

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Dr. Chris Looker

OFFERTORY

*“Mary Had a Baby”
Garrett Youmans, Trombonist, and Betty Clark, Pianist*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #603 *“Song of Simeon” (Verse 1)*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Chris Looker

PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES AND THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Chris Looker

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Using “forgive us our sins as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.”)*

HOLY COMMUNION WITH OUR LORD AND SAVIOR

We are one family of faith in Christ Jesus. Please wait until the Pastor invites you to eat the bread and drink the wine so that the act of communing with our Lord and Savior may be expressed not only in faith, but together in action. Thank you.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Dr. Chris Looker

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Dr. Chris Looker

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

Dr. Betty Clark, Pianist

The Rev. Dr. Chris Looker, Pastor

The Rev. William Jokela, Parish Associate

Dr. Betty Clark, Guest Pianist
Ms. Stella Lee, Director of Family Ministries
Ms. Merlin Berganza, Director of the FPCA Christian Childcare Center

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*SERVICE OF THE HOLY
COMMUNION*

January 6, 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The First Presbyterian Church of Annandale, Virginia

*“The Mission of FPCA is to Equip
People to be Better Disciples for Christ”*

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 6, 2019
10:00 am

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please let us know if you have any Prayer Requests by using the Prayer Request Cards in the pew racks. Simply fill them out and place them in the Offering Plates during the offering. Before the Pastoral Prayer your requests will be shared with the congregation. Thank you.

A TIME OF COMING TOGETHER

* Denotes times in the service when the congregation is invited to stand.

PRELUDE "The Holly and the Ivy" Dr. Betty Clark, Pianist

WELCOME TO THE CHILDREN AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Chris Looker

*OPENING PSALTER #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

OPENING PRAYER Liturgist

A TIME OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION Liturgist

Leader: Let us pause for a moment to silently confess our sins to God.

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

Leader: Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON # 339 "Be Thou My Vision" (Verse 1)

*SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE Liturgist

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN #324 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

READING AND HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM "Brightest and Best of the Starts of the Morning"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

New Testament Lessons: Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION:

"THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!"

The Rev. Dr. Chris Looker, Preaching

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*PROFESSION OF FAITH A Brief Statement of Faith Dr. Chris Looker
(Book of Confessions: 10.3)

Pastor: Let us say what we believe.

All: ***We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.***