

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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17th Sunday after Pentecost
National Back to Church Sunday
September 19, 2021
11:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor
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828.448.8914

GATHERING

+ **GATHERING SONG**

How Great is Our God

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

WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

MINISTRY IN ACTION

✝ Growing in Faith Ministry Team

+ **GATHERING WORDS** (*inspired by James 3:13-4:8*)

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

+ **OPENING SONG**

Let It Rise

Holland Davis (CCLI# 2240585)

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS (*inspired by James 3*)

O God, we live our lives as best we can—dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE *(inspired by James 3)*

When we come before God in humility and honesty,
**God draws near to us with forgiveness
and renewed blessing.**

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)*

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***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.

PROCLAIMING

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mysteries and wonders, we come with open hearts to accept your assurance, open minds to receive your wisdom, and open hands to do your will. By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit reveal your vision of hope in scripture, sermon, and song.
Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 3:13-4:3,7-8a NRSV

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in

disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Good Life

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 an usher. For those worshiping online, please email Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!

RESPONDING

+ SONG OF RESPONSE

Way Maker

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu (CCLI#: 7115744)

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 Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Becca and Chris Anderson

Martin Smith (CCLI#: 1043199)

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*James 3*)

Lord, you are the generous one, full of mercy and goodness for your creation. Send your wisdom with these gifts, that they may reach those who need your love and welcome. Bring about a harvest of goodness through these gifts sown in peace. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

+ SENDING SONG

Better Is One Day

Matt Redman (CCLI#: 1097451)

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **RESPONSE**

Better is One Day (Reprise)

Matt Redman (CCLI#: 1097451)

+ *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

Worship Notes

- * **WELCOME!** Whether 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.

- * **BELL RINGER:** Ike Evans (8:30)

- * **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** Jim Ford and Pat Manalio (8:30)
Richard Bennett (11:00)

- * **FLOWERS** are given by Gloria Harris-Coffield in honor of Eli Coffield's birthday on September 15th.

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

- ✚ **ROMANS BIBLE STUDY:** We will resume the adult Bible study for a 9-week study of Romans. This class will begin **TODAY** at **9:45 AM** in the **Triple Room**. Contact Curt Hoagland choagieva@yahoo.com for more information. This is a continuation of the book that we started in the spring.
- ✚ **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION:** Sunday School starts **TODAY, September 19th** at **9:30 AM** for children through 6th grade. Join us this month as we learn about taking initiative. Instead of letting things happen **TO** us, we can choose to make the world a better place for the people **AROUND** us. Little ones through preschool will meet in rooms 15 and 17 (church nursery), Kindergarten through 6th graders will start in small groups (rooms 3 and 4), then to large group in rooms 1 and 2 (youth room), and end back in small groups. We can't wait to see you! Contact Erin Bowling (erinkbowling@gmail.com) for more information.
- ✚ **HELPING AFGHAN REFUGEES:** The Mission Ministry Team has decided to work with Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area to assist Afghan refugees as they resettle in the United States. This organization has been working with immigrants and refugees since 1917 and is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (one of our partner denominations). Our presbytery does not have a similar program, so we have made a monetary donation to Lutheran Social Services. To participate in volunteer activities or to make in-kind donations, please go to their

website located at <https://lssnca.org> and refer to the FAQ page. This information is also posted on the Welcome Center bulletin board.

- ✚ **FALL FESTIVAL: Save the Date, October 23rd, 4:00 to 6:00 PM.**
- ✚ **MOVIE NIGHT: Friday, October 1st** is the FUPCDC movie night! The movie will be “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood”, rated PG, and will begin at **7:30 PM** on the church lawn. Please bring your lawn chairs and snacks.
- * **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED LUNCH (Sunday, Sept. 26th, 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.
- * **CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** We are looking for volunteers to help with Children’s Church for the services. This is for up to 5th graders who will leave the service and go and participate in a children’s church. Please contact Curt Hoagland, choagieva@yahoo.com if you can help. We are also looking for Sunday School teachers. Please let Erin Bowling know at erinkbowling@gmail.com, 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) this coming **Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00 PM** in **Room 22** or join us by Zoom.
- * **FALL CLEAN UP:** The annual fall cleanup will be **Saturday, October 2nd 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 9th.
- * **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.

- * **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.
- * **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.
- * **LITTLE HANDS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:** For more information, go to www.fupcdc.org/lhps.
- * **LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Monday night Bible Buddies meet at 7:00 PM. We are using 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:** Please join us for a Bible study about Jesus' grandmothers. We will be talking about our grandmothers and the influences that they had on our families, especially in the area of faith. Later monthly studies will look at Tamar, Rahab, Bathsheba, Ruth and Mary as influencers in Jesus' family. All are welcome to join us in Room 22, the second Monday of each month, at 9:30 AM. Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net or 703-819-5044 for more information.

- * **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) 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.
- * **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.

Student Ministry News

- * **TODAY, SEPTEMBER 19th – CONFIRMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS (7th, 8th, and 9th grade) 9:45 AM:** Do you know a 7th, 8th, or 9th 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 **TODAY** 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 7th, 8th, or 9th 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.

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Report on Offering: August 2021

	AUG 2021 Actual	AUG 2021 Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Offering Pledged	32,754	34,000	265,975	272,300
Offering Unpledged	6,419	3,900	42,174	31,700
Total Offering	39,173	37,900	308,149	304,000

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| ✝ Emmanuel Dankyi-Ankoma | * Betty Little | * Jeannine Menzie | * Larry Menzie |
| ✝ Grace Ofosu-Addo | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | * Brian Judy |
| ✝ Nancy Geo and family | * Tanya | * David Gibbs | * 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 | * Graceann Case | * Hunter and Annette Martin | * Norman Cox |
| * Mia Moy | * Martha Manning | * Ann and Dineen Hoagland | * Rick Bockes |
| * Theodore | * Kath Purcell | * Sharon Patrick Dryden | * Sonya Dunn |

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:

- ✝ Colesville Presbyterian Church - Silver Spring, MD
- ✝ Covenant Presbyterian Church - Woodbridge, VA

SESSION

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| 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 |

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| Rev. Adam C. Bowling | <i>Moderator</i> | 828-448-8914 |
| Sara Porter | <i>Clerk of Session</i> | 703-670-8737 |

Calendar

September 19 - 26, 2021

SUNDAY, September 19

Back to Church Sunday

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:30 AM Children's Education
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class
- 9:45 AM Romans Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 1:00 PM Mark Levy Graveside Yahrzeit Service/Reception
- 1:00 PM Peace Church

MONDAY, September 20

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, September 21

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Congregational Care Team
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
- 7:30 PM AA 101

WEDNESDAY, September 22

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- 7:00 PM Peace Church Prayer Meeting
- 8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, September 23

- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, September 24

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness

SATURDAY, September 25

SUNDAY, September 26

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:30 AM Children's Education
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class
- 9:45 AM Romans Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 12:10 PM Discover First United Program
- 1:00 PM Peace Church

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 or by scanning this QR Code with your mobile device.



MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

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 Ellen Nuernberger*Congregational Care* 703-878-0009
 Deborah Folly *Congregational Care* 703-606-5532
 Charlotte Stultz.....*Evangelism & Outreach*..... 703-494-8367
 Betsy Gilbert.....*Fellowship* 703-670-4949
 Curt Hoagland.....*Growing in Faith*..... 703-878-4664
 Pam Cox*Mission* 703-441-6319
 Mike Gundel *Property*..... 301-767-5030
 Dennis Dingle*Stewardship & Finance* 703-583-9689
 Martin Andrews*Worship*..... 703-967-4358

Rev. Adam C. Bowling..... *Moderator*..... 828-448-8914

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 DirectorIke Evans
 Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
 Little Hands Preschool Director..... Tiffany Ramsey
 Sexton..... Homer Detrich
 Office Manager..... Kim Parker

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

Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366