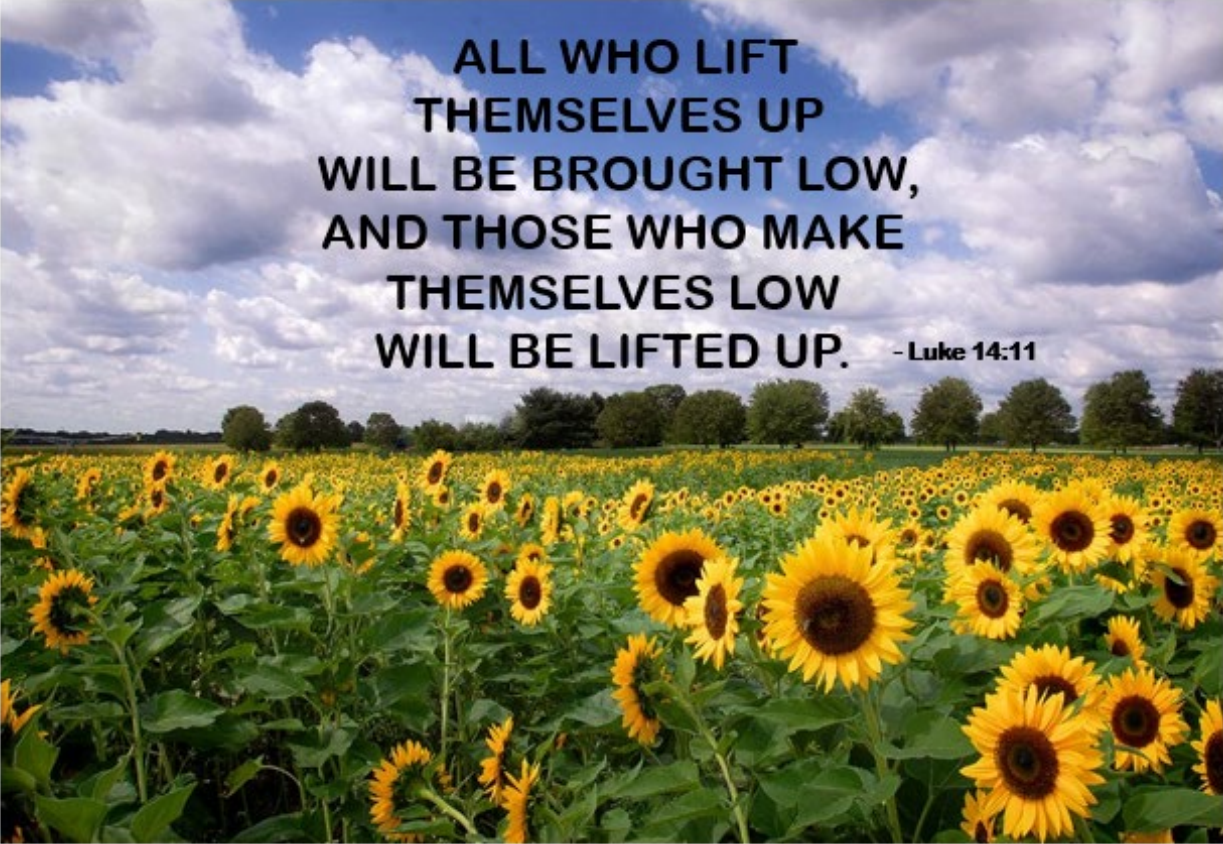


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**ALL WHO LIFT  
THEMSELVES UP  
WILL BE BROUGHT LOW,  
AND THOSE WHO MAKE  
THEMSELVES LOW  
WILL BE LIFTED UP. - Luke 14:11**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 28, 2022**

**8:30 AM**

**The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor**

**[Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org)**

**828.448.8914**

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

**WELCOME**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

**SESSION NOTES**

**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**

*Here I Am, Lord*  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Schutte, Arr. Jack Schrader

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

**Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.**

Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

**Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.**

Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

**As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service.**

**+ OPENING HYMN**

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You led us to freedom, to hope and peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us. In Christ’s name, we pray.

**Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ’s faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life’s end. Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God’s faithful love endures forever. Confident of God’s grace, let us confess our sins, by praying together. . .

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we find it hard to see in ourselves the trappings our society so admires and serves—power, wealth, and access that forget mutual love. We fail to see our allegiance to these dangerous gods—rushing for places of honor, scorning the humble and lowly, supporting systems that survive on greed and abuse. Forgive us when we are fearful that there is not enough. Remind us that you are enough. Teach us your generosity. Teach us your world-changing humility. Teach us your expansive love. Transform us and heal our lives. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

You have lifted us and dusted us off, O Lord. You have claimed us as your own.

**Let us celebrate your love for us in lives of service to others;  
for you are with us always.**

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.**

*(Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.)*

# WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**252 KIDS**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Loving God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

**Amen.**

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 14:1,7-14 NRSV

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **ANTHEM**

*Chatter with the Angels*  
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Gilpin

## **SERMON**

God's First Class

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 with Pastor Adam or someone at the Welcome Table in the back of the sanctuary. For those worshipping online, please email Pastor Adam at [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org). Know that ALL are welcome in this place!*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE**      *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*      727

### **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

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

Diane, Arr. David Paxton

Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ **DOXOLOGY**      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**

Eternal God, we present our tithes and offerings to you now, as a token of our love for you. We know that our financial giving is not the only thing you require. We remember your mandate to take your gospel to the whole world. We remember that you desire us to love you with all our hearts, our minds, and our souls. We remember that you told us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Help us to measure up in our love and service. In Christ's name, we pray.

**Amen.**

## **WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

+ **HYMN**      *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*      761

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Enviado soy de Dios,  
mi mano lista está  
para construir con él  
un mundo fraternal. (Repeat)

Los ángeles no son  
enviados a cambiar  
un mundo de dolor  
por un mundo mejor;  
me ha tocado a mí  
hacerlo realidad.  
Ayúdame, Señor,  
a hacer tu voluntad. (Repeat)

The Lord now sends us forth  
with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth  
a better place to live. (Repeat)

The angels are not sent  
into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant  
to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me  
and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray,  
to do your will today. (Repeat)

+ **POSTLUDE**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL, Arr. Paul Taylor

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, we are delighted you joined us in worship. Please come to the Welcome Table at the rear of the sanctuary after the service to fill out an info card and to receive a special gift. To find out more about this church, please call the Church Office at 703-670-7834 or speak with Pastor Adam, [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org).
- \* **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** Bruce Gilbert                      8:30 AM  
Pam Cox    11:00 AM
- \* **FLOWERS** are given by Lois Walker in loving memory of her mother, Ida Van Wingerden.

# 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.
- \* **LIVE STREAM:** We live stream the worship services for those who are uncomfortable returning to in-person worship, or for those who are unable to join us in person at this time. Due to our Live Stream cameras, we ask that you use the side aisles once the worship service begins if you need to enter or exit the sanctuary, so that we keep an optimal camera view of the worship service for our at-home viewers. Thank you!

# Ministry in Action

- ✠ **BLESSING OF THE CHURCH:** We invite you to join us at the church at **4:00 PM on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** to pray blessings over our church from the sanctuary to all the rooms. For more information, please contact Sara Porter, [saraporter@comcast.net](mailto:saraporter@comcast.net), or Betsy Gilbert, [betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com).
- ✠ **FUPCDC AND DALE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** The session approved the formation of a partnership between FUPCDC and Dale City Elementary School. The Ministry teams of Evangelism & Outreach and Mission will be providing assistance and support to the school throughout the year. There will be opportunities for the congregation to participate in providing needed services to the school. Our first project was to welcome and support teachers with a goodie bag for the beginning of the school year. We look forward to developing this relationship for helping the students and faculty of Dale City Elementary School.
- ✠ **NEW FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** On **Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM** we will begin a new Bible Study using the book, Words of Life, Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today by Adam Hamilton. This will be a 10 week study.
- ✠ **FUPCDC'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Come celebrate 50 years of what God has done: **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> - Festival (9AM - 12 PM), Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> - One Worship Service with Communion at 10 AM and Program at 11 AM** (Rev. Bob Edmunds will be preaching!) and **FUPCDC Lunch at 12 NOON** (RSVP - link on Thursday News). *September Communion will be on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. We will not have Communion on September 4<sup>th</sup>.*
- ✠ **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM**. Feel free to bring a friend! For additional information, please contact Sam Parris at 703-946-7266 or [samjparris@aol.com](mailto:samjparris@aol.com).
- \* **PHOTO DIRECTORY:** Is your family missing from the photo directory? Or would you like to update your photo? **TODAY, Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**, Tori Guest can take your photo for the church directory and/or the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary wall. **Tori will be taking photos after the 8:30 AM service and after the 11:00 AM service in the back of the sanctuary.**
- \* **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS:** Order your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary T-shirt now! (\$12 for children, \$15-\$20 for Adults) The last day to order is **TODAY, Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 PM**. Money is due upon pick up of t-shirts starting **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. The online form to order is in the Thursday News.
- \* **GREAT DAY OF SERVICE:** Sign-up to participate in our Great Day of Service **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM - 12 Noon**. We will gather in the sanctuary of FUPCDC (14391 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193) at 9:00 AM to pray, sing one song, and split into groups to go into the community to serve! All ages are welcome to sign up and participate in projects that include: packing lunches for the homeless, a traveling sing-along, gardening at Prince William Forest Park, handing out food through Northern VA Food Rescue, gardening at church, or staying at church and making cards for folks who could use some love and cheer. Sign up in the Welcome Center or on the sign up link in the Thursday News.



- \* **FLOWER GUILD SUPPORT:** The Worship Ministry is looking for a few people to become members of the new Flower Guild. The Flower Guild members will be responsible for decorating our communion table each Sunday with flowers. The expected commitment is one or two hours, once a month. For more information, contact **Martin Andrews, 703-967-4358.**
- \* **CHURCH OF THE SMALL THINGS:** Bible Buddies (Women's Bible study) will begin their fall study on **Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM.** We will meet in-person (at the church in Room 22) and on-line (Zoom information TBD). For the Bible study, we will be using the book, Church of the Small Things: The Million Little Pieces that Make Up a Life by Melanie Shankle. The million little pieces that make a life aren't necessarily glamorous or far-reaching, but God uses some of the smallest, most ordinary acts of faithfulness -(and sometimes they look a whole lot like packing a lunch or driving a carpool) to help us find significance and meaning in life. Melanie Shankle helps women to embrace what it means to live a simple, yet incredibly meaningful life and how to find all the beauty and laughter that lies right beneath the surface of every moment. Please contact Betty Matthews, 703-618-9127 or Cathy Albrecht, 703-670-8369 for more information.
- \* **CELEBRATING SABBATH:** Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight is the 2022-2023 Horizons Bible Study. We will consider Sabbath as a celebration, a rest, a time to serve, a day devoted to community, and as a way to honor God.  
  
We meet at **9:30 AM** on the **second Monday of the month, starting September 12, in Room 22.** We will offer Zoom connections if someone can manage the technology during the study. Books are \$11.00 payable to FUPCDC by check or cash, with a note that it is for Horizons Bible study. Please let Sara Porter ([saraporter@comcast.net](mailto:saraporter@comcast.net)) know if you want a book.
- \* **HOLY FITNESS:** Come join us on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:30 AM in the Triple Room.** The goal of Holy Fitness is to help aging adults with moving and maintain an independent lifestyle. The exercises are designed to improve strength, endurance, coordination, and balance. Minimum age for participation is 55. If you are interested in the program, please contact Fred Menke, [fhmenke@verizon.net](mailto:fhmenke@verizon.net) or the church office.

## *Student Ministry News*

- ✠ **2022-2023 HEALTH FORMS:** Youth, turn in your 2022-2023 Health forms to Pastor Adam by Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ✠ **YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are now available online and in the Welcome Center.
- ✠ **STUDENT MINISTRY EMAILS:** Sign up to receive Student Ministry emails. Ask Pastor Adam how to do this, or go to the FUPCDC website.
- \* **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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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| ✠ Amanda Peck           | * Bill and Laura Parris        | * Jeannine Menzie | * Leigh Anderson   |
| ✠ Matthew Conley        | * Melissa Behrens              | * Deborah Folly   | * Linda Ford       |
| * Dineen Hoagland       | * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme     | * Sue Lickiss     | * Norman Cox       |
| * Sarpong Amako/Ata     | * Marjorie Lawrence            | * Lee Watenpaugh  | * Nate Johnson     |
| * Margaret Mosley       | * Jason, Azena, Mikhail Corbin | * Norman Cobb     | * Grace Ofosu-Addo |
| * Family of Gret Glycer | * Amanda                       | * Rev. Bill Clark | * Ann Randles      |
| * Sandra D'Imperio      | * Pat Greenhalgh               | * Keith Peterman  | * Amy Smith        |
| * Debbie Niederriter    | * Baby Raphael                 | * Frank Coniglio  | * Rick Bockes      |
| * Mark Stewart          | * Tanya                        | * Ann Hoagland    |                    |
| * Andy Stewart          | * Cherie Sankey                | * Peggy Young     |                    |

- \* Many thanks to the members of the congregation for the cards, emails and other expressions of sympathy to us on the death of Sara's brother, David Behrens. This is truly a loving, caring congregational family. - Bob and Sara Porter

## All those serving in our military who are stationed away from home, including from our church:

- ✠ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC)
- ✠ Elizabeth Batista (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter)
- ✠ David Cornelius, Jr. (Debbie Cornelius' son)

## The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✠ Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC
- ✠ Christ Presbyterian Church - Fairfax, VA

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## DEACONS

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Bob Albrecht	Agnes Fokwa	Debbie Cornelius
Sandy Chamberlin	Helen Franchois	Wendy DiVico
Claudia Cunningham	Nne Kalu	Claire Hoagland
Pam Emert	Kathy McNeely	Mary Jones
Ellen Nuernberger		Mike Slayter
Tracy Stevens		

Mike Slayter, Ministry Team Leader..... 703-670-4648

# Calendar

## August 28 - September 4, 2022

### SUNDAY, August 28

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional  
 9:45 AM Children's Education  
 9:45 AM NOOMA Bible Study (Adult/Youth)  
 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary  
 1:00 PM Light Committee  
 2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA  
 3:00 PM Music Staff Meeting (Zoom)

### WEDNESDAY, August 31

10:30 AM Holy Fitness  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir  
 8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

### THURSDAY, September 1

3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group  
 7:00 PM Safety & Security Team  
 8:00 PM AA Support Group

### MONDAY, August 29

10:30 AM Holy Fitness  
 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club  
 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289  
 8:30 PM Production Meeting (Google Meet)

### FRIDAY, September 2

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

### SATURDAY, September 3

### TUESDAY, August 30

8:30 AM TOPS  
 1:00 PM Al-Anon  
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B  
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G  
 7:00 PM Children and Youth Task Force  
 7:30 PM AA  
 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

### SUNDAY, September 4

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - No Communion  
 9:45 AM Children's Education  
 9:45 AM Bible Study (Adult/Youth)  
 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - No Communion

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