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5th Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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828.448.8914

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

+ **GATHERING SONG**

Let It Rise

Holland Davis (CCLI#: 2240585)

Verse 1

Let the glory of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the glory of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the praises of the King
 Rise among us
 Let it rise

Verse 2

Let the songs of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the songs of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the joy of the King
 Rise among us let it rise

Chorus

O let it rise
 O let it rise

WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

SESSION NOTES

Elder Norman Cobb

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 51, John 12*)

Have mercy on your people, O God.

Wash us. Cleanse us.

Make us more perfect in your love.

Open the skies and pour down your grace
upon your people.

Open our hearts to hear your voice.

Let the thunder of your presence awaken us!

Have mercy on your people, O God.

Restore within us the joy of your salvation.

Draw us nearer to Jesus, our Christ!

Let us worship God!

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Colin MacKenzie

Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Colin MacKenzie

Call to Confession by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

In the gospel of John, a group of Greek people approach the disciples and say, "We would like to see Jesus."

It's a brief, beautiful moment that the text doesn't spend a lot of time on, And yet, it always catches my eye.

It catches my eye, because the phrase, "I want to see Jesus," Feels like it should be my constant prayer.

Help me see Jesus.
I'd like to see Jesus.
Bring me closer to Jesus.

In the prayer of confession,
We take a moment to recognize how much space exists between us and those words,
Trusting that even when we forget to seek out God,
God is seeking us out.
So join me in the prayer of confession today as we take one step closer to the Divine. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Colin MacKenzie

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**Gracious God,
We want to see you.
We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus;
But not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts.**

**Why do we feel so far away from that at times?
What went wrong?
Where did we lose our way?
Could you, would you, once again, write on our fragile hearts?
We would be so grateful.**

**Hear us now,
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

Assurance of Pardon by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Friends, despite our wonderings,
Despite our distractions,
Despite wrong turns time and time again,
We are known and loved by God.

Like a lighthouse keeper by the sea,
God will never stop waving us home.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
Our fragile bones are held by the Great Creator.
Our fragile hearts are loved by the Great Creator.
Our tender spirits are forgiven by the Great Creator.
Today is a new day.

Again and again, we are forgiven;
Again and again, we are reformed.
Thanks be to God!

+ **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

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Bennett

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20-33 NRSV

Beth Bennett

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts, Lyn Murray

Singers: Morelle Fokwa, Lois Walker, Marti Hall, Kay Evans, Ike Evans, Martin Andrews
Justin Streletz, Pianist

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

MESSAGE

Again & Again We Are Reformed

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** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

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- 1 Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.

- 2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

- 3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.

- 4 So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

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 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* 654
Dana Van Slyke, Soloist

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near

Note: "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" is from the Taizé Community in France. The musical style of Taizé emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated many times and sometimes also sung in canon. The repeated nature of these lines are designed so that the song can become a prayer for the participant.

+ **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing 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** Katelyn Page

Generous and all-loving God, grant us the wisdom to know you more completely. Give us the hope to live as your people. Inspire us to give of our spirits more fully, in the faith that your promise is already within us. As we give our gifts and tithes today, we recommit ourselves to your service and to the service of your people. May we do so in response to your unending call that beckons us and leads us home. We pray as followers of the glorified Christ.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **CLOSING SONG**

Forever

Chris Tomlin (CCLI#: 3148428)

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Adapted from a Charge and Benediction by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

inspired by Hassler and J.S. Bach, *Arr.* Don Wyrzten

Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ *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.

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

- ✝ **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** The day is here! If you would like to join other Presbyterians in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world, you can give to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by mailing your check to the church. Please indicate "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the memo line. If you would like to give online, please go to <https://fupcdc.org/give-online> and click on Give Now, then Designated Giving (in the note field please indicate "One Great Hour of Sharing"). Thank you!
"You shall be called repairers of the breach." - Isaiah 58:12
- ✝ **OUTDOOR LAWN/PARKING LOT WORSHIP:** We look forward to Outdoor Lawn/Parking Lot Worship for the following Sundays (weather dependent). We will still live stream worship these Sundays for those unable to join us on the lawn or from their vehicles.
 - Sunday, April 25th - 10 AM
 - Sunday, May 9th - 10 AM (Mother's Day)
 - Sunday, May 23rd - 10 AM (Pentecost)
 - Sunday, June 6th - 10 AM (Installation and Ordination of Church Officers)
- ✝ **MINISTRY TEAM LEADS:** On Tuesday, March 16th our Session approved the following Ministry Team Leads for a 2-year term beginning June 6, 2021.
 - Administration - Jim Stacy
 - Congregational Care - Ellen Nuernberger (Deacon Moderator)
 - Fellowship - Betsy Gilbert
 - Mission - Pam Cox
 - Property - Mike Gundel
 - Stewardship - Dennis Dingle
 - Worship - Martin Andrews

At this time, we are in the process of filling the two vacant positions (Growing in Faith and Evangelism & Outreach). If you would like to recommend someone or if you are interested in filling one of those positions, please contact Pat Manalio or Pam Cox.
- ✝ **THESE DAYS:** "These Days" (Daily Devotions for Living by Faith) April/May/June 2021 are here! Please contact the Church Office at office@fupcdc.org or 703-670-7834, to receive your book.

- * **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>
- * **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 19 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 gailzcobb@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. 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!
- * **PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** 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

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

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

Report on Offering: February 2021

	FEB 2021 Actual	FEB 2021 Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Offering Pledged	29,078	34,000	68,266	68,000
Offering Unpledged	4,876	3,900	11,462	7,800
Total Offering	33,954	37,900	79,728	75,800

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| ✝ S. Ryan | * Ann Hoagland | * Emmanuel Dankyi-Ankoma | * Jeannine Menzie |
| * Mike Gundel | * Tim Elliott | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | * Larry Menzie |
| * Jeanette Gregory | * Graceann Case | * Grace Ofosu-Addo | * Norman Cox |
| * Dale Clements | * Marti Glycer | * Baby Louisa Wostenholme | * Lynn Wilson |
| * Faison Family | * 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 |
| * Sue | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Hunter and Annette Martin | * Gary Albrecht |
| * Waddell | * Amanda | * Dineen | |
- * Prayers for the family of Sam Clayton, Leigh Anderson's cousin, who passed on March 17, 2021.

Celebrations of joy with thanksgiving to God:

- ✝ Praise to God and prayers of thanksgiving that Patrick's cancer is in remission! Thank you for your prayers. - Norman and Gail Cobb
- ✝ Praise God! "I am rejoicing because for the first time in over a year I was able to bring my Mom, Marjorie Lawrence, to my home to spend the afternoon with us!" - Linda Wolstenholme

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:

- ✝ Prince George's Community Presbyterian Church - Temple Hills, MD
- ✝ Providence Presbyterian Church - Fairfax, VA

Calendar

March 21 - 28, 2021

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

MONDAY, March 22

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
4:00-8:00 PM LHP Panera Fundraiser
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 23

6:00 PM National Capital Presbytery via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, March 24

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
7:00 PM Lenten Worship service via Zoom
7:30 PM Chancel Choir practice

THURSDAY, March 25

FRIDAY, March 26

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, March 27

SUNDAY, March 28

Palm-Passion Sunday

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom
10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream - Easter Cantata

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
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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 18 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

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 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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