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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

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

February 16, 2020

8:30am

11:00am

“...and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’
what shall I say to them?”

(Exodus 3:7-13)

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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:

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water of grace which springs up from the rock, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may learn to profess our faith with courage and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

8:30am PRELUDE: *Prelude in D Major, BWV 532* J.S. Bach

11am CHORAL INTROIT: No. 688: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 19)

Liturgist: Sally Gousen (8:30am)

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

Michael Bruno and Nicholas Bruno (11am)

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

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

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.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

**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. 410: *God is Calling through the Whisper*

POLISH CAROL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CONFESSION OF SIN:

O Thou who art both merciful and just, we accept your gracious invitation to confess. By our own standards we have fallen short. How much more have we sinned against your holy law! Forgive us for our fear of the new, our presumptions of righteousness, the stinginess of our love, and our preference for convenience in religion rather than conviction. Where we are truly sorry for our sins, let us hear your word of pardon and receive the benediction of your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent time of confession and meditation)

*KYRIE No. 579:

Lord, Have Mercy
(First: Cantor, Repeat: All)

KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)

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

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS:

Brothers and sisters, be assured that the Lord is kind and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy. 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

**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 two)

**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.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER: Psalm 139:1-12 Pew Bible, pp. 577-578 OT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3:7-13 Pew Bible, p. 50 OT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "In Every Breath" The Rev. John Molina-Moore

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

What do the Scriptures principally teach?

The Scriptures principally teach what we are to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of us.

(from: *The Shorter Catechism*, 1649)

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

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Durufle

RESPONSE No. 607:

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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. 69:

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM (Schutte)

*11am CHORAL 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:

Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

J.S. Bach

WE DEPART TO SERVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME AND THANK JOHN MOLINA-MOORE, General Presbyterian, National Capital Presbytery, for leading us in worship today. John 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.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY were donated by Kathryn Kobe in honor of the dedicated staff of First Presbyterian Church.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Over the next weeks the Nominating Committee of the congregation will be building a slate of nominees for Church Officers. As we get started we need your help! We are looking for candidates for **Elder, Deacon** and **Trustee**.

Elders exercise leadership and take responsibility for the life of our church as well as the church at large, including ecumenical relationships. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment.

Deacons minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress, both within and beyond the community of faith. Deacons may also participate in church functions such as leading the congregation in prayer, reading the scriptures, receiving the offering, and assisting with the Lord's Supper.

Trustees are entrusted with the responsibility for maintaining the church building and grounds. The Trustees assure that the congregation can worship, learn, and have fellowship in a safe, worshipful, inviting and comfortable space.

On the bulletin insert there is space for new Church Officer nominations as well as a breakdown of the current boards.

Take a moment to think of individuals whom you feel:

- Have a spiritual commitment to serving and caring for others
- Are responsive to and excited by challenges
- Are active in our church community and attend regular worship

Nominations may be placed in the bright green box by the parking lot entrance, in the offering plate, in the church office, or simply hand them to a member of the Nominating Committee: Midge Curry (chair), Margaret Gregory (deacon), Whitney Engstrom (trustee), and Deb Fowler and Kyle Longton (at large members). Feel free to contact Midge Curry at NomCom@FPCarlington.org (and it will be kept confidential) with comments or nominations.

MISSED SIGNING THE GUEST BOOK FOR PASTOR BRYAN ON FEBRUARY 9TH? Please look for the brown, suede-covered Guest Book to sign your name and write a message of gratitude, congratulations, or best wishes to Pastor Bryan. The book will remain in the church office through the afternoon of Sunday, February 23. Please sign either Sunday, February 16 or 23, or come to the church office during office hours (Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm).

THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS' WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE LED BY THE REV. ELLEN FISHER MARQUARDT – Rev. Marquardt is a retired Presbyterian minister and a native Texan. She holds degrees from Texas Woman's University and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Her ministry included directing a local mission agency and pastoring a small church in central Missouri, serving on presbytery staff in the Kansas City area and on Long Island NY, and working with two churches in Perth, Scotland. In retirement she is establishing a coaching practice and keeps busy supporting small churches in Heartland Presbytery. In Arlington, Ellen is best known as Nicholas and Robyn Bruno's grandmother.

ANNUAL "FAT SUNDAY" PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Mark your calendar – our annual pancake breakfast will be held at 9:45 am next **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. Next **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.

"WONDROUS LOVE" LENTEN DEVOTIONALS – This year's Lenten devotional highlights readings from the gospel of Matthew, and each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection, and a prayer. This worship guide will reinforce Christ's central teachings of God's love for us and the duty we have to love others. Spend a few minutes each day of Lent remembering how wondrous God's love is!

ASHES TO GO is back this year! Join me in offering an ashen sign of the cross to commuters on Ash **Wednesday morning, February 26th**. Email sallygousen@gmail.com if you have questions. I vividly remember the prayerful intimacy with those who wished to be blessed for Ash Wednesday last year, and I am looking forward to connecting with other strangers at the Ballston metro this year. The tentative start time is between 8 and 9 am but the time can be adjusted to suit other participants' convenience. Stay a little while or a long while – I found it to be a deeply spiritual connection, because it's not often that we common mortals bless one another. – Sally Gousen, Elder for Worship

GET INVOLVED AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH – Today, February 16, the adult class is led by our General Presbyter, Rev. John Molina-Moore. Please join us at 9:45am in the Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103) as Rev. Molina-Moore helps us understand Justice in our community and world. Youth are invited to join us today, as there is no separate church school class for them. Next Sunday, February 23, we will have a short class (gathering about 10:15am in Room 103) after the Pancake Breakfast. We will continue our study of Justice and the Prophets.

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 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

CYMT Meeting	Wednesday 2/19, 7:15pm Youth Room
VanGo Lunch: Anthony's, Falls Church	Thursday 2/20, 11:30am Meet at church; carpool to restaurant
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
Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast	Sunday 2/23, between worship services 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
Ashes 2 Go	Wednesday 2/26, time TBD Ballston Metro: see Announcement in Bulletin and contact Sally Gousen to volunteer or with questions
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday 2/26, 7:30pm Sanctuary
Adult Bible Study	Thursday 2/27, 7am Good Company Doughnuts & Café, 672 N. Glebe Road, Arlington
Stated Meeting of the First Church Session	Thursday 2/27, 7pm The Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103)
Handbells Rehearsal	Thursday 2/27, 6pm Room 208
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Thursday 2/27, 7pm Choir Room

IN OUR PRAYERS

Matthew Allen (son of friend of Carlyle Gregory) prayers for health after devastating auto accident.
Ellery Burgess (brother of Wells Burgess) for his care in assisted living.
Jim Cooke (Lynnette Yount's husband) being treated for cancer.
Esther Crosby (sister of Georgine Neureiter) experiencing Parkinson's dementia.
Friend of First Church Deatra's grandson, James for God's grace.
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.
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.

