

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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4th Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021

10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org

828.448.8914

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

+ GATHERING SONG

Beautiful Things

Lisa Gungar, Michael Gungor (CCLI#: 5665521)

FPC Dunedin Praise Team

Verse 1

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change
At all

Verse 2

All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground
At all

Chorus

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

Verse 3

All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found
In You

Bridge

You make me new You are making me new
You make me new You are making me new
(REPEAT)

WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 107, Ephesians 2, John 3*)

God loves us with a steadfast love.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

God loves us so much he gave us his Son.

Let us believe and have eternal life!

God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

Let us have faith to receive this grace!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

+ **OPENING HYMN**

Praise Ye the Lord, Almighty

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1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Ephesians 2, John 3*)

Amy Bean

God of immeasurable grace, you meet us in our time of need and cause your face to shine upon us. You sent your Son into the world, that we might be saved; and you fashioned us into vessels of your love and light. Redeem us this day, O God, that we may be found worthy of the one who came to bring us life.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Amy Bean

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our confessions to God, by praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy Bean

Prayer of Confession by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

God of love,
We forget the beginning of the story—
That we were made from love, to be love, to give love.
Instead of rooting our narrative in the goodness refrain of creation,
We skip ahead and find our worth at the fall,
With Cain and Abel, lost in the wilderness.

We forget that first there was you, and you are love.
We forget that out of that love you created us.
We forget that from the very first day, you loved first.
We forget, because a love like that doesn't make sense to us.
Forgive our low self-esteem.
Forgive our resistance to love ourselves.
Forgive our hesitation to trust that even we could be made good.
And forgive our tendency to pass that doubt on—from generation to generation.
Write a new beginning for us that roots our confidence in your unrelenting love.
With hope we pray, again and again, as we continue to confess in the silence of
our hearts. . .

(A time of Silent Confession)

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

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Family of faith, no matter what we do, where we go, or what we tell ourselves—
God is love, and God is loving us.

Again and again, we are claimed, held, forgiven, and cared for. In the name of
the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—thanks be to God. Amen!

+ **RESPONSE**

We Are Forgiven

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

+ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Book: No, David! by David Shannon

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. David Shelor

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:14-21 NRSV

Rev. Dr. David Shelor

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)*

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O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

(Refrain)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die - I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

(Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'my God, how great thou art!'

(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

No Longer Slaves

Brian Johnson, Joel Case, Jonathan David Helser (CCLI: #7030123)

Jorge Natal, Soloist

Worship Leader, FPC Dunedin, FL

Verse 1

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Verse 2

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

+ 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**

Sadie M.

God of all Mercy and Abundance, we thank you for these gifts and promise to use them to the best of our abilities as we follow you on this Lenten path. Through the power of your Spirit, may these gifts be used to bring renewal and resurrection to those who need it most.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **CLOSING SONG**

Lead Me To the Cross
FPC Dunedin Praise Team

Brooke Ligertwood (CCLI#: 4785828)

Verse 1

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Pre-Chorus

Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

Verse 2

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death
Now You're risen

Bridge

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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As you leave this space,
May your mouth speak of God's goodness.
May your arms hold those in need.
May your feet walk toward justice.
May your heart trust its worth.
May your soul dance in God's grace.
And may this be your rhythm—
Again and again and again,
Until God's promised day.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Go with courage, go with heart, go in peace.
Amen.

+ **POSTLUDE**

Prelude in G
Stephen L. Allen
Director of Music, Organist
FPC Dunedin, FL

J.S. Bach

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

Rev. Dr. David Shelor



David was born and raised in Black Mountain, NC. He is Pastor Adam's first cousin, once removed. They both come from a long line of Presbyterian pastors, so it's in their DNA. He holds degrees from Davidson College in NC, Columbia Seminary in Atlanta, a doctorate from McCormick Seminary in Chicago and a Masters in Organizational Development from Case-Western University in Cleveland. David has served the Church in Ghana, West Africa, Georgia and Florida, currently as the pastor of First Presbyterian, Dunedin, since 2016. He is delighted to be married to Merry Lynn, a dance professor at the University of South Florida, and has a son, Graham, a college sophomore, and Lillie, a high school senior.

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.

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>.
- * **FUPCDC YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** To view worship services and videos, visit the FUPCDC Youtube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC>. You can also find our channel by searching for "FUPCDC Video".
- * **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

- ✝ **NEW BIBLE BUDDIES STUDY:** ANNA - MARY - LYDIA - DORCUS - MARY - MARTHA - MARY MAGDALENE - ELIZABETH: Can we connect with any of these brave, complex, ancient sisters in the faith? Can their stories of dedication remind us of our Christian Call? You are invited to join the Ladies' Bible Study to learn more about their stories: **From Daughters to Disciples: Women's Stories From the New Testament** by Lynn Japinga. This new Bible study begins on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. For more information, please contact Betty Matthews through the church office, office@fupcdc.org or 703-670-7834.

- * **ROMANS STUDY:** Join us **April 11th through June 6th** for a 9-week study on the book of Romans. With a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart, N.T. Wright (and FUPCDC leader Curtis Hoagland) will walk you through Romans with this guide designed especially with everyday folks in mind. Perfect for group use, this study uses the popular inductive method combined with Wright's thoughtful insights to bring contemporary application of Scripture to life. This course is designed to help you understand Scripture in fresh ways under the guidance of one of the world's leading New Testament scholars. Thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions, and useful background and cultural information will guide our group more deeply into God's Word. We will look at the early church of Rome and some of their struggles, and how they compare to our world today. Discover how you can participate more fully in God's kingdom. We hope you can join us each Sunday from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM on Zoom. **Class Link:** <http://www.fupcdc.org/class>
- * **FAIR SHARE COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES:** Join us on **Saturday March 20th at 7 PM** via Zoom, for a program on Grief and Loss During the Pandemic. We are all exposed to things in our lives—every single day—that can cause us to feel grief and loss. Recent experiences in all our lives including the COVID19 Pandemic may have added to the grief that we have experienced. During this Fair Share program, Claire Hoagland will be sharing her insight on grief and loss and some ways to support yourself during the times of grief and loss that you may be experiencing now. Claire Hoagland is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has over 25 years of experience in working with individuals of all ages and with families. Currently she is a Behavioral Health Consultant at a local military medical clinic where she works in primary care. She helps patients of all ages with assessing their need for changes they feel are needed in their lives and providing coping tools and resources to meet those needs. This event is open to all.
- * **LITTLE HANDS PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** LHP is having a Panera fundraiser on **Monday, March 22nd from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**, 4402 Fortuna Center Plaza, Dumfries, VA 22025. Order online at panerabread.com and enter code **PRFUND** at checkout. You can also bring the flyer (on page 18 of the bulletin) or show a digital version to the cashier when ordering at the café to ensure LHP gets a portion of the proceeds. There are a variety of ordering options: Curbside, Rapid Pick-Up, Contactless Delivery, or In Café. **20% of the total sales from this fundraising event will be donated to Little Hands Preschool.**
- * **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL:** *Again & Again, A Lenten Refrain*, a devotional will be emailed to you until Easter (about three times each week). Please look for the devotional in your email mailbox.
- * **LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES:** A short Lenten scripture and prayer service will be available online each Wednesday at 7:00 PM through March 24th.

On Thursday, April 1st, we will celebrate Maundy Thursday online at 7:00 PM with virtual communion. You will be able to view these services the same way you view Sunday services on our YouTube channel "FUPCDC Video". The link is <https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC>.

Chancel Choir will meet at 7:30 PM immediately following each Wednesday prayer service. There will be no choir practice on March 17th and March 31st. Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume after Easter on Wednesday, April 14th.

- * **NEW FLOWER SIGN UP:** We have a new way to sign up for flowers! We now have a sign up genius that is quickly filling up. When signing up, please indicate who the flowers are in honor or memory of in the comment section. In addition, after the service the flowers are typically given to a congregational member who is in need of feeling some love from the congregation. If you wish to keep the flowers instead, just indicate this in the comment section or email me. The cost for purchasing flowers continues to be **\$40.00**. You may pay for them by sending a check into the office made out to FUPCDC. Please write flowers and the Sunday you signed up for in the memo section.

Thanks for your patience and flexibility as we switch to this new method. If you have any trouble signing up, please email me at gailzcoobb@gmail.com and I will be happy to help you!

- * **FLOWERING OF THE CROSS:** This year, we will once again be flowering the large wooden cross for Easter, but due to the pandemic, it will be done a bit differently. **We need lots of flowers to make this happen.** Here is how you can help. On **Saturday, April 3rd**, between **10:00 AM** and **2:00 PM**, please bring some home-grown or store bought flowers and place them in one of the large buckets of water that will be placed by the church door. Please remember to wear your mask and socially distance when dropping off your flowers. Members of the worship team will decorate the cross early on Easter morning. The cross will be placed by Minnieville Road so that we can share Easter joy with our neighbors. The Worship team thanks you for your help!
- * **LENTEN STUDY:** On **Sundays, 8:30 - 9:30 AM** on Zoom, join us for FORGIVENESS: A Lenten Study. This is a Lenten study by Marjorie Thompson, a Presbyterian pastor. She wished to explore the way we practice our approach to our Christian duty. Everyone has experienced or is experiencing forgiveness in some form. Is forgiving the best path to healing for the injured? Are there emotional barriers involved with forgiveness? With lively discussion, and much scripture throughout our 6-week journey, we will create a livable and meaningful definition of forgiveness. While Forgiveness is a Christ taught virtue, we were never given instructions on application!
- * **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 bettsymatthews1@verizon.net for more information. The Bible Buddies' 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. This Bible study will take a short break during Lent. **Pastor's Bible study will resume on Wednesday, April 14th.**
- * **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION:** Every **Sunday, 8:45 - 9:30 AM**, we join 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

✝ **Sunday, March 21st, 7:00 - 8:30 PM - Virtual Game Night on Zoom**

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

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| ✝ Mike Gundel | * Ann Hoagland | * Emmanuel Dankyi-Ankoma | * Jeannine Menzie |
| ✝ Jeanette Gregory | * Tim Elliott | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | * Larry Menzie |
| ✝ Dale Clements | * Graceann Case | * Grace Ofosu-Addo | * Norman Cox |
| * Fred Evans | * Marti Glycer | * Baby Louisa Wostenholme | * Lynn Wilson |
| * Mike Gundel | * Amanda Peck | * Savannah Simmerman | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Tanya | * Mary Jackson | * Jim and Jerolyn Randles | * Linda Ford |
| * Andrea Tootell | * Mildred Shenk | * Sam Parris' Dad | * Nate Johnson |
| * David Behrens | * Debbie Niederriter | * Bill and Laura Parris | * Sandy Godfrey |
| * Melissa Behrens | * Barb McGill | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin | * Phil Albrecht |
| * Patrick Cobb | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Hunter and Annette Martin | * Gary Albrecht |
| * Waddell | * Amanda | * Dineen | * Sue |
| * Faison Family | | | |

* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Liz Startin and family, at the death her husband, Duane Startin, on February 21, 2021. Duane and Liz are former members of FUPCDC; they taught 5th Grade Sunday School. Please pray for comfort and peace for the entire family during this difficult time.

Celebrations of joy with thanksgiving to God:

- * Thanks for the Congregational Connections Team's visit on February 20th. It was so uplifting to see the church members! Neither rain, sleet, nor snow kept them from making their calls. The gifts were much appreciated and the balloon is still flying. - Becky Elliott

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

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Poolesville Presbyterian Church - Poolesville, MD
- ✝ Potomac Presbyterian Church - Potomac, MD

Calendar

March 14 - 21, 2021

SUNDAY, March 14

Daylight Saving Time Begins

- 8:30 AM Forgiveness: A Lenten Study via Zoom
- 8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom
- 10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream
- 1:15 PM Building and Grounds Committee via Zoom

MONDAY, March 15

- 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, March 16

- 6:30 PM Deacons
- 7:00 PM Session

WEDNESDAY, March 17

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Lenten Worship service via Zoom
- No Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, March 18

FRIDAY, March 19

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, March 20

- 8:30 AM Contemplative Yoga via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Fair Share Community Speaker Series via Zoom

SUNDAY, March 21

- 8:30 AM Forgiveness: A Lenten Study via Zoom
- 8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom
- 10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream
- 7:00 PM Youth - Virtual Game Night via Zoom

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

Debbie Cornelius
Liz Goolgasian
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 17 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 Stretetz
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

SESSION

Peter Glycer ('21)	<i>Adult Christian Education</i>	703-590-0856
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Betsy Gilbert ('23)	<i>Congregational Connections</i>	703-670-4949
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Chris Martin ('23)	<i>Information Technology</i>	585-455-8423
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Pam Cox ('21)	<i>Mission & Outreach</i>	703-441-6319
Linda Wolstenholme ('23)	<i>Nominating</i>	703-878-3697
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