

# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

8:30 AM

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## 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

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

C. Kocher, arr. L. Hartman

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

From east and west, north and south, we gather in God's name,  
**to pray, to worship, to sing, to celebrate the Lord's Supper.**

We give thanks that we are part of a large, diverse family of faith.

**We are old. We are young. We come from tribes of all kinds.**

We give thanks that God's family is one of many colors.

**We are all different and unique. We are all children of God.**

We give thanks that the narrative we proclaim belongs to everyone.

**We stand with our friends and family around the world,  
reclaiming the name of Jesus.**

We give thanks for Jesus' resurrection, a truth that tells us that God's love wins.

**We give thanks and praise to the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Come, let us worship God and gather at God's wide and wonderful table.

### + OPENING SONG

*Come All You People (Uyai mose)*

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**Come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker;  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker;  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker;  
come now and worship the Lord.**

**Uyai mose,  
tinamate Mwari;  
uyai mose,  
tinamate Mwari;  
uyai mose,  
tinamate Mwari;  
uyai mose zvino.**

*Note: This short gathering song (based on a text adapted from Psalm 95:6) is a great favorite among children in Zimbabwe, and it is frequently used as a processional song for worship. The choir enters singing, the congregation picks up their excitement, and soon all are singing.*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Friends, the invitation list to the Lord's Table is larger than any of us could ever imagine. Let us confess the ways in which we have sought to limit that invitation, by praying together. . .

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Hospitality and Wonder, you welcome us to a table that invites those who are different than us. This invitation has made us uncomfortable, unsettled, and defensive. Our discomfort comes from an unwillingness to see other peoples' perspectives. Our unsettledness comes from a dependence on the status quo. Our defensiveness comes from a belief that our image of you is the only one that matters. Help us to surrender ourselves to the abundance of your invitation. Inspire us to embrace the fact that diversity is strength, not weakness. Gather us to welcome the stranger, care for the oppressed, and feed the hungry. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and open us to your Gospel that we might better embody the Beloved Community you call us to be. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, we are ALL invited to this table.

I am here to announce to you

that whatever you think disqualifies you from God's love

has been washed away by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

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**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

**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.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 7:1-5 NRSV

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

**CANTAD!**  
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Patterson

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:9-14 NRSV

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Half Truths: Love The Sinner, Hate The Sin? 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 worshiping 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** *Praise God, All You Nations (Da n’ase)*

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Praise God, all you nations.  
People of God, sing praise!  
Praise God, all you nations.  
People of God, sing praise:  
God’s love is great and endures forever.  
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People of God, sing praise!

Da n'ase! Da n'ase! Da Onyame ase!  
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Efiase oye n'a n'adoe doe so.  
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*Note: This paraphrase of Psalm 117 comes from Ghana and was originally created in the Twi language. Paradoxically, this shortest of all psalms is universal in scope, which makes it especially appropriate to sing in the words and music of people from another part of the world.*

### **SERVICE OF GIVING**

Music at the Offering      *Rassemblement "Gathering" in English*      Odette Vercausse  
English translation of Lyrics by Morelle Fokwa  
Morelle Fokwa and Agnes Fokwa, Duet

Refrain: Lord, we are coming from the four corners of the world, and here we have made it, in Your house.

1 We have walked on human roads, we have carried daily burdens, we have endured exhaustion and pain, but simply, we have offered Your love to others.

2 We have walked among our brothers, we have carried the weight of our days, we have been pained to see them angry, but simply, we have offered them our love.

3 Here we are finally all around the table, gathered here to speak of Your Son. You have nourished us with such a formidable love, and simply we sing our joy to You!

### **+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, we present these gifts to benefit our siblings around the world. From many vocations, we all engage in your global mission. Use our gifts to serve your church and to reach out with love to our neighbors everywhere. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

**Amen.**

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

**Instructions:** *Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates to receive 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** *(Sung)*

Albert Hay Malotte

*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.*

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

Music during Communion      *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

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#### **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

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

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English

We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching,  
marching, Oh-O  
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching,  
marching, Oh-O  
We are marching in the light of God.

Zulu/Xhosa

Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamba,  
Siyahamba, Oh-O  
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

Siyahamba,  
Siyahamba, Oh-O  
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

+ **OUR VISION**

Here at First United Presbyterian we are

Welcoming All, Growing Together, Serving with Joy!

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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

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+ *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:**

Alessandro Trujillo	(8:30)
Uche Akobundu	(11:00)

## *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.
- \* **THURSDAY NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED:** To read about all the great things that are happening at FUPCDC, you can receive a weekly email. To sign up for the Thursday News, go to <https://fupcdc.org> and click on the church email signups button or email the church office at [office@fupcdc.org](mailto:office@fupcdc.org).
- \* **CONNECT CARD/PRAYER CARD:** If you are new to FUPCDC or you need to update your information, please fill out a Connect Card. On the back side is the Prayer Card. It would be our honor to pray for your joys and concerns. Please drop the card in the Prayer Request box in the Welcome Center.

# Ministry in Action

- ✝ **2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: SERVING WITH JOY!** Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign is underway. In the coming weeks, you will continue hearing from some of our church family as they share what **SERVING WITH JOY** means to them. BUT we don't want to hear from just a few, we also want to hear what **SERVING WITH JOY** means to you. Please take a few minutes and stop by the table in the Narthex/Welcome Center and answer this question, "What ministry event(s), program(s), and/or sermon(s) have brought you JOY?" Place your response in the basket on the table (filling in your name is optional). For those watching online, please go to the church web site, [www.fupcdc.org](http://www.fupcdc.org), scroll down and click on the **SERVING WITH JOY QUESTION**, and type in your response. Your responses will be shared during the campaign.
- ✝ **CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** If you are a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader or high school student that has not been confirmed, Confirmation classes will begin TODAY, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 AM in Room 22.
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:** Please join us as we fellowship around the dinner table on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The dinner will be **Potluck: Bring a dish from your heritage, country, region, or family favorites. Dessert will be provided.** If you are willing to help set up and/or help clean up, it certainly would be appreciated! Please contact Marti Hall at 703-626-2269 (call or text) or [martihall@comcast.net](mailto:martihall@comcast.net). Chancel choir rehearsal and Pastor's Bible study will follow the Wednesday Night meal.
- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join us at 7:00 PM in Room 22 on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for a Bible study, Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes by Pastor Josh Scott. This six-week Bible study will consider stories many read as children. Our next story will be *The Story of Jonah*.
- ✝ **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** Bring your feathered and furry companions to be blessed TODAY at 2:00 PM on the church lawn. Stuffed animals can also be blessed. If your animal(s) cannot be brought for some reason, you are welcome to bring an item, such as a collar/harness or photo to represent. There will also be an opportunity to remember special animals who have died recently. This event is open to the community.
- ✝ **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, October 8<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).
- ✝ **FALL CLEAN UP:** The annual fall cleanup will be on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM. Let's get the church grounds ready for Fall and Winter. Many hands make the work lighter (and quicker). If you have tools, bring them! If not, we will have tools to use.
- ✝ **PHOTO DIRECTORY DAYS:** October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> after 8:30 and 11 AM services.
- ✝ **SAVE THE DATE:** FUPCDC Fall Festival, Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 - 6:00 PM.
- \* **SMALL GROUP:** Our adult study, Adam Hamilton's Half-Truths is on Sundays at 9:45 AM. For more information, contact Curt Hoagland at [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com).
- \* **252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** We will meet today at 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM. The 252 Kids Club will meet at 9:30 AM. Contact Curt Hoagland at [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com) for more information.

# *Student Ministry News*

- ✚ **FALL YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are now available online and in the Welcome Center.
- \* **STUDENT MINISTRY EMAILS:** Sign up to receive Student Ministry emails. Ask Briana Stewart 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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| ✚ Melinda McDaniel            | * Debbie Niederriter  | * Karen Gundel    | * Linda Ford     |
| * Joel Hough                  | * Baby Raphael        | * Jeannine Menzie | * Rick Bockes    |
| * Marti Hall                  | * Tanya               | * Doug Godfrey    | * Ann Randles    |
| * Judy Stewart                | * Amanda              | * Yolanda Magpayc | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme    | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Mikon Jones     | * Nate Johnson   |
| * Bill and Laura Parris       | * Amanda Peck         | * Deborah Folly   | * Sue Johnson    |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Theresa Arnold      | * Mike Gundel     | * Amy Smith      |
|                               | * Donna Davis         | * Lee Watenpaugh  |                  |

- \* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh and family at the death their son-in-law, Cecil (CC) Wayne Corbin on September 19<sup>th</sup>. He went from the land of dying to the land of living. Please lift Lee and Giselle, Brigitte (Leigh and Giselle's daughter) and the entire family up in and prayer at this time.
- \* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Kathy Cobb and family at the death of her mother, Virginia May Irvin Hummel, on September 12, 2023. Virginia went from the land of dying to the land of living. Please lift Kathy and Jeff, and 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)
- ✚ Zack Lauster (Aaron Lauster's son)
- ✚ Ryan Bruner (Carol and Ross Schwalm's son-in-law)

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

- ✚ Christ Presbyterian Church - Fairfax, VA
- ✚ Christ the King Presbyterian Church - College Park, MD

# Calendar

## October 1 - 8, 2023

### SUNDAY, October 1

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion
- 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 9:30 AM 252 Kids Club
- 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion
- 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 12:15 PM Spread the Bread Ministry
- 12:15 PM More Light Presbyterians Meeting
- 2:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

### MONDAY, October 2

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Wolf Den
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
- 7:00 PM NCA Emmaus Board Meeting
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting - Google Meet

### TUESDAY, October 3

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
- 7:00 PM Growing in Faith Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Mission Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours
- 7:30 PM AA 101

### WEDNESDAY, October 4

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal - Potluck
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM FUPCDC Chancel Choir
- 8:15 PM FUPCDC Praise Team
- 8:30 PM Building Fund Re-designation Task Force

### THURSDAY, October 5

- 10:00 AM Fellowship Ministry Team
- 10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM Safety & Security Team
- 8:00 PM AA for Beginners

### FRIDAY, October 6

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness

### SATURDAY, October 7

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Fall Clean Up

### SUNDAY, October 8

#### Photo Directory Day - after 8:30 & 11 AM services

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 9:30 AM 252 Kids Club
- 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 12:15 PM Spread the Bread Ministry
- 1:15 PM Property Ministry Team

#### First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA

Ministers.....	People of the Church
Pastor.....	Rev. Adam C. Bowling
Parish Assistant.....	Pastor Michael Slayter
Youth Director.....	Briana Stewart
Chancel Choir Director.....	Dana Van Slyke
Contemporary Worship Leader.....	Theresa Arnold
Pianist/Organist.....	Dr. Nadia Carmichael
Nursery Supervisor (Interim).....	Christine Willever
Sexton.....	Homer Detrich
Office Manager.....	Kim Parker



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