



first
presbyterian
church

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Service for the Lord's Day
Transfiguration of the Lord

February 23, 2020

8:30am

11:00am

“Jesus, take us to the mountain,
where with Peter, James and John,
we are dazzled by Your glory,
light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night
by the vision of that sight.”

(Glory to God Hymn No. 193, verse 1)

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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, who revealed glory in Jesus Christ to disciples, help us to listen to your word, so that, seeing the wonders of Christ's love, we may descend with him to a sick and wanting world, and minister as he ministered with compassion for all; for the sake of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

8:30am PRELUDE:

Trio in D Flat

Joseph Rheinberger

11am CHORAL INTROIT:

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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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: (John 1:1-5)

Liturgists: Chris Taylor (8:30am)

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Rebecca Garland and Vaniala Andriamalala
(Confirmants) (11am)

He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 755:

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to sins that hide the brightness of your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with Holy Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may proclaim your word and tell your glory, shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. Amen.

(silent time of confession and meditation)

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

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

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 three)

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Matthew 17:1-9 Pew Bible, pp. 18-19 NT

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: II Peter 1:16-19 Pew Bible, p. 236 NT

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Transfiguration" The Rev. Ellen Marquardt

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

(from: The Nicene Creed)

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: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
Handbells

arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

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. 193: *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

UNSER HERRSCHER

*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:

Gigue Fugue, BWV 577

J.S. Bach

WE DEPART TO SERVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME REV. ELLEN FISHER MARQUARDT TO THE PULPIT TODAY – 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. Rev. Marquardt will be presiding over our Ash Wednesday evening service and next Sunday’s services as well.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY were donated by Alicia Perez-Arrieta and Jake Perez in honor of their mother, Clemen, who is celebrating her 80th birthday.

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

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 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 in the church office for the brown, suede-covered Guest Book to sign your name and write a message of gratitude, congratulations, or best wishes to Pastor Bryan. Please sign the guest book **TODAY**, after which it will be given to Pastor Bryan.

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. **TODAY 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Join us for an evening service on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th at 7:30. This is the first day in the observation of Lent and the service includes the bestowal of an ashen sign of the cross on the forehead of each person who wishes one. In addition to the evening service, see below for a description of the Ash Wednesday morning “Ashes-to-Go” activity.

REACH OUT TO NEIGHBORS ON ASH WEDNESDAY – 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. We will meet at the church around 8 to 8:15 and walk from there to the Ballston metro stop, but the time can be adjusted to suit other participants’ convenience. Stay a little while or a long while – I found this ritual to be a deeply spiritual connection, because it’s not often that we common mortals can bless one another. – Sally Gousen, Elder for Worship

“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. The booklets are available in baskets in the narthex and in the hallway leading to Welcome Hall. Spend a few minutes each day of Lent remembering how wondrous God’s love is! – Sally Gousen, Elder for Worship

SIX FOR SUPPER: SATURDAY, APRIL 25 AND SATURDAY, MAY 2 – Save the date! Six for Supper is coming this spring on Saturday, April 25th and Saturday, May 2nd. More details to follow in coming months. Plan now to attend this fun event. The Deacons are also looking for host homes for Six for Supper. If you are willing to open your home and host either Saturday, April 25th or May 2nd, please contact Aromie Noe at aromienoe@yahoo.com.

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ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH – Today, February 23, we will have a short class (gathering about 10:15am) in the Cindy Bolbach Meeting 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 **tomorrow, February 24** we'll discuss *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. **UPDATE:** We'll meet in the **Church Parlor**. If you can come, please let Martha Taylor know at md_taylor@verizon.net and bring a dish to share. Upcoming books are: March 30: *Ask Again, Yes: A Novel* by Mary Beth Keane; April 27: *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life* by David Brooks; May 18: *The Water Dancer: A Novel* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. 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! Our next lunch will be **Thursday, March 19** at a restaurant to be determined. Contact Ruth Garfield at r.garfield@comcast.net or 703-536-5679 with questions.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast	TODAY between worship services Yount Social Hall
Celebrate the Ordination of Blair Moorhead; Reception to Follow	TODAY, 4pm Clarendon Presbyterian Church, 1305 N. Jackson Street, Arlington
Church Ladies Book Club	Monday 2/24, 7pm Church Parlor
Ashes-to-Go	Wednesday 2/26, 8am Meet at church; walk to Ballston Metro: see Announcement in Bulletin and contact Sally Gousen to volunteer or with questions
Ash Wednesday Evening Service	Wednesday 2/26, 7:30pm Sanctuary
Adult Bible Study	Thursday 2/27, 7am Good Company Doughnuts & Café, 672 N. Glebe Road, Arlington
Handbells Rehearsal	Thursday 2/27, 6pm Room 208
Stated Meeting of the First Church Session	Thursday 2/27, 7pm The Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103)
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Thursday 2/27, 7pm Choir Room
Meeting of the Board of Deacons	Wednesday 3/4, 7:30pm The Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103)
Handbells Rehearsal	Thursday 3/5, 6pm Room 208
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Thursday 3/5, 7pm Choir Room
CYM Game Night	Friday 3/6, time TBA Youth Room
World Day of Prayer / Children's Choir Sings / Noisy Offering	Sunday 3/8, 11am worship service Sanctuary
Celebration of March Birthdays and Other Special Occasions	Sunday 3/8, following 11am worship service Yount Social Hall

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 Mt. Vernon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 8111 Tiswell, Alexandria, VA 22306.
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.
Jean Vallianos' niece in San Diego, Catherine , for health concerns.
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.

