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INCARNATION

UNWRAPPING THE TITLES OF JESUS

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

WELCOME

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Justin Stretetz, Pianist

VENI EMMANUEL, Arr. Joel Raney

+ CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Isaiah 12:3-6)*

Give thanks to the LORD!

Praise his name!

Tell the whole world what he has done—

His mighty acts on our behalf.

Sing to the LORD,

for he has done wonderful things for us!

Raise your hearts and voices!

shout and sing your praise!

For great is the Holy One who lives among us!

We gather to worship Emmanuel, God-With-Us.

+ OPENING HYMN

Holy Emmanuel

Steve Hindalong, Terry Scott Taylor (CCLI#: 3902035)

Verse 1

Wise men still looking for Him
Children still come and adore Him
We will bow down before Him
The Savior is born in Bethlehem

Chorus 1

We sing holy holy holy Noel Noel
Singing holy holy God Emmanuel

Verse 2

Prophets foretold the story
Angels proclaimed His glory
Bright is the star of morning
The Savior is born in Bethlehem

Chorus 1
We sing holy holy holy Noel Noel
Singing holy holy God Emmanuel

Chorus 2
Noel Noel
God is with us
Emmanuel
God is with us
Emmanuel
God is with us
Emmanuel
God is with us
Emmanuel
God Emmanuel

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

Ellen and Bob Nuernberger

ADVENT RESPONSE

Come, Come Emmanuel

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Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.
Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In this season of waiting, in this time of preparation, we long to draw closer to God, as a comfort and as our savior. So often, we get in our own way; we make choices that trip us up as we move toward God. Confident in the mercy of the Messiah, let us confess our sins to God, by praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the past, in the wilderness of Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare human hearts for the coming of Christ. Forgive us, O God, and prepare our hearts once again for his coming. God of the present, even now you are among us, and we confess that our sense of anticipation has been dulled. We have ceased to expect any wonders from your hand. We don't see your marvels around us, in the people we meet. We are not alert to your presence or your action on our behalf. God of the future, you have promised that Christ's kingdom is coming. Teach us to live in expectation, that what we are and do today may be anchored in the certainty of your tomorrow. We thank you Lord, for the promises that you give us, and we hope and pray that you will hear us as we offer our silent prayers of confession to you. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:
in the name of the Christ-child, our Emmanuel,
know that our sins are forgiven, and be at peace

Thanks be to God!

+ RESPONSE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (verse 1)

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*Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.*

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 7:14-16 NRSV

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 1:20-23 NRSV

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Emmanuel! God with us!
Chancel Choir

Mary MacDonald

SERMON

The Incarnate Title: Emmanuel

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 in the back of the sanctuary. For those worshipping online, please email Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

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PRAYER 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

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Arr. David Lanz

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, the bounty of your love overflows into every aspect of our lives. May the gifts we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to share our love with those in need. May the offerings we give symbolize our trust in your power to heal the world through the works of our hands and the ministries of your church. In Christ’s name, we pray.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

+ HYMN *He Came Down* 137

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *He Came Down (Reprise)* 137

+ POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL, Arr. Philip Kern
Justin Streletz, Pianist

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

Worship Notes

* **WELCOME!** Whether you are 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:** Douglas Randles (8:30)
Richard Bennett (11:00)

- * **FLOWERS** are given by Nate and Sue Johnson, to the Glory of God in honor of Pastor Adam and his family.

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

- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us at **6:00 PM** for Food, Fellowship, and Faith. On **December 15th** we will have **Chicken Fajitas**. Drinks and dessert will be provided and there is no charge, but donations will be taken to cover the cost of the food. Please contact Gaylene Guest at 703-398-7449 with any questions.
- ✝ **FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Please join us in the Triple Room for a light breakfast on **December 19th**, from **8:30 AM - 9:30 AM**. We will serve coffee, juice, and finger food prior to the 10 AM Christmas Cantata service. Hope you'll come for the fellowship and a bite to eat.
- ✝ **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION:** Children's Sunday school for grades K-6 will meet in Rooms 1 and 2 on **December 19th** from **8:45 - 9:30 AM**. Students are welcome to stop by the Triple Room to pick up breakfast and bring it to class with them. We'll do some crafts and a large group Bible story and discussion as we celebrate Christmas with a "Light Show"!
- * **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY:** Our study is about the five women mentioned in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. In our next lesson, we will look at Ruth who followed her widowed mother-in-law to a country she does not know and where they will probably have no means of support. We meet the **second Monday of the month at 9:30 AM; December 13th** is our next meeting, in-person and via Zoom. Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net or 703-670-8737 for more information.

- * **ADVENT STUDY:** Our Advent study, Incarnation by Adam Hamilton is in the Triple Room at **9:30 AM** for adult Bible Study on Sundays. Contact Curt Hoagland at choagieva@yahoo.com for more information.
- * **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Please join us as we study the gospel of Matthew on **Wednesdays** at **7:00 PM** in **Room 22** or join us by Zoom.
- * **CHRISTMAS HELP NEEDED:** If anyone out there really loves Christmas and Christmas decorating, the Worship team has scheduled a few days to get the church ready for the Christmas season. Each session will take about an hour. If you can join us on any of the following dates, your help would be greatly appreciated. The dates are:
 - Friday, Dec. 17th at 7 PM - Arrange poinsettias
 - Saturday, Jan. 8th at 9 AM - Remove decorations
- * **2022 FLOWER SIGN UP: New dates have been added to the Flower Sign Up Genius for 2022. 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 in 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 Gail Cobb. 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.

Student Ministry News

- * **SUPERSTART! (FEBRUARY 4 THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2022):** 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th graders, take a trip to Richmond, VA with your church friends for an overnight conference just for you! Save the dates—**February 4-5, 2022!** Check out <https://ciy.com/superstart/> or ask Pastor Adam for more information. Registration forms and a non-refundable deposit (**\$25.00** per participant) will be due by **Sunday, December 26, 2021!** Need-based scholarships are available. Information and registration forms are on the table in the Narthex Welcome Center and on the website. This trip makes a great Christmas gift!
- * **YOUTH ADVISORS (ADULT VOLUNTEERS):** We are looking for Youth Advisors (Adult Volunteers). Please contact Pastor Adam if you are interested in helping with Student Ministry.
- * **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text **@youthfupc** to **81010**.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES

Please join us as we celebrate Christmas.

- **December 12: 3rd Sunday of Advent - 8:30 AM, Traditional, 11AM Contemporary**
- **December 19: 4th Sunday of Advent - Christmas Cantata, 10 AM one service**
- **December 24: Christmas Eve Services**
 - 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
 - 7:00 PM Special Christmas Music
 - 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
- **December 26: 1st Sunday of Christmas - Carol Sing, 10 AM one service**

SESSION

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Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

- * Nate Johnson
 - * Betty Little
 - * Sharon Patrick Dryden
 - * Jeannine Menzie
 - * Jean Peterman
 - * Marjorie Lawrence
 - * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh
 - * Larry Menzie
 - * Marti Hall
 - * Tanya
 - * Grace Ofosu-Addo
 - * Sandy Godfrey
 - * Phillip Ford
 - * Gary Albrecht
 - * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme
 - * Lynn Wilson
 - * Gretchen Snyder
 - * Keith Albrecht
 - * Savannah Simmerman
 - * Leigh Anderson
 - * Andy Stewart
 - * Ashleigh and Dan
 - * Sam Parris' Dad
 - * Linda Ford
 - * Melissa Stewart
 - * Sandra D'Imperio
 - * Bill and Laura Parris
 - * Allison Judy
 - * David Behrens
 - * Mark and Angelica
 - * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin
 - * Norman Cox
 - * Melissa Behrens
 - * Scott Peterman
 - * Hunter and Annette Martin
 - * Justin Judy
 - * Andrea Tootell
 - * Martha Manning
 - * Ann and Dineen Hoagland
 - * Jennifer Wenzel Austin's Mother-In-Law
 - * Baby Raphael
 - * Brian Judy
 - * Douglas Godfrey Jr.
 - * Theodore
 - * Amanda
 - * Sam Draper
- * Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Kevin Atreed (son of Karen Atreed) and his family, at the sudden death of Kevin's father-in-law, Fred Hoff, on Friday, November 26th.

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:

- ✝ Immanuel Presbyterian Church - McLean, VA
- ✝ John Calvin Presbyterian Church - Annandale, VA

Calendar

December 12 - 19, 2021

SUNDAY, December 12

3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:30 AM Children's Education
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
- 9:45 AM Advent Bible Study (Adult)
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 1:00 PM Peace Church
- 1:15 PM Property Ministry Team
- 3:00 PM Bereaved Parents of USA
Annual Service of Remembrance

MONDAY, December 13

- 9:30 AM Horizons Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club
- 2:00 PM Rolls Review
- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Service Unit 80-5
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, December 14

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
- 7:00 PM Evangelism & Outreach Ministry Team
- 7:30 PM AA 101
- 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

WEDNESDAY, December 15

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 11:30 AM LHP Parade of the Magi
- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
- 6:25 PM Young People's Choir
- 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, December 16

- 11:30 AM LHP Parade of the Magi
- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 5:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Webelos
- 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2279
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 80115
- 7:00 PM Ministry Team Leaders Meeting
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, December 17

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Christmas Decorating - Poinsettias

SATURDAY, December 18

- 9:00 AM Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

SUNDAY, December 19

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Cantata

- 8:30 AM Fellowship Breakfast
- 8:45 AM Children's Education
- 10:00 AM Worship - one service
- 11:15 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
- TBD Advent Bible Study (Adult)
- 1:00 PM Peace Church

BOARD OF DEACONS

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 Children's/Youth Choir Directors..... Becca and Chris Anderson
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 Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
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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.



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

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Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366