

Christmas Day



Psalm 98

Luke 1:1-Luke 2:40

December 25, 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
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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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Elder Mary Olsen

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

Elder Mary Olsen

One: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Many: We sing of light in our darkness.

One: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Many: We rejoice in our salvation.

One: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Many: The Lord is here, alleluia! Sing to the Lord.

▲HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 22

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

▲PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God of love and light, you have blessed us with a priceless gift— the gift of your very self in the person of Jesus. Forgive us, Holy One, when we deny your gift or neglect your promise in our lives. Forgive us, Mighty God, when we fail to acknowledge Christ as the reflection of your glory and majesty. Purify our hearts, purge our sins, and make us your beloved children, that we may be full of your righteousness, grace, and love.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON

One: ...this is God’s gracious promise to us.

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

▲GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

No. 579

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Elder Mary Olsen

Psalm 98

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One: This is the Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

^HYMN

No. 23

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON/SERMON

Rev. Braunstein

Luke 1:1-2:40

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One: This is the Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Music for Meditation

^HYMN

No. 38

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

▲AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*) *John 1:1-5, 10-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

SHARING OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

^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*)

God of love and light, we are amazed and grateful that in Jesus Christ you offer us the possibility of new life and the opportunity for redemption. As we gather in gratitude for the gift of your Son, receive our thanks and humble appreciation for all that we receive, which makes us what we are. Bless these gifts and offerings, that they may bring light and life to all people. 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. 28

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

▲BLESSING

Rev. Braunstein

▲CHORAL RESPONSE

▲PASSING THE PEACE

▲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, December 25

Christmas!

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

Monday, December 26

Office Closed!

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

Tuesday, December 27

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

Wednesday, December 28

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

Thursday, December 29

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

Friday, December 30

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

Saturday, December 31

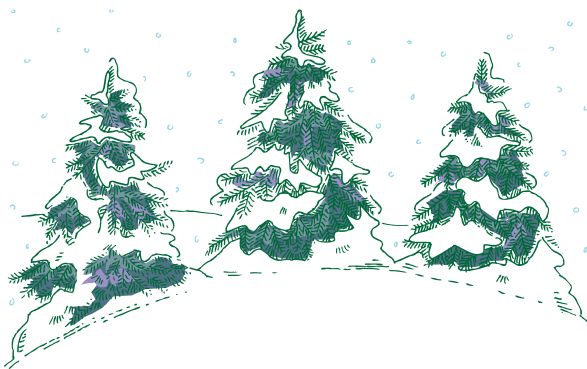
- 10:00am OA/HOW Meeting
11:00am NA Meeting (Women)

Next Sunday-January 1

New Years Day!

- 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 INFORMATION

CARPENTER'S SHELTER

The Carpenter's Shelter is dedicated to ending homelessness in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. region through services, education and advocacy. This Christmas, they'll be serving a dinner at



Carpenter's
SHELTER

6:00pm on Friday, December 30th. Join us at the shelter to help spread the love and joy of Christmas! You will find this to be a rich and rewarding experience. For more information, contact Beth McFarland at (703) 256-7771.

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. Then, drop envelopes by the office during the week or place in the offering plate on Sunday. Make checks payable to Fairlington Presbyterian Church with the specific charity in the memo line.



FROM THE OFFICE

- The church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, December 26th as well as Monday, January 2nd due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.
- **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.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Sparks (PreK-K)

Feasting on the Word (1st-4th grade)

God Squad (5th grade & up)

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

Kelley: kelley_odell@hotmail.com or (703) 824-8627

Ginny: 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!



Christmas Pageant

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:

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