

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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828.448.8914

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

Geistliche Kirchengesang

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come. (Revelation 1:8)

We come to worship the one who rules justly (2 Samuel 23:34)

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth! (Revelation 1:5)

Bread of Heaven, God with us! (John 6:51, Matthew 1:23)

Good Shepherd, True Vine! (John 10:11, John 15:1)

Eternal Word, the Great I AM. (John 1, John 8:58)

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6)

We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! (Revelation 19:16)

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (Revelation 1:6)

+ OPENING HYMN

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,

we confess that we have misdirected our desire for you, and so:

we have elevated the good gifts of this world above you

and made idols of possessions and people;

we have let our schedules come first

and have not taken the time to worship you;

we have taken advantage of our neighbors;

we have participated in and adopted lifestyles
that take away life and pollute your world;
we have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours.
King of love, forgive us and reorder our desires and loyalties,
and give us undivided hearts that love as you have loved us.
Hear us now as we silently confess the ways we have fallen short in our
gratitude for your good gifts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Fear not! Our Lord God—who is, who was, and is to come—sees you and calls you beloved. Because Jesus Christ is the good King, who laid his life down for us, we know this is true.

Hearing this good news, know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

+ **RESPONSE** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* **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

Colossians 1:11-20 NRSV

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM*Lift Up Your Heads*

FUPCDC Chancel Choir

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GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:33-43 NRSV

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ ⁴²Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ⁴³He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

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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)
Betsy Gilbert	(11:00)
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Helen Franchois in honor of her husband, on their wedding anniversary.

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 **11:10 AM until 12:30 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 12:30 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.
- ✝ **ADVENT DEVOTIONS:** The Advent Devotions, **Apocalyptic Advent: Embracing Hope in the Second Coming of Christ** are available in the Welcome Center and on the link in the Thursday News.
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:** Please join us as we fellowship around the dinner table on **Wednesday, November 29th at 6:00 PM**. The dinner will be **Pizza, Salad, and Dessert**. Please contact Marti Hall at 703-626-2269 (call or text) or martihall@comcast.net.
- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join us at **7:00 PM on November 29th** for **The Angels of Christmas**. This week's study is *Let It Be - Gabriel and Mary*.
- ✝ **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday, December 2nd at 8:00 AM**. Feel free to bring a friend! For additional information, please contact Sam Parris at 703-946-7266 or samjpparris@aol.com.
- ✝ **DINNER AND TALENT SHOW:** Get your act together. We are having a Church Dinner and Talent Show on December 3, 2023. Dinner at 6 PM (performers eat first) and the Talent Show begins at 7:00 PM. If you have questions, see Cathy Albrecht.
- ✝ **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** The Worship Ministry Team is preparing for Advent and is inviting all ages to help decorate our church for Christmas in the coming weeks. Please plan to join us in this yearly tradition on one of the following dates: **Saturday, December 9th at 9 AM** - Put up the

Chrismon tree and lights and hang wreaths and other decorations, **Saturday, December 16th at 9 AM** - Decorate the Chrismon tree with the rest of decorations and set up the Nativity, and **Saturday, January 6th** - Take down the Christmas decorations. Thank you!

- ✝ **FLOWER SIGN UP:** New dates have been added to the Flower Sign Up Genius for 2024. 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 Gail Cobb at gailzcobb@gmail.com and she will be happy to help you!
- * **BEL AIR WOMAN'S CLUB:** The Bel Air Woman's Club is hosting a Native American as speaker for their **Monday, November 27th** meeting at the church at **11:00 AM**. The club women would like to invite FUPCDC women to attend this presentation. Mrs. McBride is an Arizona Navajo and an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Her immediate family lives in Trentdale in Dale City. Her extended family live on the reservation in Arizona and speak the native Navajo language. Won't you join us for this educational presentation? Please RSVP to Karen Attreed (703) 670-4520 or kaattreed@comcast.net) so that we have enough seating for everyone.
 - * **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Bible Buddies will begin a 4 week Advent study called "Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes" by Cynthia Campbell, **November 27th through December 18th** at **7:00 PM**.
 - * **NEW SUNDAY ADVENT BIBLE STUDY:** Starting **December 3rd** during the Sunday School Hour at **9:00 AM** we will begin a four week study by Max Lucado entitled Because of Bethlehem. In this study, we will explore and rekindle our connection to the Christ of Christmas who offers lasting hope. It is suggested that each student purchase their own study guide that allows for notes on the video segments, directions for discussion questions, and activities, as well as practices to deepen learning between sessions. You may also purchase the actual book which has many additional insights that are not in the study guide. We hope to see you there!
 - * **OPERATION JOY CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE:** Once again we are collaborating with Solomon International Ministries to collect new, unused toys for less fortunate children of all ages in the local community. Solomon International Ministries is a non-profit Christian based organization that the Spread the Bread team joins forces with to minister to the unhoused/underserved in our community. **To participate in the Operation Joy Christmas Toy Drive, simply place a new, unused, unwrapped toy in the decorated collection box located in the Welcome Center between November 26th and December 3rd.** Or, if you like, you can order a toy and have it shipped to Pam Cox, Attention: Operation Joy, 17460 Bayou Bend Circle, Dumfries, VA 22025. Your donations will be distributed on Sunday, December 10th. Thank you once again for your continued support of FUPCDC mission ministries.
 - * **SPREAD THE BREAD MINISTRY:** We are making sandwiches and lunches for Spread the Bread on December 9th at 11:00 AM. See the link in the Thursday News or contact Ruth Washburg at ruthwashburg@yahoo.com.

- * **POINSETTIAS:** A limited quantity of poinsettias has been preordered and will be offered on a first come basis. **The cost is \$17.00.** You can order poinsettias using the form on the link on FUPCDC Thursday news (just print it, fill it out and mail it or bring it to church) or an order envelope located in the Welcome Center. **Orders are due by Wednesday, December 6th.** **Payment (check) must accompany the poinsettia order.** Please designate if who you would like the poinsettia to be in honor or memory of. **Your poinsettias may be picked up after the 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service on December 24th.**
- * **CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING:** These gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color and assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs. Bulletin inserts will be available two weeks before Christmas and offering envelopes on Christmas Eve. You can donate to the Christmas Joy offering in two other ways: (1) You can mail a check to the church with "Christmas Joy" or "Joy Offering" on the memo line. (2) You can go to our website, www.fupcdc.org, and click "online collection plate" and use the "designated giving" to give - putting "Christmas Joy" or "Joy Offering" in the note field. If you would like to know even more about this special offering, check out this website: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/>. Thank you for your continued support of this important cause!
- * **BLANKET/SLEEPING BAG/TENT DRIVE:** The Mission team is collecting blankets, sleeping bags, and tents for the homeless. We are asking for heavy duty blankets suitable for the outdoors, adult cold weather sleeping bags (20 degrees and below) and tents. To participate in this drive, simply put new or gently used and clean items in the decorated collection box in the Welcome center on Christmas Eve. These items will be distributed to the local unhoused community who we serve each Sunday through our Spread the Bread ministry. If you have any questions or would like to drop off donations prior to Christmas Eve, please contact Pam Cox at 703-888-6610. Thank you so much for generously supporting this local ministry!
- * **PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG:** Are you looking for unique/nontraditional gifts for those special people in your life? The Mission team suggests you consider thumbing through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog and make a gift in someone's honor. Your gifts are signs of gratitude: feeding the hungry, comforting the brokenhearted and sharing our faith with young and old. Copies of the Giving Catalog are in the Welcome Center.
- * **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** We are studying from The Parables of Jesus by Gladys Hunt. Join us today at 9:45 AM in the Triple Room. Contact Curt Hoagland for more information at 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 Kim Brown at kim.brown@fupcdc.org for more information.

Student Ministry News

- ✝ **YOUTH DINNER & BIBLE STUDY:** Today at 5:00 PM we will have a dinner and Bible study. Bring your Bible, a snack to share, and a drink. Location to be determined.
- * **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 |
| * Mike Moore | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Rick Bockes |
| * Joel Hough | * Tanya | * Doug Godfrey | * Ann Randles |
| * Judy Stewart | * Amanda | * Yolanda Magpayo | * 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 | * Melinda McDaniel | * Mike Gundel | * Amy Smith |
| * Christine Willever | * Steve Glycer | * Lee Watenpaugh | * Marti Hall |
| | | * 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:

- ✝ First Presbyterian Church - Arlington, VA
- ✝ First Presbyterian Church of Annandale - Annandale, VA

Report on Offering: October 2023

	OCT 2023 Actual	OCT 2023 Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Offering Pledged	27,993	33,920	319,942	321,655
Offering Unpledged	8,611	6,128	71,569	58,110
Total Offering	36,604	40,048	391,511	379,765

Calendar

November 26 - December 3, 2023

SUNDAY, November 26

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
 11:00 AM Baptism of Jemison Boddye
 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 12:15 PM Spread the Bread Ministry
 1:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion
 2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA
 5:00 PM Youth - Dinner & Bible Study

MONDAY, November 27

10:30 AM Holy Fitness
 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club
 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289
 7:00 PM Bible Buddies

TUESDAY, November 28

8:30 AM TOPS
 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
 7:00 PM Session Meeting
 7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours

WEDNESDAY, November 29

10:00 AM Rolls Review Meeting
 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
 7:00 PM FUPCDC Chancel Choir
 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study

THURSDAY, November 30

10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
 7:00 PM Building Fund Re-designation Task Force
 7:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team
 7:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion
 8:00 PM AA for Beginners

FRIDAY, December 1

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

SATURDAY, December 2

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM 252 Kids Club
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
 9:00 AM Confirmation Class
 10:00 AM Worship - One Service - Communion
 10:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 11:15 AM Spread the Bread Ministry
 11:15 AM More Light Presbyterians Meeting
 1:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion
 6:00 PM Dinner & Talent Show

Starting Sunday, December 3rd, we will have one worship service at 10 AM for the entire month of December (Advent/Christmas). Christian Education will be on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES

Please join us as we celebrate Christmas.

- **December 3: 1st Sunday of Advent - 10 AM one service - Communion**
- **December 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent - 10 AM one service**
- **December 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent - 10 AM one service**
- **December 24: 4th Sunday of Advent**
 - 9:00 AM Christian Education Hour
 - 10:00 AM Worship Service - Lessons and Carols
 - 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
 - 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
- **December 31: Epiphany Sunday, 10 AM one service - Star Words**

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA

Ministers.....	People of the Church
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



SCAN TO GIVE

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