

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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4th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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828.448.8914

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

+ **GATHERING SONG**

My Lighthouse

Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson (CCLI#: 7002032)

WELCOME

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Once we lived in darkness.

Now the light of God has shone upon us.

Find what is pleasing to God and follow God’s ways.

The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God’s light.

Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

Open our eyes and our hearts to receive Your light of salvation.

Let us worship God!

+ **OPENING HYMN**

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness
(Christ, Be Our Light)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, who created us in God’s own image, we are grateful for all that You have done for us, for all that You are doing in us, and for all that You will do through us. Open our eyes to see Your presence among us, moving in powerful ways at all times and in all places. Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—ways that will change us and challenge us to become the people You created us to be. Grant us the power and the courage to come out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus Christ, that we may serve You by serving others.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Which of us has not hurt someone this week? Which of us has not spoken, or thought ill of a sister or brother in Christ? Which of us has failed to do good when given the chance? Which of us? All of us. . .and each of us! But Christ came to save people just like us, so I invite you to join me as we confess our sins to God, praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain, we would rather shut our eyes and be blind than see things as they really are. Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world, and give us the strength to bring Your light to those who walk in darkness. Help us see others as You see them, and forgive us when we do not trust You enough to open our eyes to the possibilities before us. Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God, and lead us in the footsteps of the Light of the World, who reveals Your glory in His life, His teachings, and His love. 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

In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope to us, we are forgiven, healed and enabled to be part of the ministries of compassion in God’s world. Rejoice! You are chosen and loved!

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 5:8-14 (page 183, NT section)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ave Verum

Mozart

GOSPEL LESSON John 9:1-17 (pages 96-97, NT section)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Spiritual Spectacles

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* *Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)* 749

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

You Never Let Go

Beth Redman, Matt Redman (CCLI#: 4674166)

+ **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings 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**

Gracious Lord, as followers who are blinded by Your wondrous light, we seek to be amplified beacons of Your astonishing light to others. Help us to reflect Your love by listening to Your call and to Your will for our lives. In gratitude, we dedicate these gifts and those given online in the name of the One who lived, died, and rose for our sake, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **CLOSING HYMN**

We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)

853

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

Zulu/Xhosa

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

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Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba) [Reprise]

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+ **POSTLUDE**

Jesus Loves Me

William B. Bradbury, Arr. Erinn Jarrell Schwarz

+ *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 via live stream. 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>.
- * **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

- * **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. Order and money are due by April 6th. Flowers can be picked up after the 11 AM Easter service on April 12th. Fill out the Easter Flower envelope (located in Narthex Welcome Center, make the check out to FUPCDC, and write Easter flowers in the memo line.

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:

- ✝ Duane Startin * Paul Wostenholme's Mother * Lynn Wilson * Larry Menzie
- ✝ Timothy Elliott * Haleigh Startin * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme * Mark Levy
- ✝ Marlo Stapleton * Leigh Anderson * Grace Ofosu-Addo * Linda Ford
- ✝ Congregational love and sympathy is extended to Martin Andrews and family at the death of his sister, Jennifer A. Lewis, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Prayers for comfort and peace, and for reminders of God's promises for the entire family at this time.

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:

- * Praise God for the birth of Louisa Wolstenholme on March 5th, granddaughter of Paul and Linda Wolstenholme, daughter of Mark and Gellie Wolstenhome.
- * Thank you for all the prayers and concerns during Nate's surgery and recovery. Please pray for Nate's upcoming surgery on April 20th. ~ Sue and Nate Johnson

Calendar March 22 - 29, 2020

SUNDAY, March 22

10:00 AM Worship - one service
Online Live Stream

MONDAY, March 23

TUESDAY, March 24

WEDNESDAY, March 25

7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study, "Matthew"
via ZOOM

THURSDAY, March 26

FRIDAY, March 27

SATURDAY, March 28

SUNDAY, March 29

10:00 AM Worship - one service
Online Live Stream

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2020 SESSION

Peter Glycer ('20)	<i>Adult Christian Education</i>	703-590-0856
Mike Gundel ('21)	<i>Building & Grounds</i>	301-767-5030
Ruth Washburg ('21)	<i>Children's Ministry</i>	703-407-3976
Cathy Albrecht ('22)	<i>Communications</i>	703-670-8369
Betsy Gilbert ('22)	<i>Congregational Connections</i>	703-670-4949
Jon Guest ('21)	<i>Finance & Administration</i>	703-491-4006
Chris Martin ('22)	<i>Information Technology</i>	585-455-8423
Dave Stokes ('21)	<i>Little Hands Preschool</i>	703-583-9287
Pam Cox ('20)	<i>Mission & Outreach</i>	703-441-6319
Linda Wolstenholme ('22)	<i>Nominating</i>	703-878-3697
Norman Cobb ('21)	<i>Personnel</i>	703-878-7317
Jon Guest ('21)	<i>Safety & Security</i>	703-491-4006
Pat Manalio ('22)	<i>Stewardship</i>	703-680-5058
Marti Hall ('21)	<i>Worship</i>	703-626-2269
Afton Schwalm ('22)	<i>Youth Ministry</i>	571-221-0778
Rev. Adam C. Bowling	<i>Moderator</i>	828-448-8914
Sara Porter	<i>Clerk of Session</i>	703-670-8737

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