

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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Music Sunday  
September 12, 2021  
10:00 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

### 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.*

### + GATHERING SONG

*Forever*

Chris Tomlin (CCLI#:3148428)

### WELCOME

### + CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Psalm 150)*

Praise God! Praise God in this house of prayer;

**Give praise throughout the mighty universe.**

Praise God for the saving deeds of Christ;

**Give praise for such exceptional love.**

Praise God with the blast of trumpets;

**Give praise with guitar and keyboard.**

Praise God with timbrel and dance;

**Give praise with violin and flute.**

Praise God with drums and cymbals;

**Give praise with thundering organ.**

Let everything that draws breath, praise God;

**Praise, yes, praise our wonderful God!**

### + OPENING SONG

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine  
(Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)*

837

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

As you have called us to come to worship, O God, so breathe into us your Spirit, that we may bear witness to your gentle presence and your powerful love, we pray this in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ the Beloved.

**Amen.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

How easy we can learn of God's love—but how hard it is to live it! The world distracts us with its easy choices, while we know how intentional we must be to love one another.

Join me as we confess our failures to love, as we open our hearts to God, praying together. . .

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all people, our hearts are too narrow, our perspectives are too small. We reject those who are not like us—those with different political opinions, those who struggle with mental illness, those who disagree with us. We forget that all are your beloved children and neglect your call to love one another. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we have failed to be a people known by our love. Show us how to be more caring. Teach us how to love one another, and make us faithful disciples. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to us through our loving God. There is no wrong that God cannot make right. There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.

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**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 138 NRSV

- I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- <sup>2</sup> I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.
- <sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.
- <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- <sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM***Jesus is the Friend Who's Always There*

Don Besig, Nancy Price

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Philippians 4:4-9 NRSV

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*The Blessing*

Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick (CCLI#:4869823)  
Becca Anderson and Martin Andrews

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 8:12 and John 12:35-36 NRSV

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. <sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

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

**HYMN**

*We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)*

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**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Romans 12:9-21 NRSV

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*A Blessing of Love*

Patterson

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 16:6-7

But [the angel] said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SUNG AFFIRMATION OF FAITH We Believe**

Matthew Hooper, Richie Fike, Travis Ryan (CCLI#: 6367165)  
FUPCDC Praise Team

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Praise Ye the Lord* 633

**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 *The Greatest Commandment* Paul Zach (CCLI#: 7133722)  
Chris and Becca Anderson

+ **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**

Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love.

Amen.

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **SENDING SONG** *You Never Let Go* Beth Redman, Matt Redman (CCLI# 4674166)

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *We Will Walk with God (Sizohamba naye)* 742

We will walk with God, my brothers;  
we will walk with God.  
We will walk with God, my sisters;  
we will walk with God.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

Sizohamba naye, wo wo wo,  
sizohamba naye.  
Sizohamba naye, wo wo wo,  
sizohamba naye.  
Ngomhla wenjabula, sizohambe naye.  
Ngomhla wenjabula, sizohambe naye.

+ **POSTLUDE**

*As We Depart*  
ELLERS, GOD BE WITH YOU, THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU, *Arr.* Robert W. Thygerson  
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. 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](mailto:office@fupcdc.org) or call 703-670-7834.
- \* **BELL RINGER:** Ike Evans
- \* **WORSHIP ASSISTANT:** Therese Same
- \* Flowers are given by Denise Parris in memory of those lives changed on 9/11/2001.

# 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

- ✝ **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY:** Please come back to church on Sunday, September 19, 2021. We have a Traditional worship service at 8:30 AM and Contemporary worship service at 11:00 AM. All are welcome!
- ✝ **ROMANS BIBLE STUDY:** We will resume the adult Bible study for a 9-week study of Romans. This class will begin **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at **9:45 AM** in the **Triple Room**. Please email Curt Hoagland [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com) if you are interested so we can email you the questions we will be discussing ahead of time. This is a continuation of the book that we started in the spring.
- ✝ **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION:** We will begin our Children Education classes on **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** at **9:30 AM** in the Youth Room!
- ✝ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** We are looking for volunteers to help with Children's Church for the services. This is for up to 5<sup>th</sup> graders who will leave the service and go and participate in a children's church. Please let me know if you are interested. We are also looking for Sunday School teachers. Please let Erin Bowling or me know if you are interested.
- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Adam will be resuming the Wednesday night Bible study with the gospel of Matthew. We will begin with Matthew 20 :29-34 (Healing of two blind men) and Matthew 21:1-11 (Jesus rides into Jerusalem) on **Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **7:00 PM** in **Room 22** or join us by Zoom.



- ✝ **FALL CLEAN UP:** The annual fall cleanup will be **Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** starting at **9:00 AM**. The trees need to be trimmed and the courtyard needs work, too. If you are able to come for a couple of hours we can get a lot of work done as a group. We were able to put down a good amount of mulch in the Spring and flowers were planted. Now that most of the growing is done, it's time to prune. If you have tools, great, bring them! If not, that's fine, we will have tools to use. Thank you! The Rain Date will be October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL (COMING BACK OCTOBER 6, 2021!):** This year there will be a themed Potluck on the first Wednesday of each month where you can share some of your favorite recipes! The second and third Wednesdays of the month a prepared meal will be served and the fourth Wednesday of the month will be Pizza! These meals will be served with salad, drinks and dessert. There is no charge, just a donation to help cover the cost of the meal. Please join us at 6:00 for the meal and stay for Pastor Adam's bible study or Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:00. We are looking forward to seeing everyone for food, fellowship and faith! Contact Gaylene Guest at 703-398-7449 for more information.
- \* **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED LUNCH (Sunday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:10 PM, Room 22):** This event is designed to introduce you and your family to the church and is open to anyone interested in learning more about our church and/or membership. Child care and lunch will be provided for your entire family. Please let us know if there are any food allergies or restrictions when you register for the event. Reservations are required to plan for childcare and food. Register by calling the Church Office at 703-670-7834.
- \* **INVITE A FRIEND - EVANGELISM BAGS!:** Did you know, 71% of the unchurched say they are likely to accept a personal invitation from a family member, friend, or neighbor to attend church? We encourage all members and friends of FUPCDC to stop by the Narthex Welcome Center to pick up an "Invite a Friend Evangelism Bag" this Sunday! Inside you will find two FUPCDC church brochures, two Little Hands Preschool brochures, a couple of "Join Us" invite cards, and a couple of magnets. These are great tools to use when inviting someone to a church or preschool event. Pastor Adam suggests keeping these in your car, so they will be handy when you run into a neighbor or friend that you want to invite.
- \* **LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Monday night Bible Buddies will begin their new book study on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM. We will use the book City of Peace by Henry G. Brinton, a Presbyterian pastor from Fairfax, VA. The setting for this book is Occoquan, VA. It is a unique murder mystery that follows a minister and his inner struggle to overcome grief and anger to gain insight and build bridges for co-existence with his neighbors, including Muslims and Coptic Christians. He looks to the ancient city of Sepphoris to find the secret to overcome polarizing divisions among people of different cultures and faiths. This study will be available by Zoom and in-person at FUPCDC, Room 22. For more information about this Bible study, please contact Betty Matthews through the church office, 703-670-7834.
- \* **INDOOR WORSHIP:** Masks are encouraged (for age 2 and up), but not required for vaccinated individuals. Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals age 5 and up. N95 masks are encouraged for people in vulnerable populations. Both services will also be live streamed for those who choose to worship at home.

- \* **NURSERY:** The church nursery is open to children (infant through 4 years old) on a reservation basis for the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM worship services. All nursery staff and volunteers are vaccinated against COVID-19, and spots will be limited to keep class sizes small. Masks are recommended for ages 3 and up, but not required. Please do not place your child in the nursery if they have a fever, cough, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or other symptoms of illness. Please do not place your child in the nursery if they have been exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive in the past 14 days. We will also be doing temperature checks for those attending the church nursery and for staff. The registration link is on the church website.
- \* **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY:** The Horizons Bible study group will return on **Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus" will explore how the four women mentioned in Jesus' family tree (Tamar, Rahab, Bathsheba - unlikely heroines, Ruth) and his mother Mary may have influenced Jesus. We will meet on the **second Monday of the month, September through June at 9:30 AM in Room 22**. We will be meeting in-person and plan to use technology to also be able to have people join us via Zoom. **Study books are \$11.00**. Please contact Sara Porter at [saraporter@comcast.net](mailto:saraporter@comcast.net) or 703-819-5044.
- \* **TECH TEAM: FUPCDC is expanding our Tech Team.** We are now fully open for both worship services. We have installed audio-visual equipment. Please contact Peter Glycer ([peterglyer@gmail.com](mailto:peterglyer@gmail.com)) if you are interested in becoming part of this team! We will provide all the training necessary.
- \* **SPREAD THE WARMTH:** Are you looking for a worthwhile project? 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](mailto:lizglyer@gmail.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](mailto:jon.a.guest@gmail.com).
- \* **DISASTER RELIEF:** Many of our brothers and sisters have experienced devastating losses caused by disasters. If you are in a financial position to do so, we encourage you to help FUPCDC support the disaster relief by making a special donation for this ministry. If you donate by check or through your bank bill pay please write *Disaster Relief* in the memo line; if you give online please enter *Disaster Relief* in the notes section. **Thank you** for your generous support of FUPCDC ministries.
- \* **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](mailto:office@fupcdc.org).
- \* **LITTLE HANDS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:** For more information, go to [www.fupcdc.org/lhps](http://www.fupcdc.org/lhps).

# *Student Ministry News*

- \* **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> – CONFIRMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade) 9:45 AM:** Do you know a 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grader, or an older student, that hasn't been through First United Presbyterian Church's Confirmation program? This year, we will have a student and parent meeting Sunday, September 19 at 9:45 AM in room 22. Please call the church office (703-670-7834), and sign your student up to receive an information packet. Please leave the students name, grade, parents name, mailing address, and phone number. All 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to sign-up online for the class. Please contact Pastor Adam with questions.
- \* **YOUTH ADVISORS (ADULT VOLUNTEERS):** We are looking for Youth Advisors (Adult Volunteers) to begin in the fall. Please contact Pastor Adam if you are interested in helping with Student Ministry.
- \* **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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|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| * Sonya Dunn      | * Betty Little      | * Emmanuel Dankyi-Ankoma         | * Jeannine Menzie |
| * David Gibbs     | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh     | * Larry Menzie    |
| * Kath Purcell    | * Graceann Case     | * Grace Ofosu-Addo               | * Sandy Godfrey   |
| * Baby Raphael    | * Gary Albrecht     | * Baby Louisa Wostenholme        | * Lynn Wilson     |
| * Carl Johnson    | * Keith Albrecht    | * Savannah Simmerman             | * Leigh Anderson  |
| * Amanda Peck     | * Ashleigh and Dan  | * Sam Parris' Dad                | * Linda Ford      |
| * Andrea Tootell  | * Sandra D'Imperio  | * Bill and Laura Parris          | * Nate Johnson    |
| * David Behrens   | * Mark and Angelica | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin | * Karen Gundel    |
| * Melissa Behrens | * Tanya             | * Hunter and Annette Martin      | * Norman Cox      |
| * Mia Moy         | * Martha Manning    | * Ann and Dineen Hoagland        | * Rick Bockes     |
| * Theodore        | * Brian Judy        | * Sharon Patrick Dryden          |                   |

## **All those serving abroad in our military, including from our church:**

- ✝ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC)
- ✝ Elizabeth Batista, Lackland Air Force in Tech School (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter)

## **The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:**

- ✝ Clarendon Presbyterian Church - Alexandria, VA
- ✝ Clifton Presbyterian Church - Clifton, VA

# Calendar

## September 12 - 19, 2021

### SUNDAY, September 12

#### Music Sunday/Annual Church Picnic

10:00 AM Worship - one service  
Church Picnic following the one worship service  
1:00 PM Peace Church  
1:15 PM Property Ministry Team

### MONDAY, September 13

9:30 AM Horizons Bible Study  
10:30 AM Holy Fitness  
11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club  
7:00 PM Bible Buddies  
8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

### TUESDAY, September 14

8:30 AM TOPS  
1:00 PM Al-Anon  
1:30 PM Staff Meeting  
3:00 PM Fellowship Ministry Team  
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964  
7:00 PM Evangelism & Outreach Ministry Team  
7:00 PM Worship Ministry Team  
7:30 PM AA 101

### WEDNESDAY, September 15

10:30 AM Holy Fitness  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir  
7:00 PM Peace Church Prayer Meeting  
8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

### THURSDAY, September 16

3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group  
7:00 PM Ministry Team Leaders Meeting  
8:00 PM AA Support Group

### FRIDAY, September 17

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

### SATURDAY, September 18

### SUNDAY, September 19

#### Back to Church Sunday

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional  
9:30 AM Children's Education  
9:45 AM Confirmation Class (grades 7 & up)  
9:45 AM Romans Bible Study (Adult)  
11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary  
1:00 PM Mark Levy Graveside Service/Reception  
1:00 PM Peace Church

## 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.<sup>1</sup>

### BOARD OF DEACONS

#### Class of 2022

Debbie Cornelius  
Liz Goolgasian  
Anne Green  
Charlotte Stultz

#### Class of 2023

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

#### Class of 2024

Agnes Fokwa  
Deborah Folly  
Helen Francois  
Nne Kalu  
Kathy McNeely

Ellen Nuernberger, Ministry Team Leader..... 703-878-0009

Deborah Folly, Ministry Team Leader .....703-606-5532

## 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.<sup>2</sup>

See current ruling elders of FUPCDC on page 15 of bulletin.

<sup>1</sup> *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.

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*, p. 60.

## SESSION

Cathy Albrecht ('23)	703-670-8369
Bill Ediage ('24)	571-477-9306
Morelle Fokwa ('24)	571-409-9435
Jon Guest ('22)	703-491-4006
Marti Hall ('22)	703-626-2269
Pat Manalio ('23)	703-283-2948
Chris Martin ('23)	585-455-8423
Sam Parris ('24)	703-946-7226
Linda Wolstenholme ('23)	703-878-3697
Rev. Adam C. Bowling	<i>Moderator</i> 828-448-8914
Sara Porter	<i>Clerk of Session</i> 703-670-8737

## MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Pat Manalio (Interim)	<i>Administration</i>	703-283-2948
Ellen Nuernberger	<i>Congregational Care</i>	703-878-0009
Deborah Folly	<i>Congregational Care</i>	703-606-5532
Charlotte Stultz	<i>Evangelism &amp; Outreach</i>	703-494-8367
Betsy Gilbert	<i>Fellowship</i>	703-670-4949
Curt Hoagland	<i>Growing in Faith</i>	703-878-4664
Pam Cox	<i>Mission</i>	703-441-6319
Mike Gundel	<i>Property</i>	301-767-5030
Dennis Dingle	<i>Stewardship &amp; Finance</i>	703-583-9689
Martin Andrews	<i>Worship</i>	703-967-4358
Rev. Adam C. Bowling	<i>Moderator</i>	828-448-8914

## Attendance and Prayer Requests

Since we have temporarily suspended passing the friendship register, we request that those who attend worship in person sign in at one of the new attendance stations. If you are worshipping from home, or don't feel comfortable signing in at a station, you can register your attendance and prayer requests using the online form, which is located on our website at [fupcdc.org/attend](http://fupcdc.org/attend) or by scanning this QR Code with your mobile device.



### 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 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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Church Office Hours: 10 AM - 2:30 PM, weekdays, 703-670-7834

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Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366