) *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### OPENING SENTENCES:

This is the day 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)

Liturgists: Chris Taylor (8:30am)

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Claire Noble (11am)

**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 voice of the LORD is powerful;**

**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The Lord 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 God's temple all say, "Glory!"

**May the Lord give strength to his people!**

**May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

Together let us worship and praise the Lord.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 839: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*CONFESSION OF SIN:

**Merciful God, in our baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance 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, and live together in grace.**

(silent time of confession and meditation)

\*KYRIE No. 579:

*Lord, Have Mercy*  
(First: Cantor, Second: All)

KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)

**Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS:

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Accept and believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 447:

*We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

**We are forgiven, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON AND NOISY OFFERING

Cali Bronkema

\*BRIDGES TO WORSHIP No. 853: *Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)*  
(verse two)

SIYAHAMBA

**We are dancing in the light of God; we are dancing in the light of God.  
We are dancing in the light of God; we are dancing in the light of God.  
We are dancing, dancing; we are dancing, dancing, we are dancing in the light of God.  
We are dancing, dancing; we are dancing, dancing, we are dancing in the light of God.**



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 ANTHEM: *O Thou the Central Orb* Charles Wood

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. 643: *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

\*BENEDICTION: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter Lutkin

\*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 *Now Thank We All Our God* Virgil Fox

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY** were donated by Doug Pulak in honor of his mother, Wanda, who is celebrating her 75th birthday.

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**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who contributed to the financial well-being of First Presbyterian in 2019. We appreciate your gifts to our continued ministries in 2020. If you gave to the church in 2019 you probably have offering envelopes for 2020 (pledgers and non-pledgers), unless you regularly pay through bill pay. Please pick them up. The first couple of envelopes are initial offering (a few dollars that help defray the cost of the envelopes) and per capita. The per capita amount is what the church pays to Presbytery each year for support of the broader Presbyterian Church administration. If you would like to help the church pay this amount please put your contribution in this envelope or mark it "per capita." Our per capita is \$42.64 per member for 2020.

If you regularly pay through your bank's bill pay system you probably do not have envelopes but you do have a number that is used to track your offerings; please check your number on the list by the offering envelopes and make sure you are noting the correct number on your payments.

If you do not see offering envelopes with your name on them and would like some, please leave me a note on the yellow sheet by the offering envelopes and I will assign you a box. — [Kathy Kobe, Treasurer](#)

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**DINNER HONORING PASTOR BRYAN AND FRAN MICKLE** – First Presbyterian is honoring the service of long-time pastor Bryan Mickle and his wife Fran with a dinner to be held at the Hilton Arlington (950 N. Stafford Street) on **Saturday, February 8** from 5:30 to 8:30pm. An electronic invitation with details will be sent shortly. Members/friends planning to attend should **RSVP by January 31**. Some do not like to RSVP electronically - we understand! Please feel free to call Margaret Gregory at (703) 505-6209 to RSVP and get details. We will also be holding a special coffee hour in the Yount Social Hall after the 11am service on February 9, which will be Bryan's last Sunday with us. The Session and the Fellowship Team invite you to attend both of these events as we thank and celebrate Bryan and Fran for their years of service.

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**ENGLISH STUDENTS NEEDED - CAN YOU HELP?** – Our English as a Second Language classes start soon. We need students! It is simple to help. Just pick up a couple flyers for Winter 2020 semester (in Welcome Hall) and share with anyone you run into who may want to improve their English skills, or know someone who would. **Registration night is January 23** (or on a class night), and classes are Mondays and Thursdays, January 27-April 2, all for only \$25. We also need a couple more teachers. Contact Audrey Morris at [agmorris1@yahoo.com](mailto:agmorris1@yahoo.com).

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**NOISY OFFERING** – The children and youth invite you to participate in the new *Noisy Offering* program! On the second Sunday of the month, bring in any and all loose change that you have lying around. The children who come forward for the children's sermon will collect the change in metal buckets (hence the noisy part of this offering). Every month this collection will benefit an organization whose mission inspired the youth. So start collecting those coins, as January's collection will go towards A-SPAN! — [Cali Bronkema](#), Director of CYM

**FAITH SHARES FUNDRAISER** – Please consider donating to the Youth's Summer Trip Fund this year! These trips make a huge impact on our youth's faith journeys, and we need some assistance to make them happen. There are envelopes with varying amounts outside Cali's office. Select the amount you'd like to donate, and hand the envelope with the selected amount to Cali or put it in her mailbox in the Church Office. — [Cali Bronkema](#), Director of CYM

## GET INVOLVED AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

**ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH** – Join us in the Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103) Sundays at 9:45am. **Today, January 12**, Pastor Bryan will lead the Adult Spiritual Growth class on a topic of his choice; learn what he thinks is an important lesson for all of us. Next week (January 19<sup>th</sup>) learn how the PCUSA is responding to important issues in public life with our guest leader, Rev. Jimmie Ray Hawkins, Director of the PCUSA Office of Public Witness. – Diana Warmann, Elder for ASG

**AFAC NON-PERISHABLE FOOD NEEDS** – Ever go hungry? When shopping please remember the nearly 2,000 families coming to Arlington Food Assistance Center. **Target foods:** low-sugar dry cereals and fruit in light syrup, tuna, canned low-sodium soups, beans, tomatoes and other vegetables. Thank you. – Audrey Morris for the Mission Team

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** – Our group meets for Bible study and conversation each Thursday morning from 7am to 8am in the Pastor's Study. Free coffee! – [Pastor Bryan](#)

**CHOIR** – Our Choir rehearses each Sunday at 9:45am and each Thursday 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).

**CHURCH LADIES BOOK CLUB** is always open to newcomers. If you enjoy interesting discussions and good food, please consider joining us even if you haven't finished the book. At 7 pm on **Monday, January 27** we'll discuss *How to Live: Or a Life of Montaigne In One Question and Twenty Attempts at an Answer* by Sarah Bakewell. We'll meet at the home of Keri Johnston (1910 N. Ohio Street, Arlington); if you can come, please let Keri know (202 294 0327 or [keri.johnston75@gmail.com](mailto:keri.johnston75@gmail.com)); and bring a dish to share. Upcoming books include *Waking Up White*, and *Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving (February 24). Questions? Contact Janet Bickel at 703-303-6673 or [janetbickel@cox.net](mailto:janetbickel@cox.net).

**DRIVERS NEEDED** to join a pool of other drivers who take turns in giving rides to some of our members who are not able to drive themselves. It is a fun way to get to know some of our older members while also being environmental by carpooling. Contact Scott Steele at 281-235-6296 or [scottasteele@yahoo.com](mailto:scottasteele@yahoo.com) to volunteer or for more information on how you can help. There is also a sign-up sheet posted on the entrance bulletin board and a link to the SignUpGenius at <https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup>.



**FLOWERS FOR CHANCEL** – Help to beautify the sanctuary! You can sponsor one or two arrangements for \$25 or \$50. Sign up on the church sign-up webpage: <https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup>, and indicate to whom you would like to dedicate the bouquet(s). Just place a check (put “flowers” in the memo line) in the offering plate. If you have any questions or if you can't access the SignUpGenius page, please contact Sally Gousen at 703-338-6769 or the church office at 703-527-4766.

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**MISSION TEAM** – For decades, FPC has been a valued part of the Arlington Community – join us! The mission team has organized the following opportunities that help our neighbors facing homelessness, food security issues, and other challenges. Each event requires a limited time commitment and is generally appropriate for a range of ages. Questions? Call/text Austin Wiehe at 703-677-4336 or e-mail at [awiehe@verizon.net](mailto:awiehe@verizon.net). This is an opportunity to live our Christian ideals, promote the church to the wider community and enjoy fellowship.

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**SOCIAL HOUR** – Please consider signing up to bring food for the Social Hour after service. The food provides a great "anchor" for our weekly time together and also helps create an opportunity to greet visitors and prospective new members. You can sign up using the all-church signup link: <https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup>. Thank you! – Julie Bosland, Elder for Fellowship

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**VAN GO LUNCH** – Van Go is a monthly gathering for an informal, no-host lunch for adults. All are welcome. On **Thursday, January 16, 2020** we'll meet at the church at 11:30am, then carpool to *Carlyle*, a contemporary American restaurant in Shirlington. Contact Ruth Garfield at [r.garfield@comcast.net](mailto:r.garfield@comcast.net) or 703-536-5679 with questions.

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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).

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Celebration of January Birthdays and Other Special Occasions</b>	TODAY following 11am worship service Yount Social Hall
<b>Confirmation Class Begins</b>	TODAY 12:30pm-1:45pm Room 102
<b>Meeting of the Board of Trustees</b>	Tuesday 1/14, 7:15pm The Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103)
<b>CYMT Meeting</b>	Wednesday 1/15, 7:15pm Youth Office
<b>Adult Bible Fellowship</b>	Thursday 1/16, 7am Pastor's Study
<b>Van Go Lunch: <i>Carlyle</i> in Shirlington</b>	Thursday 1/16, 11:30am Meet in Church Welcome Hall; carpool to restaurant
<b>Handbell Rehearsal</b>	Thursday 1/16, 6pm Room 208 (Harmony Hall)
<b>ESL Volunteer Orientation for Winter Semester</b>	Thursday 1/16, 6:30pm Room 102
<b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b>	Thursday 1/16, 7pm Choir Room
<b><u>No</u> Sunday School</b>	Sunday 1/19
<b>The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday Youth Day of Service; Church Office Closed</b>	Monday 1/20
<b>Adult Spiritual Growth Team Meeting</b>	Tuesday 1/21, 7pm Room 102
<b>Mission Team Meeting</b>	Tuesday 1/21, 7:30pm The Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103)
<b>Outreach Team Meeting</b>	Wednesday 1/22, 7:30pm The Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103)
<b>ESL Registration</b>	Thursday 1/23, 5-9pm Yount Social Hall
<b>Stated Meeting of the First Church Session</b>	Thursday 1/23, 7pm Welcome Hall and the Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room

# IN OUR PRAYERS

<b>Rev. Roxanna Atwood</b> (recovering from a broken arm) <b>and Rev. Jim Atwood</b> for their health.
<b>Ellery Burgess</b> (brother of Wells Burgess) for his care in assisted living.
<b>Judy Chiapella</b> (sister-in-law of Anne De Lanoy) for health recovery.
<b>Jim Cooke</b> (Lynnette Yount's husband) being treated for cancer.
<b>Esther Crosby</b> (sister of Georgine Neureiter) experiencing Parkinson's dementia.
<b>Anne De Lanoy's sister Beth's grandchild Andrew</b> diagnosed with leukemia.
<b>Brian Fike</b> (nephew of Dana Edwards) undergoing treatment for a serious illness.
<b>Sean Foulke-Hill</b> (Madeline Jervis' grandson) struggling with addiction rehabilitation.
<b>Lila Granda</b> (friend of Jen Allen) for successful treatment of cancer.
<b>Tabita Green</b> (sister-in-law of David Green) for complete healing as she undergoes major surgery for her next phase of cancer treatment.
<b>Madeleine Hahn</b> doing very well recovering from a broken leg.
<b>The family of Allan Lipsett</b> (father of Peter Lipsett) grieving Allan's death from heart failure.
<b>Ase Lundgren</b> for continued health challenges and during her time overseas.
The <b>McGilvray-Rivet family</b> (Margaret McGilvray's sister)'s health and employment concerns.
<b>John Mitchell</b> (uncle of Shannon Mitchell) struggling with advanced cancer, presently in the hospital in Lynchburg, Virginia but will likely soon move into hospice care. Please pray for his wellness and for his family.
<b>The father of Shandra Niswander</b> having heart problems.
<b>Lisa Osterheld</b> (friend of Jack Madison & Debra Fowler) for good health & healing as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
<b>Tom Reil</b> (brother-in-law of Anne De Lanoy) for health concerns.
<b>Ralph Riff</b> (Jean Vallianos' cousin) critically ill in Chicago.
<b>Stephen Rogers</b> (father of Halsey Rogers) at home recovering from a brief hospitalization.
<b>Helen Surbaugh's niece Bobbi</b> for health concerns.
<b>Lee Taylor</b> (brother of Al Taylor) battling cancer.
<b>Carrie Vernia</b> (sister of Ben Vernia) seriously ill in North Carolina.
<b>Danielle Williams</b> (friend of Dana Edwards) recovering at home from illness.


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.), and **Lois Potter** (Gainesville Health & Rehabilitation Center, Fairview Unit, Room 218-Door).

Those serving in the Armed Forces abroad including: **Calvin Hubbard**, nephew of Jane Dunphy, member of the Army Special Forces stationed in Okinawa; and **Daniel O'Loughlin**, grandson of 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

## CONNECT WITH US

 **FACEBOOK:** First Presbyterian Church of Arlington has a Facebook page. We would like for folks to join our group to keep up with prayer concerns, events, etc. in the church life. The name of the group is **FPCarlington**. “Like” us today!

 **TWITTER ACCOUNT:** Tweet Us! First Presbyterian Church has a twitter address; @fpc\_arlington. You can see the account at: [https://www.twitter.com/fpc\\_arlington](https://www.twitter.com/fpc_arlington).





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