



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

January 26, 2020

8:30am

11:00am

“Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. . . For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

(I Corinthians 1:10, 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 **Children's Sermon** 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:

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.
Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.
Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE: (8:30am) *Prayer from Suite Gothique* Leon Boellmann

INTROIT: (11am) *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

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 27) Liturgists: Jeanie Kazmierczak (8:30am)
The Lord is my light and my salvation; Chris or Leslie Hulser (11am)
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Though an army encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear;

**Though war rise up against me,
Yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord.
That I will seek after:

**To live in the house of the Lord
All the days of my life,**

To behold the beauty of the Lord,
And to inquire within God's temple.

**Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
Be gracious to me and answer me!**

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
You have been my help.

**Teach me your way, O Lord,
And lead me on a level path.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
In the land of the living.

Together let us worship and praise the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 305: *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CONFESSION OF SIN:

Gracious God, look with favor upon us as once again we see k you forgiveness. We confess to you the sins of our society, knowing that we are all gathered up in its causes and consequences. We are reluctant to take responsibility and eager to criticize those who take action. We regard our own privileges as earned rights and the benefits of others as charity. As a church we have been more eager to receive the good news of the gospel that we have been to share it to others. We have idolized our past and closed ourselves to the new directions of your Spirit. Seldom have we sought you with all our heart, strength and mind. In complete need of your grace we look in faith to you for your alone have the words of eternal life.

(silent time of confession and meditation)

*KYRIE No. 579: *Lord, Have Mercy* KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)
(First: Cantor, Second: All)

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

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS:

Grace, mercy and peace are the gifts that God freely grants for all who look in faith to God through Jesus Christ.

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Sara Josefina Guerrero and Hugo Laureano Guerrero,
children of Francesca and Nathan Guerrero

Welcome:

God has now affirmed Sara and Hugo as part of God's family. Together let us welcome them into the household of God.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Christ.

*HYMN OF WELCOMING No. 486: *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

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

SIYAHAMBA

We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing, singing; we are singing, singing, we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing, singing; we are singing, singing, we are singing in the light of God.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS:

Matthew 4:12-23

Pew Bible, pp. 3-4 NT

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES:

I Corinthians 1:10-18, 26-31

Pew Bible, p. 166 NT

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

"Call and Response"

The Rev. Dr. Bryan Mickle

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN No. 170:

You Walk along Our Shoreline

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(from: A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (8:30am service)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Please note that prayer request cards are available in the pew racks for persons wishing to have the congregation join in their prayer requests.)

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:

What Wondrous Love

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. 720:

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

*BENEDICTION:

The Lord Bless You & 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:

Toccata from Suite Gothique

Leon Boellmann

WE DEPART TO SERVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY were donated by Ron, Elaine, and Brian Neumann.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation next Sunday, **February 2, 2020**, following the 11am worship service for the following purposes:

1. To elect the members of the 2020 Officer Nominating Committee.
 2. To receive the annual reports from the First Presbyterian Church Congregation and the First Presbyterian Church Corporation.
 3. To act on the request that the Pastoral Relationship between the First Presbyterian Church of Arlington and the Rev. Dr. Bryan Mickle be dissolved.
 4. To hear from a representative of the National Capital Presbytery Committee on Ministry who will explain the Presbytery's "Former Pastor Policy and Covenant of Closure," which will go into effect when Pastor Mickle's official ministry concludes.
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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. Members and friends should have received an electronic invitation via email this past week. *Members/friends planning to attend and/or contribute to the event should **RSVP and contribute by January 31**.* Some do not like to RSVP electronically - we understand! Please feel free to call Margaret Gregory at (703) 505-6209 or email at mfg4@aol.com to RSVP and get details.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR HONORING PASTOR BRYAN AND FRAN MICKLE – We will be holding a special coffee hour in Yount Social Hall after the 11am service on **Sunday, February 9**, which will be Bryan's last Sunday with us. Join us for this time of fellowship to send Bryan and Fran off with our love and best wishes. Please check your email for information about a special gift opportunity. Don't see it or still have questions? Contact Jennifer Swanson (jeniko3@gmail.com; 703-304-2213).

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. Classes begin tomorrow and run 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.

GET INVOLVED AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH – Join us in the Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103) Sundays at 9:45am. **Today, January 26:** Learning with our Muslim neighbors – our guest leaders, temporarily working in the US, will share their experiences & insights about their life here, where Christianity is the majority religion. **In February and early March**, our Adult Study will be based on the Biblical concepts of Justice.

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 (through 2/6) 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.

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); and bring a dish to share. At 7 pm on **Monday, February 24** we'll discuss *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. We'll meet at the home of Margaret Gregory. 3300 Goldsboro Court, Falls Church 22042. If you can come, please let Margaret know at mfg4@aol.com and bring a dish to share. Questions? Contact Janet Bickel at 703-303-6673 or 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 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.

VAN GO LUNCH – Van Go is a monthly gathering for an informal, no-host lunch for adults. All are welcome! On **Thursday, February 20, 2020** we'll meet at the church at 11:30am, then carpool to Anthony's, a Greek/Italian/American restaurant in Falls Church. Contact Ruth Garfield at r.garfield@comcast.net or 703-536-5679 with questions.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Handbells Rehearsal | Thursday 1/30, 6pm Room 208 |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal | Thursday 1/30, 7pm Choir Room |
| Youth Popcorn Theology | Friday 1/31, 6-8pm Youth Office and Room 102 |
| FPC Annual Meeting of the Congregation and FPC Corporation Meeting | Sunday 2/2, following 11am worship service Sanctuary |
| Meeting of the Board of Deacons | Wednesday 2/5, 7:30pm The Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103) |
| Handbells Rehearsal | Thursday 2/6, 6pm Room 208 |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal | Thursday 2/6, 7pm Choir Room |
| Farewell Dinner Honoring Pastor Bryan and Fran Mickle | Saturday 2/8, 5:30pm Hilton Arlington: RSVP by 1/31 at https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup or by contacting Margaret Gregory at 703-505-6209 or mfg4@aol.com |
| Pastor Bryan's Last Sunday with FPCA | Sunday 2/9 Special Coffee Hour in Yount Social Hall following 11am worship |
| Meeting of the Board of Trustees | Tuesday 2/11, 7:15pm The Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103) |
| Worship Ministry Team Meeting | Wednesday 2/12, 7pm Room 102 |
| Handbells Rehearsal | Thursday 2/13, 6pm Room 208 |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal | Thursday 2/13, 7pm Choir Room |
| CYMT Meeting | Wednesday 2/19, 7:15pm Youth Room |
| Youth: Hungry for Hope Event | Friday 2/21 to Saturday 2/22 See Cali Bronkema for information and to RSVP by 2/9 |
| Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast | Sunday 2/23, following 11am worship Yount Social Hall |

IN OUR PRAYERS

Kristen Boehme prayer of thanks for successful surgery.

Ellery Burgess (brother of Wells Burgess) for his care in assisted living.

Judy Chiapella (sister-in-law of Anne De Lanoy) for health recovery.

Jim Cooke (Lynnette Yount's husband) being treated for cancer.

Esther Crosby (sister of Georgine Neureiter) experiencing Parkinson's dementia.

Anne De Lanoy's sister Beth's grandchild Andrew diagnosed with leukemia.

Brian Fike (nephew of Dana Edwards) undergoing treatment for a serious illness.

Sean Foulke-Hill (Madeline Jervis' grandson) struggling with addiction rehabilitation.

Lila Granda (friend of Jen Allen) for successful treatment of cancer.

Tabita Green (sister-in-law of David Green) for comfort and symptom relief, as well as guidance regarding next steps, as she continues to confront cancer.

Ase Lundgren for continued health challenges and during her time overseas.

The **McGilvray-Rivet family** (Margaret McGilvray's sister)'s health and employment concerns.

Claire Milton prayers for healing.

John Mitchell (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.

The father of Shandra Niswander having heart problems.

Lisa Osterheld (friend of Jack Madison & Debra Fowler) for good health & healing as she undergoes treatment for cancer.

Tom Reil (brother-in-law of Anne De Lanoy) for health concerns.

Helen Surbaugh's niece Bobbi for health concerns.

Lee Taylor (brother of Al Taylor) battling cancer.

Carrie Vernia (sister of Ben Vernia) seriously ill in North Carolina.


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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 Ushers Ed Milton and Steve Thurston (8:30am)
 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.





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