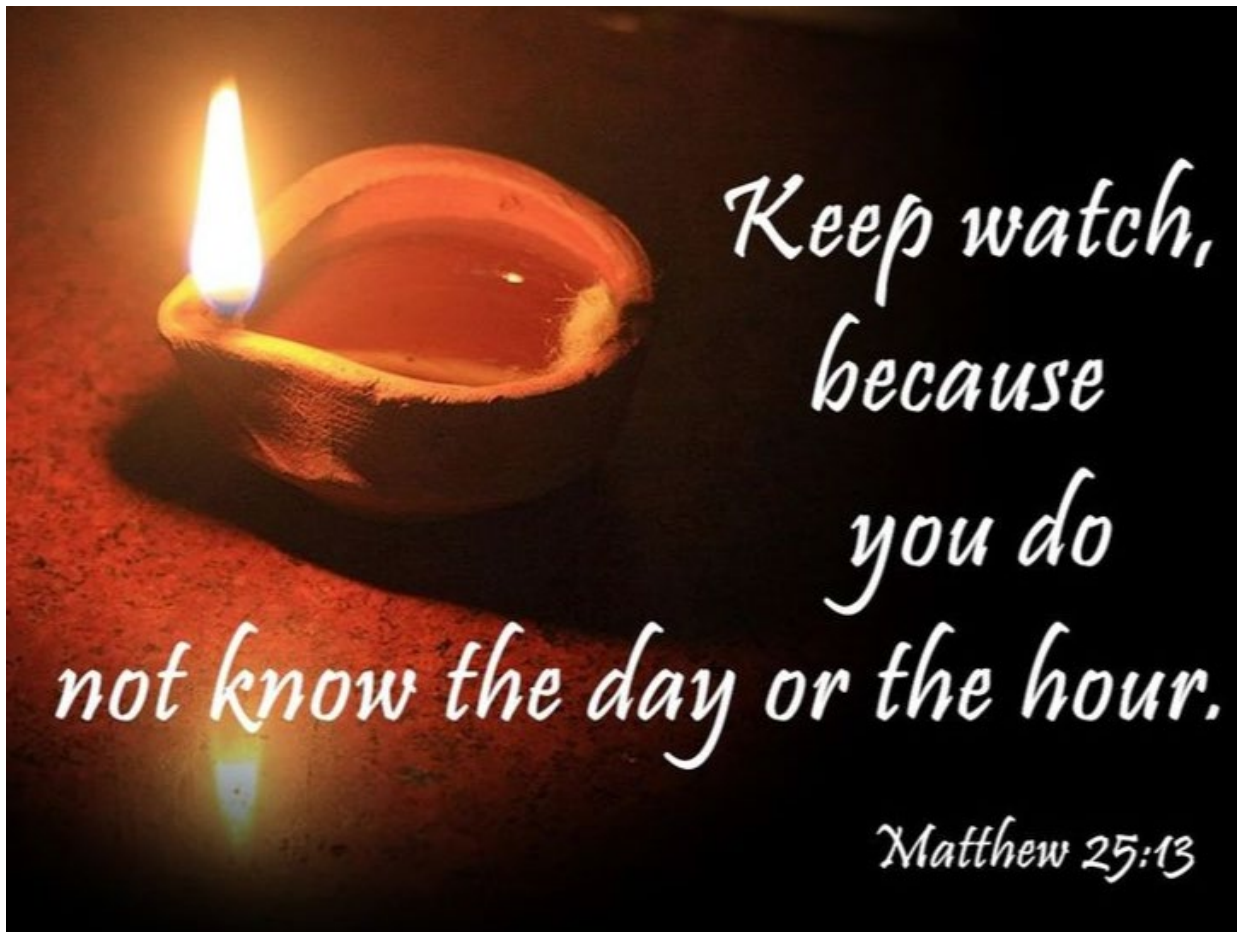


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*Keep watch,
because
you do*

not know the day or the hour.

Matthew 25:13

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

11:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org

828.448.8914

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

Days of Elijah

Robin Mark (CCLI# 1537904)

WELCOME

Pastor Michael Slayter

+ GATHERING WORDS *(Psalm 78:1-7)*

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and God's might, and the wonders that he has done.

The Lord established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which God commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

So that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep God's commandments.

+ OPENING SONG

You Are God Alone (Not a God)

Billy J. Foote, Cindy Foote (CCLI# 4243463)

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Holy God, your way for us is clear: We are to live so that the manner of our lives speaks of your goodness, your generosity, your infinite mercy. Too often, though, we forget the purposes for which you made us. Too often, when we might meet inhumanity with the reflection of your goodness, we turn aside. We return unkindness for unkindness. We cling to what might be shared. We avoid those who are not like us. We fail to give grace in the measure we have received it. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that your goodness is enduring, and your mercy is everlasting, as we confess silently those things we hold in our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE *(Ephesians 2:8-10)*

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Believe the promise of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

+ **RESPONSE**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) (Chorus)

John Newton, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio (CCLI# 4768151)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace *(Repeat Chorus)*

+ **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.)

PROCLAIMING

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Michael Slayter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let your Word dwell within us richly, O Lord. Let your truth ring as a clarion through the chatter around us. Hold us in this time, that your wisdom may shape us to the depth of our humanity, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13 NRSV

²⁵“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and

slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

MESSAGE

What If?

Pastor Michael Slayter

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 someone at the Welcome Table right outside the sanctuary. For those worshipping online, please email Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!)

RESPONDING

+ **SONG OF RESPONSE** *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (CCLI# 6016351)

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

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Jason Ingram (CCLI# 7127647)

+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, you have given us what we need, indeed you have given us more than we need. Accept this portion that we dedicate to your work. Grant that we might be blessed in turn as we see your reign at work in the world and in ourselves.

Amen.

SENDING

- + **SENDING SONG** *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*
Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren (CCLI# 7121852)
- + **OUR VISION**
Here at First United Presbyterian we are
Welcoming All, Growing Together, Serving with Joy!
- + **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Pastor Michael Slayter
- + **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*
Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren (CCLI# 7121852)
- + *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for November 19th after the 8:30 AM worship service to approve the terms of call for the pastor and to elect an elder to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2024.

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:**

Douglas Randles	(8:30)
Pam Cox	(11:00)
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Pam Cox in loving memory of Lisa Chrzan.

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.
- * **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":** While we celebrated Stewardship Dedication Sunday on October 22, 2023, if you have not had time to submit a pledge for 2024, you still have an opportunity to do so. An electronic pledge form for 2024 is available on the church website, <https://fupcdc.org>. You may use the paper copy on the website or the form available in the Sanctuary and send it to the church, ATTN: 2024 Stewardship Campaign. We ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge for 2024. Our goal is for every family and individual, members, friends, and non-members, to make a pledge commitment for 2024. No matter the amount, each pledge allows the Session to formulate a workable budget that supports FUPCDC Ministries and allow each of us opportunities to continue to Serve with Joy!
- ✝ **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED PROGRAM AND LUNCH:** We invite you to prayerfully consider attending our Discover First United lunch and program on **Sunday, December 10, 2023** in Room 27 from **12:10 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 on the link in the Thursday News. Email the church office at office@fupcdc.org if you have questions.
- ✝ **YOUTH SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF:** Come to the Soup/Chili Cook-Off on **Wednesday, November 15th** at 6:00 PM in the Triple Room. All money raised will support the Youth Mission Fund. See the Thursday News to sign up or contact Briana Stewart at briana.stewart@fupcdc.org
- ✝ **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Today's study is *The Ten Minas* from [The Parables of Jesus](#) by Gladys Hunt. Join us at 9:45 AM in the Triple Room. Contact Curt Hoagland for more information at choagieva@yahoo.com.

- ✝ **DINNER WITH FRIENDS:** We will meet on **Saturday, November 18th at 6:00 PM** at Hector's of Lake Ridge (Mexican Restaurant), 2233 Tacketts Mill Drive, Lake Ridge and order off the menu. **Please let us know TODAY** if you will be able to join us so that we can give the restaurant an accurate count. If you have questions, please call or text the Gilberts: Betsy at 703-343-3921 or Bruce at 703-343-3912. We look forward to having you join us.
- * **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 Kim Brown at kim.brown@fupcdc.org for more information.

Student Ministry News

- ✝ **LASER TAG:** We will meet TODAY at Team Tactics at 2:45 PM. Bring \$15 and a friend. Email Briana Stewart with your RSVP, briana.stewart@fupcdc.org.
- ✝ **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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| ✝ Scott Peterman | * Debbie Niederriter | * Karen Gundel | * Linda Ford |
| * Stacey and John Porter | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Rick Bockes |
| * Mike Moore | * Tanya | * Doug Godfrey | * Ann Randles |
| * Joel Hough | * Amanda | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Judy Stewart | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Mikon Jones | * Nate Johnson |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Amanda Peck | * Deborah Folly | * Sue Johnson |
| * Bill and Laura Parris | * Melinda McDaniel | * Mike Gundel | * Amy Smith |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Steve Glycer | * Lee Watenpaugh | * Marti Hall |
| | * Christine Willever | * Dave Stokes | |

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

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| ✝ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC) | ✝ Zach Lauster (Aaron Lauster's son) |
| ✝ Elizabeth Batista (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter) | ✝ Ryan Bruner (Carol and Ross Schwalm's son-in-law) |
| ✝ David Cornelius, Jr. (Debbie Cornelius' son) | |

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

✚ Fairlington Presbyterian Church - Alexandria, VA

✚ Faith Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC



Calendar

November 12 -19, 2023

SUNDAY, November 12

Reception for Taylor Woods

(after the 8:30 AM Worship service)

- 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
- 1:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion
- 2:45 PM Youth Laser Tag

MONDAY, November 13

- 9:30 AM Horizons Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club
- 1:00 PM Personnel Committee
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Wolf Den
- 7:00 PM GSCNC SU 80-5

TUESDAY, November 14

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
- 7:00 PM Congregational Care Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Evangelism & Outreach Team - Zoom
- 7:00 PM Worship Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
- 7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours
- 8:00 PM Building Fund Re-designation Task Force

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

WEDNESDAY, November 15

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Youth Soup & Chili Cook-Off
- 7:00 PM FUPCDC Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, November 16

- 10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM Earth Care Committee
- 7:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team
- 7:00 PM Ministry Team Leaders Meeting
- 7:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion
- 8:00 PM AA for Beginners

FRIDAY, November 17

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 8:00 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion

SATURDAY, November 18

- 5:00 PM Chrysalis Team 106
- 6:00 PM Dinner with Friends

SUNDAY, November 19

Congregational Meeting after the 8:30 worship service

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 9:30 AM 252 Kids Club
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Pastor.....	Rev. Adam C. Bowling
Parish Assistant.....	Pastor Michael Slayter
Nursery Supervisor.....	Taylor Woods
Children's Ministry Director.....	Kim Brown
Youth Director.....	Briana Stewart
Chancel Choir Director.....	Dana Van Slyke
Contemporary Worship Leader.....	Rachel Bradley
Pianist/Organist.....	Dr. Nadia Carmichael
Sexton.....	Homer Detrich
Office Manager.....	Kim Parker