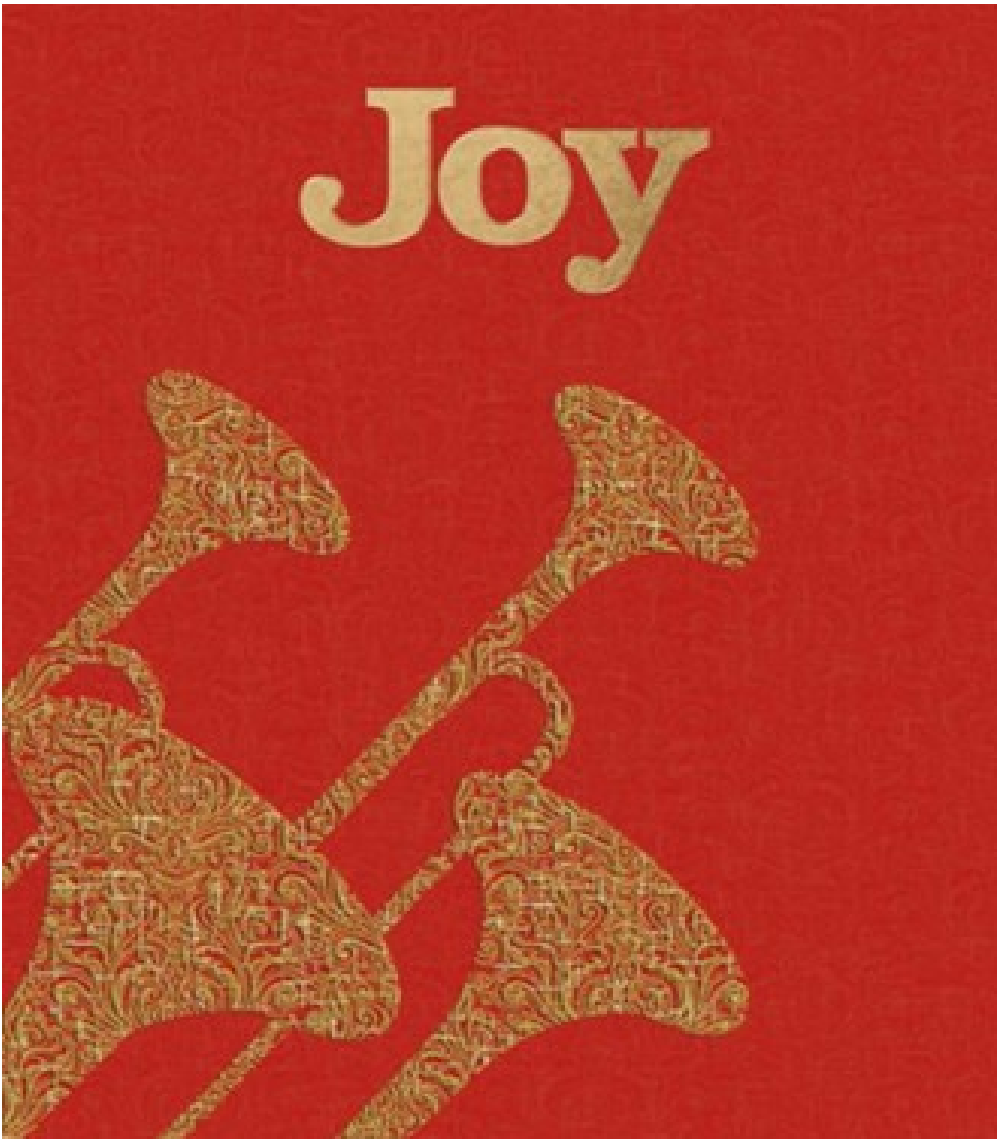


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3rd Sunday of Advent - JOY
December 13, 2020
10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor
Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org
828.448.8914

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**+ GATHERING SONG***Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (Rejoice Rejoice)*

Edward Hodges, Henry Van Dyke, Ludwig van Beethoven, Rend Collective (CCLI# 7032721)

Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice our God is here with us
Emmanuel our God is still with us

WELCOME**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY**

Jeff and Kathy Cobb

During the third week in Advent, we spend time thinking about joy.

From Psalm 5:11, we hear these words,
"But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy.
Spread your protection over them,
so that those who love your name may exult in you."

Two blue candles and one pink candle are lit.

SUNG RESPONSE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Verse 1)

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O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER

Let us pray... Too often, we think joy is something big, O God. A brass band or a parade can certainly bring us joy. Just as easily and far more often, we can feel joy in a hug or the squeeze of hand, we can see joy in a smile or hear it in laughter. Help us to not overlook the simple joys that peak into our lives daily. This week in our Advent journey, open our eyes to the joy that surrounds us. Amen.

+ **ADVENT HYMN**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lori MacKenzie

In Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ, full of grace and truth. Trusting in God's unfailing grace, let us tell the truth about ourselves, as we confess our sins, by praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lori MacKenzie

O promised Christ: We are a people living in the shadows of sadness. Our joy depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will, is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for the joy you offer, for the pardon you give, and for the grace only you can provide. Even so: come, Lord Jesus! Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(Silence is Kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rejoice! You who once lived in darkness- on you a new light is shining and the light of God's glory shall brighten your path.

You are healed, loved, and forgiven. Be at peace!

Live in God's love, and bring hope and justice to all God's people.

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

Thanks be to God!

+ RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (verse 1)

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*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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy McNeely

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Immanuel

Michael Card, Tom Fettke (CCLI# 71014)

Martin Andrews, Soloist

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7 NRSV

Sue Johnson

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Again I Say, Rejoice!

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 email Pastor Adam, Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ *HYMN OF RESPONSE* *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Jesus, the Light of the World* 127

1 Hark! the herald angels sing.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain:

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

2 Joyful all you nations, rise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world. **(Refrain)**

3 Christ by highest heaven adored;
Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Jesus, the light of the world. **(Refrain)**

4 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Jesus, the light of the world. **(Refrain)**

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

What Child Is This

Lenoir-Rhyne University Trumpet Ensemble
Amelia Coger, Hudson, NC
Ian Elkins, Lincolnton, NC
Ethan Farkas, Lincolnton, NC
Taylor Moore, Valdese, NC
Coleman Warner, Lincolnton, NC
Tim Phillips, Instructor

Arr. Dennis L. Horton

+ **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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**

Sadie M.

O Mighty One, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your hope, peace, love, and joy may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **CLOSING SONG**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. **(Refrain)**

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. **(Refrain)**

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. **(Refrain)**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+ **POSTLUDE**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Justin Streletz, Pianist

PICARDY, Arr. Mark Hayes

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

Worship Notes

- ✝ **WELCOME!** Whether you are new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting the FUPCDC website, we are delighted you joined us in worship online. Please fill out the online attendance and please let us know if you have any prayer concerns or needs. To find out more about this church, please email the Church Office at office@fupcdc.org or call at 703-670-7834.

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>.
- * **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

- ✝ **GIVING:** Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2021. Your support of the programs and ministries of FUPCDC that are *IMPACTING LIVES* is greatly appreciated! If you have not already pledged, you can do so by completing a pledge card and mailing it to the church or by going to the church website and clicking on the 2021 Pledge Card button. Contributions can be made by a check mailed to FUPCDC, 14391 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193 or online by going to the church website, <https://fupcdc.org/give-online>. Thank you for giving to the Lord.
- ✝ **SHARING OUR CHRISTMAS MEMORIES:** Please mark your calendars for a virtual gathering on December 20th during the ZOOM Coffee Hour **following the 10 AM worship service**. We're asking you to share a Christmas memory, special ornament, or Christmas decoration. Maybe you would just like to offer a Christmas greeting from you to your FUPCDC family. We don't know how many will join us, so please plan to talk no longer than 2-3 minutes each. We want to ensure that each family or individual has an opportunity to participate. We look forward to sharing memories with you. If you have questions, please contact Betsy Gilbert, 703-343-3921 or betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com.

- ✝ **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** Starting January 3rd, we will look at Simon Peter: the Flawed but Faithful Disciple. He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. It doesn't even sound like the same man. This is a six-week study utilizing material developed by Adam Hamilton. Class will meet Sundays at 8:30 to 9:30 AM via Zoom. All are invited to participate. Contact Peter Glyer, 703-590-0856 or peterglyer@gmail.com for additional information.
- ✝ **BIBLE BUDDIES:** The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study will complete Calm My Anxious Heart by Linda Dillow on December 14, 2020. Zoom Along with the Monday Night Ladies Bible Buddies every Monday at 7:00 PM for Bible Study and Fellowship. Please contact Betty Matthews, 703-618-9127 or bettysmatthews1@verizon.net for more information. The Bible Buddies next study will be Choose Joy: Because Happiness Isn't Enough by Kay Warren beginning on January 4th. Illness, financial worries, relational problems, loneliness, anxiety—we all deal with challenging issues. But Warren says that a joy-filled life is within reach, no matter what your circumstances!
- ✝ **PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** We are studying the Gospel of Matthew every Wednesday at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Contact Pastor Adam for the instructions to join via computer or phone. All are welcome. We will not meet on December 23rd, December 30th, and January 6th.
- ✝ **SEWING FACE MASKS:** In keeping with FUPCDC's commitment to serve the needs of the community, the Mission and Outreach Committee is accepting face masks made by members and friends of the congregation and distributing them where they are needed within the local community. To date, masks have been donated to GPW Health Center, Potomac Place Assisted Living, Westminster at Lake Ridge, Good Shepherd Housing Foundation, and ACTS. There is a collection bin outside the door where you can place masks. Many thanks to those who have been participating in this ministry. If you have any questions, please call Pat Manalio (703-283-2948) or Lora Nedimyer (703-680-5526).
- * **NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2021:** The 2021 flower chart is now hanging in the Narthex Welcome Center. If you would like to sign up, please contact Kim in the church office to check availability. The cost remains \$40.00. We need to know the week you would like them, who you would like them in honor or memory of, and if you would like to keep the flowers or donate them to the flower ministry. If you wish to donate them, they will be given to members of the congregation to share God's love and cheer them up. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Cobb at gailzcobb@gmail.com.
- * **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION:** Every Sunday, 8:45 - 9:30 AM, we will be joining King's Grant Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, VA, via Zoom, for children in 2nd grade to 6th grade. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org.
- * **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY:** "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament" is the title of the 2020 - 2021 women's Bible study. We will meet via Zoom on the second Monday of each month, at 9:30 AM. This is a study on the hope we can find in the scriptures. Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net, or 703-670-8737 for more information.

- * **FUPCDC CONTEMPLATIVE YOGA CLASS VIA ZOOM:** Join us for a time to prayerfully release your cares and recharge physically, spiritually, and emotionally. The Contemplative Yoga group has a spot just for you on **Saturdays from 8:30-9:10 AM** on Zoom. Classes are always free, just click this link to sign up: [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SIGNUP](#).
- * **SPREAD THE WARMTH:** Are you looking for a worthwhile project to do while staying at home? Do you knit or crochet? If so, we have the perfect project for you. Our group makes hats and scarves for our friends in the community who are in need of something warm to wear during the winter. We also make hats for those suffering from cancer. If you would like to help or to find out more information about our group, please contact Elizabeth Glyer at lizglyer@gmail.com.
- * **MEN'S GROUP:** In lieu of our monthly Men's Breakfast, we now have several small groups of men that meet weekly for 30 minutes for devotion and prayer time. This is a phone-in conference call. We have slots available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Please contact Sam Parris for your slot: 703-946-7266 or email at samjparris@aol.com.
- * **SPREAD THE BREAD:** Spread the Bread is our ministry for people experiencing homelessness. We currently provide a meal each Sunday at 12:20 PM for around 50 people in Prince William County. Volunteer opportunities include making sandwiches, donating drinks and chips, prayer, and more! If you would like to help in any way, please email Jon Guest, jon.a.guest@gmail.com.
- * **SPREAD THE LOVE:** We need volunteers to write cards/notes to those in quarantine or to folks who are experiencing isolation due to COVID-19. Other volunteer opportunities include making phone calls to check in with people who may need socialization. If you would like to volunteer for Spread the Love or suggest people to receive cards or calls, please email Sam Parris, samjparris@aol.com.
- * **EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN:** We need volunteers to receive one to two emails a week with prayer requests...and pray! If you would like to volunteer to pray, please contact the Church Office, office@fupcdc.org.
- * **DECEMBER WORSHIP:**
 4th Sunday of Advent, December 20th A Service of Lessons and Carols - Online Live Stream at 10 AM
 Sharing Our Christmas Memories, December 20th - after 10 AM worship via Zoom Coffee Hour
 Christmas Eve Family Service, December 24th - Online Live Stream at 4 PM
 Christmas Eve Special Music, December 24th - Online Live Stream at 6:30 PM
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, December 24th - Online Live Stream at 7 PM
 1st Sunday of Christmas, December 27th - Online Live Stream at 10 AM

Student Ministry News

✝ Join us for the upcoming events. For more information, please contact Afton Schwalm, bulldogz89@yahoo.com, 571-221-0778.

- TONIGHT, Dec 13th, 6:30-8:30 PM - Mystery Zoom Competition
You must pre-register for this event!

✝ 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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| ✝ Sara Porter | * Tim Elliott | * Patrick Cobb | * Norman Cox |
| ✝ Kathryn Avery | * Jeanette Gregory | * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Jeannine Menzie |
| ✝ Becca Whitfield | * Joanne Willis | * Baby Dean Moy | * Larry Menzie |
| ✝ Larry Hodges | * Amanda Peck | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | * Linda Ford |
| ✝ Edgar Hodges | * Shirley Westveer | * Jim and Jerolyn Randles | * Lynn Wilson |
| * Marti Glycer | * Virginia McPherson | * Sam Parris' Dad | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Barb McGill | * Debbie Niederriter | * Bill and Laura Parris | * Grace Ofosu-Addo |
| * Waddell | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin | |

All those serving abroad in our military, including from our church:

✝ Kelsey Gibson
✝ 2nd Lt. Sam Presley, just deployed to Middle East - Mike and Ruth Washburg's nephew

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

✝ Hope Presbyterian Church - Mitchellville, MD
✝ The Idylwood Presbyterian Church - Falls Church, VA

Calendar

December 13 - 20, 2020

SUNDAY, December 13

3rd Sunday of Advent - JOY

- 8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom
- 10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream
- 1:15 PM Building and Grounds Committee via Zoom
- 6:30 PM Youth Zoom Mystery Competition

MONDAY, December 14

- 9:30 AM Horizons Bible Study via Zoom
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies via Zoom
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, December 15

- 7:00 PM Session and Deacons Joint Meeting via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, December 16

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 5:30 PM Commission on Restructuring via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom

THURSDAY, December 17

FRIDAY, December 18

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, December 19

- 6:00 PM Facebook Live Stream - Christmas Praise and Worship
from the Anderson's Living Room

SUNDAY, December 20

4th Sunday of Advent - LOVE

- 8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom
- 10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream - A Service of Lessons and Carols
- 11:00 AM Christmas Traditions via Zoom

DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.¹

2020 BOARD OF DEACONS

| Class of 2021 | Class of 2022 | Class of 2023 |
|---|------------------|--------------------|
| Agnes Fokwa | Amy Bean | Bob Albrecht |
| Deborah Folly | Karen Elliott | Sandy Chamberlin |
| Lisa Fortner | Liz Goolgasian | Claudia Cunningham |
| Kathy McNeely | Peggy Heins | Pam Emert |
| Carol Schwalm | Therese Same | Ellen Nuernberger |
| Celine Sonkwa | Charlotte Stultz | Tracy Stevens |
| Ellen Nuernberger, <i>Co-Moderator</i> 703-878-0009 | | |
| Carol Schwalm, <i>Co-Moderator</i>703-680-7673 | | |

RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office.²

See current ruling elders of FUPCDC on page 15 of bulletin.

¹ *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Part II, Book of Order: 2013/2015*, 2013. Published by The Office of the General Assembly, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, p. 26.

² *ibid.*, p. 60.

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| Pastor..... | Rev. Adam C. Bowling |
| Chancel Choir Director | Dana Van Slyke |
| Pianist/Organist | Justin Streletz |
| Contemporary Worship Directors..... | Becca and Chris Anderson |
| Children's/Youth Choir Directors..... | Becca and Chris Anderson |
| Jubilation Handbell Director..... | Ike Evans |
| Nursery Supervisor..... | Joann Paige |
| Little Hands Preschool Director | Tiffany Ramsey |
| Sexton..... | Homer Detrich |
| Office Manager..... | Kim Parker |

2020 SESSION

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| Peter Glycer ('21) | <i>Adult Christian Education</i> | 703-590-0856 |
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| Cathy Albrecht ('23) | <i>Communications</i> | 703-670-8369 |
| Betsy Gilbert ('23) | <i>Congregational Connections</i> | 703-670-4949 |
| Jon Guest ('21) | <i>Finance & Administration</i> | 703-491-4006 |
| Chris Martin ('23) | <i>Information Technology</i> | 585-455-8423 |
| Dave Stokes ('22) | <i>Little Hands Preschool</i> | 703-583-9287 |
| Pam Cox ('21) | <i>Mission & Outreach</i> | 703-441-6319 |
| Linda Wolstenholme ('23) | <i>Nominating</i> | 703-878-3697 |
| Norman Cobb ('21) | <i>Personnel</i> | 703-878-7317 |
| Jon Guest ('21) | <i>Safety & Security</i> | 703-491-4006 |
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| Afton Schwalm ('23) | <i>Youth Ministry</i> | 571-221-0778 |
| Rev. Adam C. Bowling | <i>Moderator</i> | 828-448-8914 |
| Sara Porter | <i>Clerk of Session</i> | 703-670-8737 |

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Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366