

# ***New Year's Day***



***Isaiah 60:1-6***  
***Matthew 2:1-12***

***January 1, 2012***



FAIRLINGTON  
PRESBYTERIAN  
—CHURCH—

# ***Welcome to Fairlington Presbyterian Church!***

The Mission of Fairlington Presbyterian Church  
is to be a Transforming Force for Good  
in the World in the Name of Jesus Christ.

*White (often with a touch of gold) traditionally is the liturgical color for Festival days in the church year. Since white actually is not one color but the sum of all colors of the spectrum, it has become the choice of color for the greatest celebrations which embody the Faith. It is the color most commonly worn during the Christmas and Easter seasons. White has always been regarded as the color of purity and joy. The addition of gold symbolizes what is precious and valuable, and highlights the majesty, joy, and celebration of the season.*

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# *Epiphany*

Epiphany is the celebration of God’s manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God’s promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God’s covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God’s self-revelation in Christ.

The word “epiphany” (from the Greek *epiphaneia* or *theophaneia*) means “appearance” or “manifestation” of God, and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or the solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god.

For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.



In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and the arising of Light in darkness. ... Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God’s true Light. The timeless mystery of the incarnation, God in flesh, leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God’s gift of grace and salvation for all persons. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.

*From PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship*

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

*January 1, 2011*

New Year's Day

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

*Trustee Elaine Halchin*

*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

*Trustee Elaine Halchin*

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

Many: **The glory of the Lord bathes us in the brightness of the dawn.**

One: Lift up your eyes and look around.

Many: **Our hearts rejoice in the glory of God's Son, who defends the cause of the poor, delivers the needy, and crushes the oppressor.**

One: Let us bring him sweet-smelling gifts and pearls from the sea.

Many: **Let us offer him hearts full of praise.**

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

Many: **The glory of the Lord shines upon us.**

**▲HYMN OF PRAISE**

*No. 68*

“What Star is This, with Beams so Bright”

**▲PRAYER OF ADORATION**

*Trustee Elaine Halchin*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

**Eternal God, we celebrate the courage of kings who left their homelands and their own people to follow a star; we marvel at their quest to honor a child whose power was announced in the heavens above; we would do anything to be part of their story— as long as it requires little effort or sacrifice on our part. Forgive our feet of clay, O God. Open our shut-up hearts to the mystery made known in Christ that others may behold in us the blessings to be found in journeys worth taking. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

**One:** By the power of the living God we are assured:

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

## **^GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

*No. 579*

*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.*

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

**One:** The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

# **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

*Our children collect The Joyful Noise Offering and invite you to share any loose change you'd like to offer into their buckets. These gifts benefit children in Haiti and Alexandria.*

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

*Trustee Elaine Halchin*

## **1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Trustee Elaine Halchin*

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

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## **2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Rev. Braunstein*

*Matthew 2:1-12*

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## **SERMON**

*Rev. Braunstein*

*Music for Meditation*

# **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

## **▲AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*)

*From the Confession of 1967, 9.07*

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, man, and the world. Therefore, the church calls men to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

## **▲ HYMN**

*No. 66*

*“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

## **SHARING OUR OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Trustee Elaine Halchin*

### **▲DOXOLOGY**

*No. 591*

*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** (*Unison*)

**Merciful God, may your justice roll down like waters, your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. May these gifts and offerings be an answer to your call— a call to deliver the needy, rescue the weary, and hearken to the voice of the poor and the helpless, Bless these signs of our love for you, O God, as we proclaim your glory to the nations. 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. 62*

“Bring We the Frankincense of our Love”

**^BLESSING**

*Rev. Braunstein*

**^POSTLUDE**

# CHURCH INFORMATION

## Elders

- (2012) Lisa Miller  
Susan Winckler  
(2013) Mary Olsen  
Tracey Schroeder  
Katherine Stickers  
(2014) Joel Bednoski  
Kenneth Gilbert

## Deacons

- (2012) Ray Biegun  
Hari Rao  
Charlotte Ross  
(2013) Andi Allen  
Angela Anderson  
Chris Hatfield  
Ginny Hinders  
(2014) Mary Virginia Andraos  
Andrea Martin  
Hillary Maxwell

## Trustees

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

## Sunday, January 1

### ***New Year's Day!***

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

## Monday, January 2

### ***Office Closed***

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

## Tuesday, January 3

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

## Wednesday, January 4

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

## Thursday, January 5

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

## Friday, January 6

- 6:00pm CLC Worship Service  
6:00pm Carpenter's Shelter Dinner

## Saturday, January 7

- 10:00am OA/HOW Meeting  
11:00am NA Meeting (Women)

## Next Sunday, January 8

### ***Reaffirmation of Baptism***

- 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

# CHURCH GIVING

## GIVING TREE 2011—GIVING GALORE!

Thank you to everyone who has donated money and gift cards to our charities this year. We are happy to announce that a total of \$1435 has been donated to the following charities:

Gift Cards for Local Families:	\$510
Community Coalition for Haiti:	\$480
Good Shepherd Hospital-Congo:	\$270
Carpenter's Shelter:	\$175



If you still want to donate to one of these charities, please turn your checks or gift cards into the office this week! Make checks payable to Fairlington Presbyterian Church with the specific charity in the memo line.

## JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Our children collect The Joyful Noise Offering weekly. This change is then given to benefit children in Haiti and Alexandria. The funds are divided between ALIVE and the Community Coalition for Haiti. This year, our children have joyously collected a total of:



**\$1339~Great Job Kids!**

# CHURCH INFORMATION

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & POTLUCK

The annual congregational meeting and potluck will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup>, following the morning worship service. Please bring a covered dish to share. More details to follow.



## REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

See the pastor's letter to find out more!

*Questions...Comments...Concerns about FPC???*



**ASK AN ELDER**



*Use the Get-Connected tear-off to voice your concern to an elder or email to [elders@fpcusa.org](mailto:elders@fpcusa.org).*

*Turn this in during offering time or drop by the office. Elders will be addressing these issues in the weeks to follow.*

## FROM THE OFFICE

- The church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of the New Year's holiday.
- **DEADLINE** for putting announcements in the bulletin is 12-NOON on Wednesday; announcements turned in after this time will be carried over to the next week's bulletin.

# CONSTRUCTION ZONE

**STAIR LIFT:** The stair lift installation is nearing completion in the Northeast stairwell. This lift is our first step in making the building more accessible. Individuals needing assistance will now gain access to the top floor, specifically the fellowship hall.

**PLASTER:** Extensive plaster repair has been completed over the last two weeks throughout the church. Repair locations include old offices, closets and hallways.



**GROUT WORK:** The main floor's restrooms have undergone intense cleaning over the last few weeks. The grout and baseboards have been stripped and chemically cleaned to remove years of build-up.

**DONATION:** Grace In Motion, the company installing our stair lift, has generously donated two automatic lift/recliner chairs. Stop by the parlor to check out these new chairs. For safety reasons, the power cords are not left plugged in. If you want to use the lift feature for the chair, please see an usher to have the cord connected.

# CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Three classes for children are offered during the adult worship service:

*Sparks (PreK-K)*

*Feasting on the Word (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade)*

*God Squad (5<sup>th</sup> grade & up)*

If you are interested in volunteering as a teacher or aide in 2012, please contact Kelley O'Dell or Ginny Hinders.

Kelley: [kelly\\_odell@hotmail.com](mailto:kelly_odell@hotmail.com) or (703) 824-8627

Ginny: [vkinders@yahoo.com](mailto:vkinders@yahoo.com) or (410) 804-4142

## NURSERY

Child care is provided in the nursery beginning at 9:35 and lasting until 12:25. During worship, the nursery is for ages 0-2. Children may also remain with their parents in worship or in the parlor.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Children and Youth's Christmas Pageant! To the parents, children, and volunteers: we couldn't have done this without you! A special thanks to Kelley O'Dell and Alison Gilbert for organizing and directing the pageant!



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**Christmas Pageant**

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Greetings!

January 1, 2011

Next Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup>, is a festival day in the liturgical year; it is the day we joyously remember the Baptism of the Lord. At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. The heavens opened, the Holy Spirit descended as a dove and we hear the voice of God: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

At this festival, we not only remember Jesus' baptism, we also remember our own: the baptism we share with Christ. Accordingly, this coming Sunday is an appropriate time to celebrate our baptisms and to reaffirm our baptismal covenant.

In our baptism we receive a unique identity: Child of the covenant. Through baptism we are incorporated into God's household. If we are baptized as infants, promises of the covenant are made on our behalf. When we are confirmed, we confirm those promises and take on the covenantal responsibilities ourselves. Unlike God, who is faithful to all promises, we are fickle. Even when our intentions are best, our actions do not match. We frequently break the covenant we make with God. It is good to remember and renew the promises we have made to God within the community of faith.

I look forward to seeing you next week as we celebrate The Lord's Supper and the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant.

Blessings,  
Leslianne

## ***Get Connected***

*New or Changed Information*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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:**

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Become a Greeter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Join the Choir      | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Worship Setup        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Become a Liturgist | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer in Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Teach/Aide in Children's Class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Meals      | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Rides       | <input type="checkbox"/> Become a Member                |

### **The church also wants to serve you:**

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request Call   | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request Visit  | _____        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receive a meal | _____        |