
WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

+ *GATHERING SONG*

Victory Chant

Joseph Vogels (CCLI# 23873)

Verse 1

Hail Jesus You're my King (ECHO)
Your life frees me to sing (ECHO)
I will praise You all my days (ECHO)
You're perfect in all Your ways (ECHO)

Verse 2

Hail Jesus You're my Lord (ECHO)
I will obey Your word (ECHO)
I want to see Your kingdom come (ECHO)
Not my will but Yours be done (ECHO)

Verse 3

Glory glory to the Lamb (ECHO)
You take me into the land (ECHO)
We will conquer in Your name (ECHO)
And proclaim that Jesus reigns (ECHO)

Verse 4

Hail hail Lion of Judah (ECHO)
How powerful You are (ECHO)
Hail hail Lion of Judah (ECHO)
How wonderful You are (ECHO)
How wonderful You are (ECHO)

Ending

How wonderful You are

WELCOME

+ *CALL TO WORSHIP*

We gather to worship God,
 Who creates us and loves us;
Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
 Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;
Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,
and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.
We gather to worship God.
To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

+ *OPENING HYMN*

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Debra Bowles-Wilson

"God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus. Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves, even our enemy neighbors. And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension, when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail, to be with us in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow, until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn."

Amen.

A prayer by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Debra Bowles-Wilson

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Nothing is more tragic than to sleep through a revolution." Truly, the work of justice begins with a proper recognition that injustice is real. Let us confess the stronghold of sin that would consume us. And let us be awakened by the movement of the spirit that gives us life. Let us pray together saying. . .

Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Debra Bowles-Wilson

God of Justice, whenever we settle for the way things are instead of the way you would have them to be, forgive us. Whenever we are paralyzed by fear or limited in vision, increase our trust in you. Whenever we offer charity, but fail to work for justice, show us the more excellent way that your love requires. Whenever we tire of the struggle and tomorrow feels overwhelming, restore our hope. Whenever we forget those who have gone before us or act as if we were the first to follow in the Way, allow us to recognize our arrogance. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you and our neighbors as agents of your reconciling love, through Jesus Christ. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(Silence is Kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rejoice and be glad! Our God is full of mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Dare to believe in the gift of a new beginning, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

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

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*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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10 NRSV

Rodney Willis

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Shall Overcome

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FUPCDC Music Team

MESSAGE

The Courage to Listen

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 email Pastor Adam, Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

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1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

. . . 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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Becca and Chris Anderson, Singers
Justin Streletz, Pianist

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+ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing 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

Parker B.

We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives.
Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ CLOSING SONG

Days of Elijah

Robin Mark (CCLI#: 1537904)

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah (hey)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+ **POSTLUDE**

O I Want to Know You with *I Surrender All*
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Arr. Cindy Berry

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

Worship Notes

- * **WELCOME!** Whether you are new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting the FUPCDC website, we are delighted you joined us in worship online. Please fill out the online attendance and please let us know if you have any prayer concerns or needs. To find out more about this church, please email the Church Office at office@fupcdc.org or call at 703-670-7834.
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Bob and Cathy Albrecht in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

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

- * **THESE DAYS:** "These Days" (Daily Devotions for Living by Faith) January/February/March 2021 are here! Please contact the Church Office at office@fupcdc.org or 703-670-7834, to receive your book.
- * **GIVING:** Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2021. Your support of the programs and ministries of FUPCDC that are *IMPACTING LIVES* is greatly appreciated! If you have not already pledged, you can do so by completing a pledge card and mailing it to the church or by going to the church website and clicking on the 2021 Pledge Card button. Contributions can be made by a check mailed to FUPCDC, 14391 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193 or online by going to the church website, <https://fupcdc.org/give-online>. Thank you for giving to the Lord.

- * **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (Simon Peter: the Flawed but Faithful Disciple)**: He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. It doesn't even sound like the same man. This is a six-week study utilizing material developed by Adam Hamilton. Class will meet Sundays, **8:30 to 9:30 AM** via Zoom. All are invited to participate. Contact Peter Glyer, 703-590-0856 or peterglyer@gmail.com for additional information.
- * **BIBLE BUDDIES**: Zoom Along with the Monday Night Ladies Bible Buddies every **Monday at 7:00 PM** for Bible Study and Fellowship. Please contact Betty Matthews, 703-618-9127 or bettsmatthews1@verizon.net for more information. The Bible Buddies' new study is Choose Joy: Because Happiness Isn't Enough by Kay Warren. Illness, financial worries, relational problems, loneliness, anxiety—we all deal with challenging issues. But Warren says that a joy-filled life is within reach, no matter what your circumstances!
- * **PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**: We are studying the Gospel of Matthew every Wednesday at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Contact Pastor Adam for the instructions to join via computer or phone. All are welcome.
- * **NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2021**: The 2021 flower chart is now hanging in the Narthex Welcome Center. If you would like to sign up, please contact Kim in the church office to check availability. The cost remains **\$40.00**. We need to know the week you would like them, who you would like them in honor or memory of, and if you would like to keep the flowers or donate them to the flower ministry. If you wish to donate them, they will be given to members of the congregation to share God's love and cheer them up. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Cobb at gailzcobb@gmail.com.
- * **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION**: Every **Sunday, 8:45 - 9:30 AM**, we will be joining King's Grant Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, VA, via Zoom, for children in 2nd grade to 6th grade. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org.
- * **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY**: "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament" is the title of the 2020 - 2021 women's Bible study. We will meet via Zoom on the **second Monday of each month, at 9:30 AM**. This is a study on the hope we can find in the scriptures. Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net, or 703-670-8737 for more information.
- * **FUPCDC CONTEMPLATIVE YOGA CLASS VIA ZOOM**: Join us for a time to prayerfully release your cares and recharge physically, spiritually, and emotionally. The Contemplative Yoga group has a spot just for you on **Saturdays from 8:30-9:10 AM** on Zoom. Classes are always free, just click this link to sign up: [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SIGNUP](#).

- * **SPREAD THE WARMTH:** Are you looking for a worthwhile project to do while staying at home? Do you knit or crochet? If so, we have the perfect project for you. Our group makes hats and scarves for our friends in the community who are in need of something warm to wear during the winter. We also make hats for those suffering from cancer. If you would like to help or to find out more information about our group, please contact Elizabeth Glycer at lizglyer@gmail.com.
- * **MEN'S GROUP:** In lieu of our monthly Men's Breakfast, we now have several small groups of men that meet weekly for 30 minutes for devotion and prayer time. This is a phone-in conference call. We have slots available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Please contact Sam Parris for your slot: 703-946-7266 or email at samjparris@aol.com.
- * **SPREAD THE BREAD:** Spread the Bread is our ministry for people experiencing homelessness. We currently provide a meal each Sunday at 12:20 PM for around 50 people in Prince William County. Volunteer opportunities include making sandwiches, donating drinks and chips, prayer, and more! If you would like to help in any way, please email Jon Guest, jon.a.guest@gmail.com.
- * **SPREAD THE LOVE:** We need volunteers to write cards/notes to those in quarantine or to folks who are experiencing isolation due to COVID-19. Other volunteer opportunities include making phone calls to check in with people who may need socialization. If you would like to volunteer for Spread the Love or suggest people to receive cards or calls, please email Sam Parris, samjparris@aol.com.
- * **EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN:** We need volunteers to receive one to two emails a week with prayer requests...and pray! If you would like to volunteer to pray, please contact the Church Office, office@fupcdc.org.

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:

- * Ann
- * Dineen
- * Paul Galuzzi
- * Mary Jackson
- * Jim Lawson
- * Marti Glyer
- * Barb McGill
- * Waddell
- * Kathryn Avery
- * Becca Whitfield
- * Derrick Schnebelt
- * Tim Elliott
- * Jeanette Gregory
- * Joanne Willis
- * Amanda Peck
- * Shirley Westveer
- * Virginia McPherson
- * Debbie Niederriter
- * Marjorie Lawrence
- * Patrick Cobb
- * Mildred Shenk
- * Dana Schnebelt
- * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme
- * Baby Dean Moy
- * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh
- * Jim and Jerolyn Randles
- * Sam Parris' Dad
- * Bill and Laura Parris
- * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin
- * Edgar Hodges
- * Gordon MacDonald
- * Norman Cox
- * Jeannine Menzie
- * Larry Menzie
- * Linda Ford
- * Lynn Wilson
- * Leigh Anderson
- * Grace Ofosu-Addo
- * Larry Hodges
- * Nate Johnson

✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Sue and Nate Johnson and family at the death of Sue's sister, Eunice Hairston, 81 years old, of Martinsville, VA, on January 13, 2021. She went from the land of the dying to the land of the living. Please lift Sue and Nate and the entire family up in prayer at this time.

✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Larry and Amy Greenslit and family at the death of Larry's mother, Grace Leal Greenslit, 94 years old, on January 10, 2021. She went from the land of the dying to the land of the living. Please lift Larry and Amy and the entire family up in prayer at this time.

✝ Prayers for the Pressley family, Danny Pressley passed away Friday, January 8, 2021 from complications due to COVID. - Lois Walker

* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Erin Garcia and family at the death of Erin's grandmother, Barbara J. "Pat" Gingras, 99 years old, on January 3, 2021. She went from the land of the dying to the land of the living. Please lift Erin Garcia and the entire family up in prayer at this time.

* Please pray for our nation.

* Please pray for the teachers and students as they return to school, either virtually or physically. - Sara and Bob Porter

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

✝ Kelsey Gibson

✝ 2nd Lt. Sam Presley, just deployed to Middle East - Mike and Ruth Washburg's nephew

Celebrations of joy with thanksgiving to God:

* Prayers of Thanksgiving on the birth of Ryan Leland Cobb-Fortner on New Year's Day! Ryan is the son of Erin and Kyle Fortner and the first grandchild of Norman and Gail Cobb.

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

✙ Litchfield Presbyterian Church - Remington, VA

✙ Little Falls Presbyterian Church - Arlington, VA

Calendar

January 17 - 24, 2021

SUNDAY, January 17

8:30 AM Simon Peter Sunday School Class via Zoom

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream

MONDAY, January 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Church Office Closed

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

7:00 PM Bible Buddies via Zoom

7:00 PM Electronic Sign Task Force via Zoom

8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, January 19

6:30 PM Deacons

7:00 PM Session

WEDNESDAY, January 20

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom

THURSDAY, January 21

7:00 PM LHP Advisory Board Meeting via Zoom

7:00 PM Mission and Outreach Committee via Zoom

FRIDAY, January 22

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, January 23

8:30 AM Contemplative Yoga

SUNDAY, January 24

8:30 AM Simon Peter Sunday School Class via Zoom

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream

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

2021 BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2021
Agnes Fokwa
Deborah Folly
Lisa C. Fortner
Kathy McNeely
Carol Schwalm
Celine Sonkwa

Class of 2022
Amy Bean
Liz Goolgasian
Peggy Heins
Charlotte Stultz

Class of 2023
Bob Albrecht
Sandy Chamberlin
Claudia Cunningham
Pam Emert
Ellen Nuernberger
Tracy Stevens

Ellen Nuernberger, Co-Moderator 703-878-0009
Carol Schwalm, Co-Moderator..... 703-680-7673

RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND 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 15 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.

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA

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

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