

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

8:30 AM

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

BELLS

The three tolls call us to worship and symbolize our belief in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In quiet reverence, we prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

TRADITIONAL GERMAN MELODY , Arr. Victor Labenske

WELCOME

MINISTRY IN ACTION

✠ Interfaith Day of Learning on January 18th at Congregation Ner Shalom

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 60

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us praise the Lord together.

The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

For the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.

Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

+ **OPENING HYMN**

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

based on Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence. A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem—Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child. A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

John 3:19-21

Jesus calls us to confess our sin with these words: "Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. All who do evil hate the light, and will not come to the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what each one has done has been done through God." Let us now confess our sins before God and one another, praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Christ. The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure. We do not come simply to worship: we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, and wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions for not-so-important requests that we heap before him. But the Magi sought first the kingdom. Help us, God, to follow their example, putting our own need in perspective, worshiping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the midst of our darkness and ignorance,

The bright light of God's love shines through, healing our anguished souls.
Rejoice, beloved of God, for God's love and forgiveness are given to you this day.
Thanks be to God!

+ RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (verse 1)

582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60: 1-6 (page 649, OT section)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Shepherd of the Stars

Martin

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12 (pages 1-2, NT section)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Star Gifts

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please speak to Pastor Adam or an usher.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

We Three Kings John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Arr. Philip Kern

+ **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Living God, your radiance shines in the beauty of creation. In Christ your Son, you have given the world eternal light that burns brightly in the midst of darkness. Like the magi, when you draw us near, we are overwhelmed with joy! Lead us by your Spirit to share your warmth and grace with our neighbors. Let our lives in this new year be an offering. We pray through Christ, the light of the world.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Instructions: Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates. All the bread is gluten free. Receive the bread, dip it into the cup of juice, and partake. If you cannot come forward, a server will bring communion to you in your row.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

Albert Hay Malotte

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music During Communion	<i>The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing</i>	505
	<i>We Are Marching in the Light of God</i>	853

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

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| + HYMN | <i>Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)</i> | 749 |
| + CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | | |
| + BENEDICTION RESPONSE | <i>Come! Live in the Light! (verse 1, Reprise)</i> | 749 |

+ *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

Worship Notes

* **WELCOME!** Whether new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting, we are delighted you joined us in worship. Please fill out the card in the friendship register and bring it to the rear of the sanctuary after the service for a special gift. To find out more about this church, please ask at the Welcome Table or call the Church Office at 703-670-7834.

* **LITURGISTS:** Sara Porter (8:30)
Sam Parris (11:00)

* **GREETERS:** Becky Elliott and Jean Peterman (8:30)
Pam Cox and Therese Same (11:00)

* **PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT** to ensure your electronic devices are silenced during the worship service.

* **PLEASE ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD** (12 and under), for safety and security, if they need to leave the sanctuary during the worship service.

* **SPECIAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE:**

Hearing Assistance Systems at the Sound Station

Wheelchairs in the Narthex Welcome Center closet

Enlarged bulletins contact Church Office

Rocking Chairs for parents with young children in the back of sanctuary

Connect with Us

- * **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK:** If you use Facebook, become a Facebook friend, and become a fan of First United Presbyterian. Make friends with others from the church.
- * **WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM:** Find us on Instagram @fupcdc.
- * **FUPCDC WEBSITE:** For detailed news and information, visit the church website at <https://fupcdc.org>.
- * **TEXT ALERTS:** Remind is a free text messaging service that will help our church communicate quickly and efficiently. On your cell phone, start a new message to 81010. In the message, type @fupcdc and send. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Ministry in Action

- ✝ **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASS:** The prophet Isaiah wrote many words that are familiar to us ("For unto us a child is born..." is but one example) but the prophet himself is shrouded in mystery. To add to the mystery, many believe that the prophecies of Isaiah are the work of not one but three individuals, writing at different times in Israel's history. In our 2020 winter/spring adult Sunday class, we will examine Isaiah and his prophecies. We will attempt to shed some light on the words that have meant so much to Christians over the years. **Our class begins on Sunday, January 12th, 9:45 AM, in the Triple Room.** Bob Porter and Larry Greenslit, our ruling elder/teaching elder "tag team", will once again facilitate the class. All are welcome, and as always, come as you are, and come when you can.
- ✝ **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** Contribution statements will be mailed by **January 20th**. If you do not receive your statement by **February 14th**, or if you have questions, contact Gary Smith, treasurer@fupcdc.org or the church office, office@fupcdc.org.
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us for Wednesday Night Alive at **6 PM**. On **January 8th** the meal is **Potluck "A Healthy Start"**. Come join us for an evening of **FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and FAITH**. Contact Jon or Gaylene Guest with any questions.
- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Come join us for the bible study, *"Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World"* by Max Lucado, (Session 1: Rejoice in the Lord Always), on **Wednesday, January 8th** at **7 PM**.

Student Ministry News

* TEXT MESSAGES: Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

✝ Rev. Robert Criswell

* Larry Kreider

* Larry Menzie

✝ Carole Hughes

* Grace Ofosu-Addo

* Lynn Wilson

✝ Roseann Hughes

* Mark Levy

✝ Congregational love and sympathy is extended to the family of Phyllis Champion. Phyllis, Leigh Anderson's cousin, died on December 27th.

All those serving abroad in our military, including from our church:

* Captain Kyle Fortner, Middle East (Norman and Gail Cobb's son-in-law)

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

✝ New Hope Presbyterian Church - Derwood, MD

✝ The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

Calendar

January 5 - 12, 2020

SUNDAY, January 5

Epiphany Sunday

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion
- 9:45 AM Christian Education Hour
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion
- 11:15 AM Club 143 Children's Church
- 12:15 PM Spread the Bread
- 1:00 PM Peace Church (Spanish Speaking Service)
- 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289
Committee Meeting

No PM Youth

MONDAY, January 6

- 10:00 AM Personnel Committee
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies Small Group
- 7:00 PM Examination of Incoming
Elders/Deacons
- 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee

TUESDAY, January 7

- 8:45 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM AI-Anon
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM ACE Committee
- 7:00 PM Nominating Committee
- 7:15 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
- 7:30 PM AA 101

WEDNESDAY, January 8

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 4:30 PM Piano/Organ Practice
- 6:00 PM Communications Committee
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM RIF Meeting

THURSDAY, January 9

- 10:00 AM Congregational Connections Committee
- 1:00 PM Compass 4-H
- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir
- 6:00 PM Youth Choir
- 7:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Finance and Administration Committee
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, January 10

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 2:30 PM Empowered Beginnings and Beyond

SATURDAY, January 11

- 8:30 AM Contemplative Yoga

SUNDAY, January 12

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Ordination/Installation of Deacons and Elders

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:45 AM Christian Education Hour
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 11:15 AM Club 143 Children's Church
- 12:15 PM Spread the Bread
- 1:00 PM Peace Church (Spanish Speaking Service)
- 1:15 PM Building and Grounds Committee
- 5:45 PM Jubilation Handbells

No PM Youth

DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.¹

2019 BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Gail Cobb	Agnes Fokwa	Amy Bean
Claudia Cunningham	Lisa Fortner	Liz Goolgasian
Mayra Drayer	Kathy McNeely	Peggy Heins
Betty Matthews	Carol Schwalm	Therese Same
Denise Parris	Celine Sonkwa	

Denise Parris, *Co-Moderator*..... 703-730-3920
Carol Schwalm, *Co-Moderator*..... 703-680-7673

RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT & GOVERNANCE

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office.²

See current ruling elders of FUPCDC on page 12 of bulletin.

¹ *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Part II, Book of Order: 2013/2015*, 2013. Published by The Office of the General Assembly, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, p. 26.

² *ibid.*, p. 60.

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Ministers..... People of the Church
 Pastor..... Rev. Adam C. Bowling
 Chancel Choir Director Dana Van Slyke
 Pianist/Organist Justin Streletz
 Contemporary Worship Directors.....Becca & Chris Anderson
 Children’s Choir Directors
 Jubilation Handbell Director..... Ike Evans
 Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
 Little Hands Preschool Director Tiffany Ramsey
 Sexton..... Homer Detrich
 Office Manager..... Kim Parker

2019 SESSION

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Church Office Hours: 10 AM - 2:30 PM, weekdays, 703-670-7834

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