

FPC Children and Youth Christmas Pageant



Luke 1:26-38, 45b-55

December 18, 2011



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—CHURCH—

Welcome to Fairlington Presbyterian Church!

*The Mission of Fairlington Presbyterian Church
is to be a Transforming Force for Good
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For many years purple was the color for the Advent season. Over the past thirty years, many Protestant churches have begun using royal blue primarily to distinguish this season from the season of Lent. The word advent is derived from the Latin adventus, which means "coming" or "arrival." In the societies of the Roman empire, the word adventus referred to the arrival of a person of dignity and great power -- a king, emperor, or even one of the gods. For Christians, Advent is the time when the church patiently prepares for the coming of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. The Advent season focuses on Christ's threefold coming -- past, present, and future. First, we remember the Lord's humble first coming in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. Second, we give thanks for His present and continual coming to us through Word and Sacrament. Finally, we look forward with hope and longing to His second coming in glory. Blue represents hope, expectation, and heaven.



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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 18, 2011

4th Sunday of Advent

2011 Candle Lighters

Advent Week 1

Miriam Finet, Jen Blakeney, Kelley O'Dell (Teachers)

Advent Week 2

Joe Andy (Trustee), Dana Andy (Teacher) & family

Advent Week 3

Joel Bednoski (Elder), Hillary Maxwell (Deacon),
Patrick Retton (Treasurer)

Advent Week 4

Dawnielle Miller (Casa Chirilagua),
Katherine Stickers (Computer CORE)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

CALL TO FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Braunstein

*Please complete the tear-off on the back page of this bulletin
and place it in the offering plate during the service.*

INTROIT

▲CALL TO WORSHIP

(verses 1-4) 601

Song of Zechariah

*Blest be the God of Israel, The ever living Lord.
You come in power to save Your own, Your people Israel.
For Israel You now raise up Salvation's tower on high
In David's house, who reigned as king And servant of the Lord.*

*Through holy prophets did You speak Your word in days of old,
That You would save us from our foes And all who bear us ill.
On Sinai You gave to us Your covenant of love;
So with us now You keep Your word In love that knows no end.*

*Of old You gave Your solemn oath To father Abraham
Whose seed a mighty race should be And blest forevermore.
You vowed to set Your people free From fear of every foe,
That we might serve You all our days
In goodness, love, and peace.*

*O tiny child, Your name shall be The prophet of the Lord;
The way of God You will prepare To make God's coming known.
You shall proclaim to Israel Salvation's dawning day,
When God shall wipe away all sins With mercy and with love.*

▲PRAYER OF THE DAY

▲SONG OF ANTICIPATION NO. 8

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*Dawnielle Miller, Casa Chirilagua
Katherine Stickers, Computer C.O.R.E*

ADVENT PRAYER

SONG OF RESPONSE

Taize "Wait for the Lord"

Choir: *Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
 Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!*

Cantor: *Lord show us your way.
 Guide us in your truth*

Congregation: *(Sing chorus below twice)*

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Jacques Berthier



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Compassionate and forgiving God, we trespass on your mercy and take your favor for granted. We forget the lessons of those who came before us, and ignore our responsibility to those who will follow us. We do not see the destruction of our actions and how it distances us from you. We do not recognize our hunger for what it is, or where it leads us. We grow faint. Bring us home to you, Merciful God.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

One: ...This is God's Gracious Promise to us.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

^SONG OF FAITH

(verses 1 & 5) 600

Song of Mary

*My soul gives glory to my God,
My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness
In many marvelous ways.*

*Praise God, whose loving covenant
Supports those in distress,
Remembering past promises
With present faithfulness.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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One: This is the Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthems

O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Friendly Beasts

(featuring Charjwok, Chingwok, Elena, Samantha, Jackson)

Away in a Manger

Angels We Have Heard on High

We Three Kings

▲HYMN NO. 40

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

▲AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*) *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT OF THANKSGIVING

*Dawnielle Miller,
Casa Chirilagua*

SHARING OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

▲HYMN OF RESPONSE

(verse 3) 555

Now Thank We All Our God

*All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son,
and Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.*

▲PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

Gracious God, accept these offerings, the fruit of our labor and lives, in obedience of our faith, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be the 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.**

WE FOLLOW GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

▲CLOSING HYMN NO. 11

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

▲BLESSING

Rev. Braunstein

▲CHORAL RESPONSE

▲PASSING THE PEACE

▲POSTLUDE

CHURCH INFORMATION

Elders

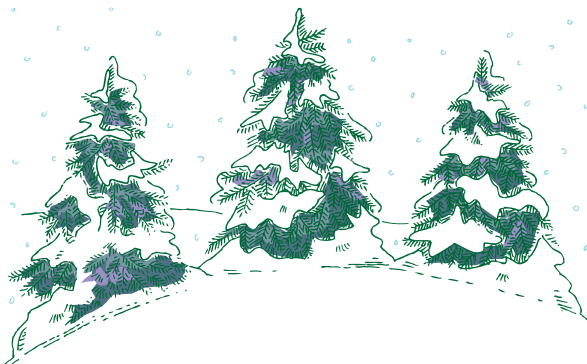
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Andrea Martin
Hillary Maxwell

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- (2012) Joe Andy
(2013) Elaine Halchin
(2014) Mark Anderson



Sunday, December 18

Children's Christmas Pageant

- 11:00am Morning Worship**
1:00pm CLC Christmas Party
6:00pm Holy Grounds Service

Monday, December 19

- 6:00pm AA Meeting
6:30pm NA Meeting (Women)
7:00pm Session Meeting
8:00pm CLC

Tuesday, December 20

- 12:00pm CORE Class
6:00pm AA Meeting (Men)
7:00pm CORE Class

Wednesday, December 21

- 6:00pm AA Meeting (Men)
7:30pm OA/HOW Meeting

Thursday, December 22

- 12:00pm CORE Class
7:00pm CORE Class
7:30pm AA Meeting
7:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, December 23

- 6:00pm CLC Worship Service

Saturday, December 24

- 10:00am OA/HOW Meeting
11:00am NA Meeting (Women)
7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Next Sunday-December 25

Christmas!

- 11:00am Morning Worship**
1:00pm CLC Worship Service
6:00pm Holy Grounds Service

Bolded Items=FPC Events

LETTER FROM SESSION

Dear Friends,

I want to share a story of what it means to me to be a part of the Fairlington Presbyterian Church Community.

In April 2011 our son, Owen, was born. Being our first child, there was a bit of an adjustment period – we went from being a well-rested, relaxed twosome to being an overwhelmed, exhausted, emotional threesome. In the weeks that followed Owen’s birth we experienced tremendous love and support from FPC. The Presbyterian Women gave flowers on the communion table on Easter Sunday in honor of Owen’s birth. Pastor Jan baptized Owen when he was just two weeks old – a selfless gesture given that it was HER last Sunday after 22 years of being with FPC. Ten different families brought us meals. We enjoyed delicious quiche, grilled salmon, vegetarian lasagna, pizza hot dish, homemade chili and yummy tomato sauce.

What an awesome gift – not only were hot meals provided by so many loving families, but it gave us time to focus solely on Owen and learn how to be parents to our beautiful baby boy. We were so touched by the number of families that signed up to support us during this wonderful and transitional time in our lives.

We are grateful to the FPC community and eager to “pay it forward” so others can understand the blessings of being surrounded by a supportive church family.

In peace,

Tracey

Schroeder,

Elder

CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

GIVING TREE 2011



The giving tree is a way to give back to local and international charities. To participate, take an envelope from the tree and fill with cash, check, or gift card. Once filled, drop by the office during the week or put in the offering plate on Sunday. Make checks payable to FPC with the specific charity in the memo line.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP TIMES

Christmas Eve: Sat, Dec 24

7:00 pm (candlelight service)*

**Childcare NOT provided*

First Sunday of Christmas: Dec 25

11:00 am-regular service

UPGRADING?

c o m p u t e r
C.O.R.E.

Computer C.O.R.E. teaches basic computer skills to adults. Every student gets a refurbished computer to take home and keep, to reinforce at home what the students are learning in class. This also provides opportunities for the students' family.

But our shelves are bare!

To equip the incoming Spring 2012 class, we need batch donations of like computers and monitors. If your company is upgrading its inventory, please talk to your IT department about donating the old machines to CORE.

Our specs:

Pentium P4 processor or better

DDR RAM or better

1 GB RAM or better

30 GB hard drive minimum

CD-ROM drive

Flat panel monitor



Contact CORE's office manager, Katherine Stickers, at 703-931-7346 x 103 or Katherine@computercore.org if you can help.



Greetings!

December 18, 2011

‘Tis the season to be jolly, but the Winter Solstice fast approaches – the longest night of the year. In some churches there will be “Longest Night” or “Blue Christmas” services. These times of worship acknowledge that for many, this season is anything but jolly. For people whose grief is raw, for people whose lives are fraught with serious unmanageable complications, for people who battle life threatening diseases and chronic illnesses, not every moment of this season is jolly, and the merry and happy moments are few and far between.

As the sun sets on Wednesday night, I will think of Zechariah’s prophesy in Luke 1: “By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death...” And, I will pray that those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, will experience the abiding presence of the one who comes to be for us everlasting life and light. Will you stop and pray with me?

Blessings,
Leslianne

Get Connected

New or Changed Information

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail (please print) _____ Phone _____

Prayer Concerns: _____

Confidential request for church staff only

(continued on reverse)

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Leslianne Braunstein Interim Pastor
Jessica Danso Office Manager
Michael Dennis..... Organist
Chris Hatfield.....Choir Director
Wes Mitchell Sexton



Get Connected

I want to participate:

- Become a Greeter
- Join the Choir
- Help with Worship Setup
- Become a Liturgist
- Volunteer in Office
- Teach/Aide in Children’s Class
- Prepare Meals
- Provide Rides
- Become a Member

The church also wants to serve you:

- Request Call
 - Request Visit
 - Receive a meal
- Other: _____

