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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Service for the Lord's Day
The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 9, 2020

8:30am

11:00am

“The secret of life is that not everyone in your tribe is nuts on the same day. Another secret is that laughter is carbonated holiness.”

(Anne Lamott, Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith)

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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:

Great and good God,
give us pure hearts that we may see you,
humble hearts that we may hear you,
hearts of love that we may serve you,
hearts of faith that we may live in you,
reverent hearts that we may worship you,
here and in the world out there,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Dag Hammerskjold, 1905-1961)

PRELUDE:

Lift High the Cross
Adam Graham, Organ
Ruth Lederle, Piano

Joel Raney

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

OPENING SENTENCES:

This is the day the Lord has made!

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

MEDLEY OF HYMNS

(first and last verses)

<i>We Are One in the Spirit</i>	#300
<i>I Danced in the Morning</i>	#157
<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	#65
<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	#462

*PRESENTATION OF NEW LECTERN BIBLE (11am)

Mr. Louis Quay, assisted by the Church Beadle, Mr. Jeff Noble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Bryan Mickle

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

A time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

Liturgist: Marianne Okal (8:30am)

Peter Lipsett, Ruling Elder (11am)

A time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

A time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

A time for war, and a time for peace.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 611: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CONFESSION OF SIN:

Gracious God, we confess our sin to you and to one another: For clouded eyes that see no further than our own advantage, and a dulled imagination that does not know what others suffer; for the willingness to profit by injustice which we have not striven to prevent; the selfishness that is quick to gain and slow to give; and the unconcern that makes us cry, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

O God, forgive us for our unfaithfulness to the vision of your new creation already at work in the world, and grant to us a better purpose for the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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:

Friends and fellow believers, even though we sin and fall short of God's glory, God's power to forgive and to redeem all things is even 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.

CEREMONY OF REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Kathy Pericak

CHILDREN'S SERMON AND NOISY OFFERING

Cali Bronkema

*BRIDGES TO WORSHIP No. 2242: *Walk with Me*

GLASER

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 29:10-14

Pew Bible, p. 731 OT

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 2:1-12

Pew Bible, p. 36 NT

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "On the Shoulders of Others"

The Rev. Dr. Bryan Mickle

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN No. 741:

Guide My Feet

HANKEY

*DEDICATION OF NEW LECTERN BIBLE:

Led by Jason Howell, Ruling Elder

In the conviction that Jesus Christ is the one Word of God which we have to hear and trust and obey in life and in death:

We dedicate this Bible.

In acknowledging the centrality of the Bible in the life and teaching of the church;

We dedicate this Bible.

In the joy we find in the words of eternal life in these pages;

We dedicate this Bible.

To the glory of God and the enlightenment of this congregation this Holy Bible is hereby dedicated. May receptive hearts receive the message it gives. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Led by Doris Mabrey, former Ruling Elder and
former Moderator of
National Capital Presbytery

What do you understand by the providence of God?

The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by God's gracious hands.

(from: The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563)

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

(please refer to the communion insert)

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:

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

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. 450:

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*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

The congregation is invited to join a time of fellowship, cake and other refreshments in the Social Hall downstairs after the worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE THANK DAVID MCLEOD, BAGPIPER, whose music enhances our worship today.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY were donated by Doris Mabrey in honor of Bryan and Fran Mickle for your nine plus years of dedicated service to the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington.

THE NEW CHURCH BIBLE – The church “Morning Bible Study and Fellowship Group” will present a new lectern Bible to replace the one that has been in use for many years, and whose cover has been falling apart for some time. The new lectern Bible is identical to the one it is replacing. The new Bible contains the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which is the same translation as our pew Bibles. The now “retired” lectern Bible has been placed in the Church Parlor just below an earlier lectern Bible.

SPECIAL SOCIAL HOUR TODAY – Please join us in the Yount Social Hall downstairs **today after the 11am service** for a special social hour honoring our retiring pastor Bryan Mickle.

"WOMEN WINNING THE VOTE: THE VIRGINIA STORY" – Local historian and former head of the League of Women Voters will talk about the women's suffrage movement in Virginia and in Arlington, and its impact on the evolution of the League of Women Voters. **Thursday, February 13 at 7 pm** in the Reinsch Library, Marymount Main Campus. For more info: <https://arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/> or call Annette Benbow at 703-577-7042.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE LED BY THE REV. JOHN MOLINA-MOORE, General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery. He holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Sterling College (2005), where he was a scholarship student in both music and athletics. He has a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary (2011), where he won the “The Gerald R. Johnson Award in Speech Communication in Ministry” award in preaching and communications. In 2017, John completed a Certificate in Advanced Executive Leadership for Ministers from Howard University. John was ordained by the Presbytery of Newcastle. He served pastorates at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church and Calvary Presbyterian Church, both located in Wilmington, Delaware. In National Capital, he has served as Stated Supply Pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church and Stated Supply Pastor for Community Life at Western Presbyterian Church.

ANNUAL “FAT SUNDAY” PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Mark your calendar – our annual pancake breakfast will be held at **9:45 am on Sunday, February 23**, between the services. Children, youth, and families will be serving the church a delicious breakfast and you do not want to miss it! If you are interested in helping, contact Margaret Gregory at mfg4@aol.com or Cali Bronkema at cali@fpcarlington.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOON-TO-BE REV. BLAIR MOORHEAD – Blair has completed all of the steps to become ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament, aka “Teaching Elder” in the Presbyterian Church USA. On **Sunday, February 23 at 4pm** the long process will be complete as Blair enters the ranks of ordained ministry as a Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament. She will be ordained and installed to serve the Clarendon Presbyterian Church, where she has been already been serving in a non-ordained capacity. The Clarendon Presbyterian Church is located at 1305 N. Jackson Street, Arlington.

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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 **Thursday mornings from 7 to 8am** at Good Company Doughnuts and Café, 672 N. Glebe Road, Arlington – Marianne Okal

CHOIR – Our Choir rehearses **Sundays at 9:45am** and **Thursdays 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>.

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

Pastor Bryan's Last Sunday with FPCA	TODAY 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
Adult Bible Study	Thursday 2/13, 7am Good Company Doughnuts & Café, 672 N. Glebe Road, Arlington
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
Adult Bible Study	Thursday 2/20, 7am Good Company Doughnuts & Café, 672 N. Glebe Road, Arlington
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 TODAY
Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast	Sunday 2/23, following 11am worship Yount Social Hall
Celebrate the Ordination of Blair Moorhead; Reception to Follow	Sunday 2/23, 4pm Clarendon Presbyterian Church, 1305 N. Jackson Street, Arlington
Church Ladies Book Club	Monday 2/24, 7pm The home of Margaret Gregory
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.
Brian Fike (nephew of Dana Edwards) undergoing treatment for a serious illness.
Sean Foulke-Hill (Madeline Jervis' grandson) struggling with addiction rehabilitation.
Andrea Gorton and Jacob Gjesdahl and their two children returning early from China.
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.
Jim Howell prayers for improved health as he is being treated at the VA Hospital, Washington, D.C.
Madeline Jervis recovering at home from surgery.
Ase Lundgren for continued health challenges and during her time overseas.
Valerie McCray for healing and rehabilitation from knee replacement surgery February 6.
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.
Dr. George Ramsey (father of Scott Ramsey) in 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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 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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