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A night sky with a bright star and a city silhouette. The background is a deep blue and purple gradient, filled with numerous small white stars. A single, very bright star is positioned in the upper center, emitting a starburst effect. Below the sky, a dark silhouette of a city skyline is visible against a lighter purple glow. The text is overlaid on this background.

# STAR WORDS

**FOLLOWING THE JESUS STAR  
FOR YOUR BRAVE NEW YEAR**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

January 1, 2023

10:00 AM

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## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

+ **GATHERING SONG**

*The First Noel*

(CCLI#: 31047)

### WELCOME

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Isaiah 60*)

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Let us praise the Lord together.

**The sun shall no longer be our light by day,  
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,**

For the Lord will be our light,  
and our God will be our glory.

**The Lord will be our everlasting light,  
and our days of sorrow will end.**

**Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!**

+ **OPENING SONG**

*One Bright Star - One Small Child*

Andrews/Schou

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Christ. The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure. We do not come simply to worship: we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, and wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions for not-so-important requests that we heap before him. But the Magi sought first the kingdom. Help us, God, to follow their example, putting our own needs in perspective, worshiping Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

In the midst of our darkness and ignorance,

**the bright light of God's love shines through, healing our anguished souls.**

Rejoice, beloved of God, for God's love and forgiveness are given to you this day.

**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**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Open our minds to understand the wisdom of your Word, O God. Open our ears to hear the good news your scripture shares with us. Open our lips to declare your righteousness and open our hearts to receive the gift of your salvation in the birth of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

**MESSAGE**

Star Gifts

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 right outside 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**

+ **SONG OF RESPONSE**

*We Three Kings*

John Henry Hopkins Jr., Nathan Drake (CCLI#: 7197595)

**SERVICE OF GIVING**

Music at the Offering

*We Fall Down*

Chris Tomlin (CCLI#: 2437367)

## + **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Living God, your radiance shines in the beauty of creation. In Christ your Son, you have given the world eternal light that burns brightly in the midst of darkness. Like the magi, when you draw us near, we are overwhelmed with joy! Lead us by your Spirit to share your warmth and grace with our neighbors. Let our lives in this new year be an offering. We pray through Christ, the light of the world.

**Amen.**

## **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Instructions:** *Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates to pick up your new 2023 Star Word from the basket. Then, proceed to the table for communion. All the bread is gluten free. Please partake of the elements when you receive them, and dispose of your cups in the baskets provided. You may return to your seats by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward please notify an usher, and a server will bring communion to you in your row, or you may pick up a prefilled communion cup in the Welcome Center. Know that all are welcome to the Table of the Lord.*

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(It's Yours)*

Fowler, Sooter, Maher (CCLI# 7200544)

***Father let Your Kingdom come***

***Father let Your will be done***

***On earth as in heaven***

***Right here in my heart***

***Father let Your Kingdom come***

***Father let Your will be done***

***On earth as in heaven***

***Right here in my heart***

***Give us this day our daily bread***

***Forgive us, forgive us***

***As we forgive the ones who sinned against us***

***Forgive them***

***And lead us not into temptation***

***But deliver us from the evil one***

***Let Your kingdom come***

*It's Yours, it's Yours  
All Yours, all Yours  
The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours  
It's Yours, it's Yours  
All Yours, all Yours  
Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours*

*Father let Your Kingdom come (Holy, holy)  
Father let Your will be done  
On earth as in heaven (Let it be done)  
Right here in my heart (Here in my heart)*

*On earth as in heaven  
Right here in my heart*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **+ COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Music during Communion

*Do They Know*

Andrews/Schou

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

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

### **+ SENDING SONG**

*He Came Down*

John L. Bell (CCLI# 4679219)

### **+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **+ BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

John W. Work Jr. (CCLI#: 29080)

+ *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 right outside 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.
- \* **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** Bob Porter, Wilbur Snyder

## 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

- † **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday, January 7<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).
- † **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED PROGRAM AND LUNCH:** We invite you to prayerfully consider attending our Discover First United lunch and program **Sunday, January 8, 2023** in Room 27 from **12:15 PM until 1:30 PM**. This event is designed to introduce you and your family to the church and is open to anyone interested in learning more about our worshiping community and/or membership. We also promise to honor your time and end the program by 1:30 PM. If you are new to FUPCDC, are

interested in possibly joining the church, or becoming an official “Friend of the Church,” the Discover First United Program is for you! Please register for this event, <https://forms.gle/quBs1WzHwizwDrid9>. Email the church office at [office@fupcdc.org](mailto:office@fupcdc.org) if you have questions.

- ✝ **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on Sundays beginning January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM for the Bible study, “The Lord’s Prayer” by Adam Hamilton. Contact Curt Hoagland, [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com) for questions.
- ✝ **252 KIDS CHILDREN’S MINISTRY:** We will meet at 9:00 TODAY. This month, our preschoolers are going to step into their own **Wonderful Workshop** as we discover some of the amazing things Jesus did. Everything Jesus did - and the way He did things - showed everyone around Him that He was God’s son, and that means that Jesus is amazing! We are going to have a lot of fun with preschoolers as we tinker and create together. So, get your workshops ready! It’s time for our preschoolers to discover how Jesus is amazing! Our kindergarten through sixth grade students will learn about knowledge as they enter our **Think Tank**. God is the author of knowledge. Everything we know to be true about the world is because of God. And while we may never know all there is to know ABOUT God, there are lots of ways we can get to KNOW God. We can know God best through Jesus, who showed us how much God loves us and showed why knowledge is so important. The more we know God, the better we can live God’s way each day.
- ✝ **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Come join us for a new Bible study, beginning Monday, January 16 at 7:00 PM, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus*. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt, as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place? And what can Jesus’ grandmothers-of-the-faith teach us? By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is. We will meet on Mondays in Room 22 at 7:00 PM beginning January 16. Please contact Betty Matthews, [bettymatthews1@verizon.net](mailto:bettymatthews1@verizon.net) for more information.
- \* **FLOWER SIGN UP FOR 2023:** New dates have been added to the Flower Sign Up Genius for 2023. It filled up quickly last year! To sign up, you may click on the link on the FUPCDC Thursday News or if you have signed up in the past, an email may be sent to you. When signing up, please indicate who the flowers are in honor or memory of in the comment section. In addition, after the service the flowers are used by the deacons for the Flower Ministry and are given to a congregational member who is in need of feeling some love from the congregation. If you wish to keep the flowers instead, just indicate this in the comment section or email me. The cost for purchasing flowers continues to be **\$40.00**. You may pay for them by sending a check into the office made out to FUPCDC. Please write flowers and the Sunday you signed up for in the memo section. You may also pay online on the church website. If you have any trouble signing up, please email me at [gailzcoobb@gmail.com](mailto:gailzcoobb@gmail.com) and I will be happy to help you!



# *Student Ministry News*

- ✝ **YOUTH LASER TAG TRIP (Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>):** Check your email or talk to Pastor Adam for information.
- \* **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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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| ✝ Gary and Patti Goodrich      | * Bill and Laura Parris | * Cherie Sankey | * Leigh Anderson  |
| ✝ Nancy Hoagland               | * Amanda Peck           | * Mark Stewart  | * Linda Ford      |
| ✝ George Riling                | * Pat Greenhalgh        | * Alex Martin   | * Norman Cox      |
| ✝ Kwabena                      | * Debbie Niederriter    | * Nancy Lanza   | * Nate Johnson    |
| ✝ Margaret Nuernberger         | * Tommy and Deb         | * Amanda        | * Ann Randles     |
| * Nathan Johnson, III          | * Sandra D'Imperio      | * Baby Raphael  | * Rick Bockes     |
| * Karen Gundel                 | * Frank Coniglio        | * Tanya         | * Norman Cobb     |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme     | * Marjorie Lawrence     | * Kath Purcell  | * Jeannine Menzie |
| * Jason, Azena, Mikhail Corbin | * Doug Godfrey          | * Jenny N.      | * Deborah Folly   |
| * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh   | * R. Rizzo              | * Leslie        |                   |

- ✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Bob and Ellen Nuernberger and family, at the death of Bob's mother, Margaret on December 20, 2022. Margaret went from the land of the dying to the land of the living. Please lift the entire family up in prayer at this time.

### **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:**

- ✠ The Idylwood Presbyterian Church - Falls Church, VA
- ✠ Immanuel Presbyterian Church - McLean, VA

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# Calendar

## January 1 - 8, 2023

### SUNDAY, January 1

Epiphany Sunday

New Year's Day

9:00 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Communion

No PM Youth

### MONDAY, January 2

Church Office Closed

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Tiger Den

8:30 PM Production Meeting - Google Meet

### TUESDAY, January 3

8:30 AM TOPS

9:30 AM Woodbridge Christian  
Women's Connection

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Al-Anon

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G

7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 226

7:00 PM Growing in Faith Ministry Team

7:00 PM Mission Ministry Team

7:30 PM AA

7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

### WEDNESDAY, January 4

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 80115

6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Arrow of Light Den

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

### THURSDAY, January 5

3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group

6:30 PM Cub Scouts 289 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

7:00 PM Safety & Security Team

8:00 PM AA Support Group

### FRIDAY, January 6

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

### SATURDAY, January 7

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

### SUNDAY, January 8

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional

9:45 AM Bible Study (Adult/Youth)

9:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry

11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary

1:15 PM Property Ministry Team

TBD Youth - Laser Tag Trip

### DEACONS

#### Class of 2023

Bob Albrecht

Sandy Chamberlin

Claudia Cunningham

Pam Emert

Ellen Nuernberger

Tracy Stevens

#### Class of 2024

Agnes Fokwa

Helen Franchois

Nne Kalu

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#### Class of 2025

Debbie Cornelius

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