

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org

828.448.8914

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

+ *GATHERING SONG*

Ancient of Days

Gary Sadler, Jamie Harvill (CCLI#:798108)

Verse

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev’ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

Chorus

Ev’ry tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory
Ev’ry knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship
You will be exalted O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days

Bridge

Your kingdom shall reign
Over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare
To Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

WELCOME

✝ Session Notes

Norman Cobb

✝ Introduction of New Members

+ *CALL TO WORSHIP*

Come and worship, proclaim God's ways of faithfulness and steadfast love.

We will tell of God's love, which unfolds in our lives.

Come and worship, for we are God's people, rejoicing in his graciousness.

God is always with us, there is nothing which can keep us apart.

Come to the One who tells stories; worship our God who keeps promises.

We rejoice with God who is with us always.

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. **(Refrain)**

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. **(Refrain)**

3 We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. **(Refrain)**

4 Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. **(Refrain)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Cathy Albrecht

Lord of mustard seeds and yeast, we come to you this day, seeking your Word and will for us. Make us people who care deeply about the well-being of others. Give us courage to be yeast for the rising of hope and peace throughout the world. Open our hearts to your redeeming love, for we ask this in Christ's Name.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cathy Albrecht

It is not our past which keeps us from God, for that is behind us. It is not our present, for God is with us on this day. And our future is held tight in God's hands. It is true- there is absolutely nothing which can separate us from God. Whatever sins we have committed, God's forgiveness and love take them away forever when we repent and ask for forgiveness. Join me as we pray together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cathy Albrecht

You asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose. We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice. We gave you a whisper that we might not be accused. You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty. We closed them, for we did not want to see. You asked for our lives, that you might work through us. We gave a small part, that we might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive us our calculated efforts to serve you- only when it is convenient for us to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive us, renew us, send us out, as usable instruments, that we might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Psalm 103:8-12)*

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Hearing this good news, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC *If You Only Had Faith/Si tuvieras fe* 176
The Anderson Family

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

The Kingdom of God is Like . . .

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*

Be Thou My Vision

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1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each prayer petition we will respond with:

In your mercy, Lord, hear our 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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Christine D. Anderson

Becca Anderson, Clarinet

Justin Streletz, Piano

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**

Edna Addo

Almighty God, thank you for giving us the opportunity to give, which we do with joyful, grateful hearts. We look at the needs of the world, and our offerings are small. May they be like yeast, gifts that grow in your kingdom, bringing a rich harvest of righteousness and justice. We pray this in Jesus' name,
Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **CLOSING SONG**

How Great is Our God

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves (CCLI#: 4348399)

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **POSTLUDE**

Awesome God
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Rich Mullins, Arr. Jerry Ray

+ *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.
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Grace Ofosu-Addo in celebration of Grace's late husband, Stephen Ofosu-Addo's upcoming birthday on the 31st of July. Wishing him a heavenly birthday from his family.

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

- * **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: 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12. 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 Glyer at lizglyer@gmail.com.
- * **THESE DAYS:** "These Days" (Daily Devotions for Living by Faith) July/August/September 2020 are here! Please contact the Church Office at office@fupcdc.org or 703-670-7834, to receive your book.
- * **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Please join the Monday evening Ladies' Bible Study (aka, Bible Buddies) via Zoom on Mondays at 7:00 PM. Our study is called *Parables from the Back Side, Volume 1, Bible Stories with a Twist*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The book can be ordered on Amazon Prime which is promising 2-day delivery at this time.
Questions or need help ordering your book? Contact Marti Hall at 703-626-2269 or martihall@comcast.net. In addition, if you are not already a part of the group, please let Marti know so she can send you the Zoom address or phone number.
- * **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.
- * **SEWING FACE MASKS:** In keeping with FUPCDC's commitment to serve the needs of the community, the Mission and Outreach Committee is launching a campaign to make face masks and distribute them where they are needed within the local community. We are committed to donate masks to the Greater Prince William Community Health Center and to Westminster at Lake Ridge for both staff and residents. If you have any questions about the Face Mask Ministry please call Pat Manalio (703-283-2948) or Lora Nedimyer (703-680-5526).
- * **GIVING:** We thank you for your continued support of the ministries, staff, and programs of FUPCDC. There are 2 ways to give: You can mail your gift to FUPCDC, 14391 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193. You can also give online by going to the church website, <https://fupcdc.org/give-online>. Thank you for giving to the Lord.

Report on Offering: June 2020

	<u>JUN 2020 Actual</u>	<u>JUN 2020 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date Budget</u>
Offering Pledged	29,412	30,022	206,332	195,234
Offering Unpledged	2,318	3,055	24,136	20,619
Total Offering	31,730	33,077	230,468	215,853
Other Income			1,911	
Net from Restricted			<u>50,709</u>	
Total Income			283,088	
Total Expenses			240,571	

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:

✚ Frank and Ann Measamer	* Paula and Bob Robinson	* Timothy Elliott	* Joanne and Bob	
✚ Michael Bowling	* Grace Ofosu-Addo	* Norman Cox	* Jerolyn Randles	
* Amerie	* Chris	* Linda Chrzan	* Becky Elliott	* Makayla Brain
* Elizabeth	* Ashleigh	* Josh	* Richard Peck	* Greg Anderson
* Sandy and Doug Godfrey	* Bill and Luara Parris	* Barb McGill	* Larry Menzie	
* Ida Van Wingerden	* Sandy Stamps	* Linda Ford	* Lynn Wilson	
* Charlie and Martha Ashton	* Baby Louisa Wolstenholme	* Mildred Shenk	* Mark Levy	
* Jason, Adriana , Michael	* Hunter Martin	* Jim Randles		

* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to the family of Bob Porter's brother, Bill. Bill died on Friday, July 10th.

Celebrations of joys with thanksgiving to God:

- ✚ Praise God! Jerolyn Randles is making significant progress. Pray that she will have the strength to stand this week.
- * Praise God for Richard Bennett's acceptance to the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Master of Divinity program.
- * Thanks to the staff, prayer team, and members of the church for consistently praying for my grandson, Raymond Radford Boisvert. He was 1-year old on July 12th, and he has been very healthy throughout his first year! :-) Even with CF, he has grown and thrived. There were no hospitalizations! He takes his medicine by nebulizer very well, and he is adjusting to wearing his vest which does chest PT for him. Praise God! ~ Debbie Boisvert

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✚ Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church - Bethesda, MD
- ✚ Brambleton Presbyterian Church - Brambleton, MD

Calendar

July 26 - August 2, 2020

SUNDAY, July 26

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream

MONDAY, July 27

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

7:00 PM Bible Buddies via Zoom

8:30 PM Production Meeting via 8X8

TUESDAY, July 28

Newsletter Deadline

WEDNESDAY, July 29

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

THURSDAY, July 30

FRIDAY, July 31

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, August 1

SUNDAY, August 2

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream

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

2020 BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2020

Agnes Fokwa
Deborah Folly
Lisa Fortner
Kathy McNeely
Carol Schwalm
Celine Sonkwa

Class of 2021

Amy Bean
Karen Elliott
Liz Goolgasian
Peggy Heins
Therese Same
Charlotte Stultz

Class of 2022

Bob Albrecht
Sandy Chamberlin
Claudia Cunningham
Pam Emert
Ellen Nuernberger
Tracy Stevens

Carol Schwalm, *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 15 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.

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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 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

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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