

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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A Challenging Sermon

Matthew 5:21-37



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 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

He Giveth Peace

Robert J. Hughes

WELCOME

MINISTRY IN ACTION

✚ Souper Bowl of Caring

✚ Maundy Thursday Seder Meal Worship

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

+ OPENING HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deuteronomy 30, Matthew 5

Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from Your love. Help us live according to Your commandments, that we might live long in the land You have prepared for us. Prompt us to seek You with our whole heart and guide us to walk in your ways, that we may carry out the vows of the covenant we share. May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others, as we hold fast to the gift of faith. Be near us each and every day, and bless us with Your light, that our days may be filled with grace.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

With every choice we make, we show how faithful we are to God's hope for us. Yet, despite the mistakes we make, the missteps we take, God remains forgiving and gracious. Let us come to our God, speaking honestly about our lives, as we pray together, saying . . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess that we have been caught up in the ways of the world. Instead of looking to commandments and rules as a way to guide our life, we use them to punish and restrict others. Forgive us for our judgments and misconceptions. Forgive us for not working on ourselves, on our own lives. Call us back to Your way of life, a way of love, commitment, respect, and forgiveness. Call us back to a way of life that honors You and creation, and guides us to better love our neighbors as ourselves. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts . . .

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is alive and at work nurturing our growth, nourishing our needs, and reconciling us to one another.

God hears the confessions of our hearts and forgives generously, sharing love with all who follow in God's ways.

It is through God's amazing grace that we are forgiven.

And all God's children respond:

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

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:21-37 (pages 4-5, NT section)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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** *Here the Good News of Salvation* 441

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

Air

Giuseppe Tartini

+ **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 606

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**

Deuteronomy 30, Matthew 5

Loving God, You have shown us Your ways and led us in the paths of abundance. You have blessed us and kept us safe. In You we see that we are loved. We offer You our lives, for we have chosen to follow You. We offer You our praise, for Your love is great. Use our gifts, our money, and our hearts to establish Your Kingdom of love upon the earth.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision* 450

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Lord, Make Us More Holy* 313

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

We welcome guest organist, Neil Alexander.

The Session has called the State of the Church and Incorporation Annual Meeting on February 23rd, at the one worship service, at 10 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Annual Report and to elect members to the 2020 Nominating Committee. There will be a Meet and Greet reception with the Church Officers after the annual meeting.

Worship Notes

- * **WELCOME!** Whether you are 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:** Norman Cobb (8:30)
Betsy Gilbert (11:00)

- * **GREETERS:** Skip and Penny Wenzel (8:30)
Therese Same and Pam Cox (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 Systemsat 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

- ✚ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us for the Wednesday Night Alive meal at **6 PM**. On February 19th the meal is **Potluck: Favorite Dishes**. 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, *"Pursuing God: An Invitation to Intimacy with The Almighty"* by Louie Giglio, (Session 2: Enjoying the Almighty), on **Wednesday, February 19th at 7 PM**.
- * **HELP NEEDED:** Men, Women and Youth (16+) are needed to volunteer to run the **Video** during the 8:30 AM and/or 11:00 AM services. We will teach you. Contact Peter Glycer, 703-590-0866 or Marti Hall, 703-626-2269.
- * **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY:** We are looking for **VOLUNTEERS**. The Spring 2020 KAIROS Prison Ministry Weekend is fast approaching. We will have 4 training sessions prior to the weekend in which we go into the prison to minister to those in need. Our first training session is on **February 29th**. The actual dates of the weekend are **April 16th - 19th**. If you would like more information or are interested in serving as part of the FUPCDC team that goes into the prison or serving on the "Outside" Cook Team, that does not go "inside", please contact Sam Parris at 703-946-7226.

Student Ministry News

- ✚ **DINNER AND SUMMER MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING (TONIGHT, 5-7:30 PM):** Youth, Parents of Youth, and Friends of Youth are asked to meet at Fuddruckers (14000 Foulger Square, Woodbridge, VA 22192) for dinner and an informational meeting about the 2020 Son Servants Summer Mission trip to Danville, VA - July 13th -18th. Families are welcome to attend together. Please bring money to buy your own dinner. If a youth needs a ride, or assistance

paying for dinner, please contact Elder Afton Schwalm (571-221-0778) or Pastor Adam (828-448-8914). Registration forms for the Summer Mission Trip will be available at this meeting. Hope to see you there!

✚ **BREAD SUNDAY (February 23rd, 5 - 7:30 PM, at TBD):** Bring \$3, your Bible, a snack and a drink. Come for a meal and a shocking PG-13 Bible study!

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

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

- ✚ Ed Leeds * Larry Kreider * Grace Ofosu-Addo * Mark Levy
- * Nate Johnson * Russ Van Wingerden * Lynn Wilson * Larry Menzie
- * Haleigh Startin * Linda Ford * Amy Smith * Charlie George
- * Jean Peterman * Wade Talbot * Jim Randles * Patricia Whitman
- * Rev. Robert Criswell
- * Please pray for the family of Rev. Robert Woodworth, former pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Bob passed on Friday, January 31st at the age of 96. Internment will be February 28th at 11:00 AM at Quantico.

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

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

Celebrations of joys with thanksgiving to God:

- * Thank you to everyone for your prayers for Tom's knee surgery and recovery. - The Elliotts

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✚ Prince George's Community Presbyterian Church - Bowie, MD
- ✚ Providence Presbyterian Church - Fairfax, VA

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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/Youth Choir Directors.....Becca & Chris Anderson
 Jubilation Handbell Director..... Ike Evans
 Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
 Little Hands Preschool Director Tiffany Ramsey
 Sexton..... Homer Detrich
 Office Manager..... Kim Parker

Calendar

February 16 - 23, 2020

SUNDAY, February 16

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
12:15 PM FUPCDC Earth Care Meeting
1:00 PM Peace Church (Spanish Speaking Service)
5:00 PM Youth - Dinner/Mission Trip Meeting
@ Fuddruckers
5:45 PM Jubilation Handbells

MONDAY, February 17

Presidents' Day - Church Office Closed
10:00 AM Breakfast with Friends
@ Montclair Family Restaurant
7:00 PM Bible Buddies Small Group
7:00 PM Spread the Warmth

TUESDAY, February 18

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

WEDNESDAY, February 19

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

THURSDAY, February 20

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
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 2279
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 409
7:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 Nuclear Science
Merit Badge Training
8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

SATURDAY, February 22

8:30 AM Contemplative Yoga

SUNDAY, February 23

State of the Church and Incorporation Meeting
10:00 AM Worship - one service
11:00 AM Meet/Greet with Church Elders Reception
12:15 PM Spread the Bread
1:00 PM Peace Church (Spanish Speaking Service)
2:00 PM Bereaved Parents
5:00 PM Youth - Bread Sunday
5:45 PM Jubilation Handbells

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

Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366