



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

February 2, 2020

8:30am

11:00am

“The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state.”

(Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Strength To Love*)

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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:

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, that we may recognize your power at work in your Son and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE: (8:30am)

INTROIT: (11am)

Hymn. No. 172: *Blest Are They*

BLEST ARE THEY

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 15)

Liturgists: Cathy Thurston (8:30am)

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Will Allen and Alex Hulser (Confirmants) (11am)

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**

Who do not slander with their tongue,

and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

but who honor those who fear the LORD;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

who do not lend money at interest,

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Together let us worship and praise the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 667:

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CONFESSION OF SIN:

Gracious God, behold us and hear us for the erring children that we are. Gifted with sight, we miss the glory that surrounds us; gifted with conscience, we make our peace with sin; gifted with the power to think, we fall for lies that cater to our prejudices; gifted with imagination, we plod along afraid to dream or hope; gifted with the quality of love, we waste our affections on things that matter little.

Forgive our gross misuse of life, and grant that the very act of confession would get us started in a new direction, lest we gain the world and lose our souls.

(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:

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel. The free gift of God's grace comes to all who believe in and call upon God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 581:

Glory Be To the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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, amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Cali Bronkema

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

SIYAHAMBA

(verse one)

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

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

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

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Micah 6:1-8 Pew Bible, p. 866 OT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 5:1-12 Pew Bible, p. 4 NT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "What Does the Lord Require?" The Rev. Dr. Bryan Mickle

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe

- that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering.

(from: *The Confession of Belhar*, 1986)

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

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Lift Up Your Heads (Messiah)* G.F. Handel

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

COMMUNION HYMN No. 498: *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

BEACH SPRING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT 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 thanks and praise to the Lord.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks . . .

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

“God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**”

+COMMUNION 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.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 624: *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

++ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FPC CONGREGATION

++ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FPC CORPORATION

*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)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

+Communion Instructions – Communion will be served by intinction. When you come forward to the communion servers, break off a small piece of the bread and dip it in the juice cup. The cup is filled with grape juice. A gluten-free bread substitute is available from the server who stands between the other servers. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, servers will be glad to bring the bread and juice to you.

++Note – During the meetings of the congregation and corporation, Cali will lead an activity downstairs in the Social Hall for all children of the church who do not wish to attend the meeting. Everyone else has to attend the meeting. (Sorry)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY were donated by Megan Underdown in memory of her cousin, Georgi Daugherty.

OUR LITURGISTS TODAY are two members of our 2020 confirmation class! As they explore what it means to be a member of the church, all those who are participating in confirmation class will serve as liturgists over the next few months. We ask that you continue to show them your love and support as they proceed on this faith journey. – [Cali Bronkema](#), Director of CYMT

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation **TODAY**, 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) next **Saturday, February 8** from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Members and friends should have received an electronic invitation via email. Members/friends planning to attend and/or contribute to the event must **RSVP and contribute no later than today, February 1**. 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).

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 the collection next week, **February 9**, will go towards the [NAACP](#)! — [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. 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, 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

FPC Annual Meeting of the Congregation and FPC Corporation Meeting	TODAY following 11am 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
Noisy Offering to benefit the NAACP	Sunday 2/9, during 11am service
Pastor Bryan's Last Sunday with FPCA	Sunday 2/9 Special Coffee Hour in Yount Social Hall following 11am service
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
Handbells Rehearsal	Thursday 2/20, 6pm Room 208
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Thursday 2/20, 7pm Choir 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
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday 2/26, 7:30pm Sanctuary

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ellery Burgess (brother of Wells Burgess) for his care in assisted living.
Judy Chiapella (sister-in-law of Anne De Lanoy) prayers of gratitude for improved health.
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 prayers of gratitude for recovery.
Hanna Eun recovering at home from surgery.
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.
Madeline Jervis recovering at home from surgery.
Ase Lundgren for continued health challenges and during her time overseas.
Valerie McCray for successful knee replacement surgery February 6.
The McGilvray-Rivet family (Margaret McGilvray's sister and family) Thanks for prayers answered for health, employment, and admission to medical school. Praise the Lord.
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) prayers of gratitude for improved health.
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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 Financial Secretary Lynda Hill
 Trustees on Duty Greg Morris and Whitney Engstrom
 Ushers Greg Morris and Martha & Chris Taylor (8:30am)
 Clint Brass, Janie & Harro Wulf, Joan Koenig, Dana Edwards, and Anne De Lanoy (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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