

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Meyer Lyon, Arr. Lyndell Leatherman

### WELCOME

### MINISTRY IN ACTION

✠ "Noah" Movie - Friday Night, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are the people whose sins are forgiven!

**God's forgiveness is poured on them as a healing balm.**

Happy are the people who place their trust in God.

**God's presence is their guide and their strength.**

Come, let us worship the God who forgives and heals us.

**Let us celebrate God's presence with us each day.**

### + OPENING HYMN

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, we are so tempted by everything we see; the glitz and glitter of the world and the get-rich-quick schemes that are placed before us. We believe that if we just have enough money, enough friends, enough power, enough safety we will be OK. Show us how foolish we are to place our hope and trust in these things. Give us hearts for loving service in which we will find our strength, our courage, our security, and our home.

Amen.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We are easily seduced by the temptations all around us. But if we are willing to trust God and offer our confessions, God is quick to forgive us and fill us with hope. Join me, as we pray together, saying. . .

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Led by the crafter of lies, Lord God, we wander into the wasteland of wrongdoing. We hunger for more and more, and feel emptier and emptier. We seek power, especially over others, only to do harm. By our choices, we worship the false gods of success, wealth, and spectacle. Have mercy on us, God of love, and forgive us for the power we give to temptation in our lives. Help us to become as vulnerable as Jesus, for in that vulnerability, we find the humility to trust

you in all things; in that trust, we discover the grace which sets us free from the grasp of the shrewd one; in that freedom, we can leave our badlands behind, in order to follow Jesus in this life, and into the next. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts.

*(Silence is kept)*

**KYRIE**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

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Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

You are loved by God! And in that love rests all safety, security, comfort, and hope. Rest in God's love. Prepare yourself for service to God who is ever faithful to you. Know that you are forgiven of all your sins and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

+ **RESPONSE**

*We Are Forgiven*

447

We are forgiven.  
We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.  
Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven.  
We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.

+ **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 4:1-11 (page 3, NT section)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Jesus, Only Jesus*  
*Martin Andrews, Soloist*

Wood

**SERMON**

But First. . .Wilderness

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** *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days* 166

**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

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*

Robert Lowry, Arr. John Carter

+ **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**

Matthew 4

In the hour of His temptation, when Jesus hungered, He knew from where His sustenance came: “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Lord, from the abundance of Your grace, Your Word has provided all that we need. All that we have is Yours. Receive the offering of our hands and the gratitude of our hearts. In the name of our Savior we pray.

Amen.

**WE GO IN GOD’S NAME**

+ **HYMN** *Lord, Make Us More Holy* 313

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Go with Us, Lord*

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+ **POSTLUDE**

*To God Be the Glory*

Fanny Crosby, Arr. Stan Pethel

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

## 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:** Doug Randles (8:30)  
Morelle Fokwa (11:00)
- \* **GREETERS:** Tom and Karen Elliott (8:30)  
Peggy Heins and Jennifer Casey (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

- ✚ **NATIONAL CATHEDRAL BUS TRIP:** Join us for a bus trip to the National Cathedral in Washington, DC on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Registration is limited to 45 seats. Registration forms will be in the Narthex Welcome Center **TODAY, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Forms and payment are due **TODAY**. Attendees will have a one-hour guided Extended Highlights Tour of the Cathedral and one hour on their own to explore. Following the tour, our bus will take us to the Pentagon City Mall for lunch on your own. Cost of the trip is \$35.00 and includes the bus, driver's tip, and Cathedral tour.
- ✚ **FORGIVENESS (A LENTEN STUDY):** Beginning **TODAY at 9:45 AM, every Sunday through March 29<sup>th</sup>**, a Lenten Study will be offered in **Room 22**. This study is based upon the book Forgiveness: A Lenten Study by Marjorie Thompson. The book is available from the instructor. Forgiveness is a Christian virtue, but what does it really look and feel like, and when is it "appropriate" to forgive or not to forgive? Very well-known Bible scripture is offered for very lively and thought provoking discussion in the light of forgiveness. Each session is independent of the others. Our study guide is a quick read, so homework is painless and fast!
- ✚ **BIBLE BUDDIES:** We will meet on **Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM in Room 22** at FUPCDC to organize our Spring Study Sessions. We will study Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore. Please contact Betty Matthews at 703-618-9127 or [bettyismatthews1@verizon.net](mailto:bettyismatthews1@verizon.net) for more information about this study and to order a copy of the book.
- ✚ **SIGHT AND SOUND "NOAH":** A showing of the Sight and Sound DVD "NOAH" is scheduled in our sanctuary on **March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 PM**. This is a free event for the FUPCDC congregation and friends. We will have a free-will offering to off-set the DVD site license fee. Any additional money collected will be added to the FUPCDC Scholarship Fund. We hope you will join us.
- ✚ **BREAKFAST WITH FRIENDS:** Please join us for breakfast at Montclair Family Restaurant at **9:30 AM**, every third Monday of the month. If you will be able to come on **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**, please RSVP to Sandy and Doug Godfrey at [SGodfrey99@yahoo.com](mailto:SGodfrey99@yahoo.com) or 703-680-7300.
- ✚ **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY:** Kathy Cobb, Sam Parris, and Peggy Heins will be participating in the Women's and Men's KAIROS Prison Ministry 4 day events during the month of April. Please prayerfully consider baking cookies, making a donation or signing up to pray for the inmates and the team. The team will be providing **200 dozen cookies** that will be collected by **March 29<sup>th</sup>**. The Kairos team at FUPCDC thanks you for your continued support of this vital ministry. Your generosity is a blessing to so many. Please visit the KAIROS table in the Narthex Welcome Center **TODAY and March 15<sup>th</sup>** for additional details and to sign up. "And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"
- ✚ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us for the Wednesday Night Alive Meal at **6 PM**. On **March 11<sup>th</sup>** the meal is **Porcupine Meatballs with Mashed Potatoes**. Come join us for an evening of **FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and FAITH**. Contact Jon or Gaylene Guest with any questions.
- ✚ **LENT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:** Join us **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the sanctuary for a service of scripture, prayer, and communion.
- ✚ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Come join us for the Nooma Bible study, "Sunday" by Rob Bell, on **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**.

- ✝ **USHER TRAINING:** The Safety and Security committee would like to welcome you to participate in Usher training for First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 AM**. If you have ever helped in any capacity with being an usher at FUPCDC or would like to be an usher, we would like you to come and learn more about the future. We will talk about a new position called usher captain and help you to understand new safety and security awareness items. If you just want to just come and listen, please join us.
- ✝ **SAFETY ANNOUCEMENT:** With heightened concerns over spreading viruses, use caution and common sense in all public places, including church. You do not need to shake hands when we pass the peace; saying the words "Peace be with you" to your neighbors is sufficient. Wash your hands regularly and use hand sanitizer (available in the rear of the church and in the Narthex Welcome Center). Cover your mouth (with your elbow) if you sneeze or cough. Stay home if you are sick, and make sure your church family knows if you need anything. Our primary concern is to keep each other safe while continuing to gather as a faith community.
- \* **EASTER FLOWERS:** Please consider purchasing Easter flowers (**tulip, azalea, or hydrangea**) to adorn our church on Easter Sunday. The cost is **\$15.00** and can be purchased in honor or memory of someone special to you. Please make sure you fill out the information on the Easter Flowers envelope (located on table in the Narthex Welcome Center). Order and money are due by **April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Flowers can be picked up **after the 11 AM Easter service on April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Make the check out to FUPCDC and write Easter flowers in the memo line. Thank you so much.
- \* **SAVE THE DATES!:** There will be a Church-Wide Overnight Family Retreat at Camp Hanover, August 22-23, 2020. More information will be coming soon!

## *Student Ministry News*

- ✝ **YOUTH GROUP TRIP: TODAY, March 8<sup>th</sup>** at 1 PM, there will be a Youth Group trip to see the Christian Youth Theater's production of "Singin' in the Rain" at Spotsylvania Middle School.
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL FUNDRAISER:** Youth, come and help serve the Wednesday Night Alive Meal at 6 PM on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- \* **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

## *Joys and Concerns*

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

- \* Makayla Brain    \* Haleigh Startin    \* Grace Ofosu-Addo    \* Mark Levy
- \* Kinsey Brain    \* Linda Ford    \* Lynn Wilson    \* Larry Menzie

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

- ✝ Please pray for Kelsey Gibson, affiliate member of FUPCDC, who was stationed at Quantico Marine Base. He is currently serving in Afghanistan.

**Celebrations of joys with thanksgiving to God:**

✝ Edith and Kamie Helmke, great niece and great-great niece of Gretchen Snyder, are visiting Gretchen from Dumont, Iowa. Thank you to Edith and Kamie for participating in the Spread the Bread ministry by preparing sandwiches, making cookies, and serving the meal to our friends.

# Calendar

## March 8 - 15, 2020

**SUNDAY, March 8**

**Daylight-Saving Time Begins**

- 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      Youth Trip - "Singin' in the Rain"
- 1:00 PM      Peace Church (Spanish Speaking Service)
- 5:45 PM      Jubilation Handbells

**MONDAY, March 9**

- 9:30 AM      Horizons Bible Study
- 10:30 AM     Holy Fitness
- 6:30 PM      Bel Air Woman's Club Board
- 7:00 PM      Bible Buddies Small Group

**TUESDAY, March 10**

- 8:45 AM      TOPS
- 1:00 PM      Al-Anon
- 1:30 PM      Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM      Congregational Connections Committee
- 7:00 PM      LHP Advisory Board Meeting
- 7:00 PM      Stewardship Committee
- 7:00 PM      Worship Committee
- 7:30 PM      Boy Scout Troop 964
- 7:30 PM      AA 101

**WEDNESDAY, March 11**

- 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      Lent Evening Worship
- 7:00 PM      Peace Church Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 PM      Chancel Choir
- 7:30 PM      Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:30 PM      RIF Meeting

**THURSDAY, March 12**

- 3:00 PM      Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 6:00 PM      Children's Choir
- 6:00 PM      Youth Choir
- 6:00 PM      Children's Ministry Committee
- 7:00 PM      Finance and Administration Committee
- 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, March 13**

- 10:30 AM     Holy Fitness
- 2:30 PM      Empowered Beginnings and Beyond
- 7:00 PM      Sight and Sound "Noah" Movie Night

**SATURDAY, March 14**

- 8:30 AM      Contemplative Yoga

**SUNDAY, March 15**

- 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
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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

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