

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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A Gospel Christmas Celebration

4th Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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828.448.8914

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

Shepherds and Angels
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Arr. Larry Shackley

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.

Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God.

+ OPENING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

Sara Porter, Bob Chamberlin, Carole Hughes, Morelle Fokwa

ADVENT RESPONSE

Come, Come Emmanuel

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Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even though we often do our best to hide our brokenness, God cannot be fooled. And yet we shouldn't meet this truth with despair but with gratitude because the God who sees our brokenness looks upon us with love and mercy. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God by praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, at your birth the angels gave glory to God in the highest heaven, and offered peace on earth to all humankind. We struggle to follow the heavenly host. All too often we focus on giving glory to ourselves, trying to impress our friends, coworkers, and family. We make no move to further peace in our polarized world; we forget that you have called us to be ambassadors of reconciliation. Forgive us for these and all our sins, and strengthen us to join the angels' song. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:

There is nothing - not one thing - that can separate us from God's love:

not our fear,

not our cowardice,

not even our stubbornness.

For nothing is as great as the mercy that is found in our loving God.

In the name of the Resurrected Christ,

I declare to you that our sins are forgiven.

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

2021 Christmas Cantata: *JOY! A Gospel Christmas Celebration*

By Joel Raney and Ed Hogan

Dana Van Slyke, Musical Director
Justin Streletz, Pianist
Cathy Albrecht, Artistic Director

Featuring the FUPCDC Chancel Choir
and the FUPCDC Young People's Choir
with narration by Beth Bennett, Regina Gollo, Clara Anderson, and Parker Bowling

Instrumentalists:
Lane Stowe, Bass
Ethan Van Slyke, Drums

Featured Dancer:
Logan Saad

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Sing Joy!

Luke 2:1-14

Waiting

Isaiah 9:2

Soloists: Sonya Dunn and Rebecca Anderson
Featuring Dance by the FUPCDC Young People's Choir

A Song In The Air

Luke 2:15

Jesus, What A Wonderful Child

Luke 2:16-20

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Matthew 2:1-2

Tell It On The Mountain

Isaiah 9:6

The FUPCDC Chancel Choir
with the FUPCDC Young People's Choir
Soloist: Chris Anderson

Sing Joy! (Reprise)

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

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** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* 132

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

What A Glorious Night

Ben McDonald, Casey Brown, David Frey, Jonathan Smith (CCLI#: 7002651)

+ **DOXOLOGY** 606

*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**

Glorious God, source of every good gift, bless our tithes and offerings this day. May they lift up the lowly, fill the hungry with good things, and bring strength and mercy to those in need. In your holy name, we pray.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

- + **HYMN** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* 136
- + **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Adam C. Bowling
- + **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child* 126
- + **POSTLUDE** *Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow* TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, Arr. Mark Hayes
Justin Streletz, Pianist
- + *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES

Please join us as we celebrate Christmas.

- **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

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

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.

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Report on Offering: November 2021

	NOV 2021 Actual	NOV 2021 Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Offering Pledged	26,772	34,000	360,415	374,300
Offering Unpledged	6,980	3,900	60,139	43,400
Total Offering	33,752	37,900	420,554	417,700

Ministry in Action

- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** There will be no Wednesday Night Alive Meal for **December 22nd, 29th and January 5th**. Please join us on **January 12th** for Tuscan Chicken at **6:00 PM** for Food, Fellowship, and Faith. 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.
- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** There will be no Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study on **December 22nd, 29th, and January 5th**. Join us on **January 12th** at **7:00 PM** in **Room 22** or join us by Zoom.
- ✝ **2021 CONTRIBUTIONS:** The Stewardship and Finance Team want to thank you for all of your support of the church in 2021. We sent out November 30 Contribution Statements on 12/3/2021. It is hard to believe that the end of 2021 is almost upon us, so we wanted to remind you of some key year end deadlines. Any checks received in the offering of January 2, 2022 with a 2021 date will be included in your 2021 year end statement (to be issued on 1/6/2022). Of course, we will also welcome your 2022 checks on Sunday January 2nd! Online contributions for 2021 should be made by 12/28/2021 as it takes a few days for the funds to be credited with the Presbyterian Foundation. Please note that items received via USPS after 12/31/2021 will slip into 2022 no matter what date is given. Approved check requests need to be turned in by noon on December 31, 2021 in order for them to be paid out of 2021 budgets. If any you have any questions, please send them to treasurer@fupcdc.org.
- ✝ **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, 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 before Christmas Day. These items will be distributed to the local homeless community who we serve each Sunday through our Spread the Bread ministry. Thank you so much for generously supporting this local ministry!

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**.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| ✝ Curt Hoagland | * Betty Little | * Sharon Patrick Dryden | * Jeannine Menzie |
| * Nate Johnson | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | * Larry Menzie |
| * Jean Peterman | * 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 | * David Stokes |
| * Melissa Behrens | * Scott Peterman | * Hunter and Annette Martin | * Norman Cox |
| * Andrea Tootell | * Martha Manning | * Ann and Dineen Hoagland | * Justin Judy |
| * Baby Raphael | * Brian Judy | * Jennifer Wenzel Austin's Mother-In-Law | |
| * Amanda | * Sam Draper | * Theodore | * Marti Hall |

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:

- ✝ Kirkwood Presbyterian Church - Springfield, VA
- ✝ Knox Presbyterian Church - Falls Church, VA

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 worshiping 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.



Calendar

December 19 - 26, 2021

SUNDAY, December 19

4rd 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)
- 11:15 AM Advent Bible Study (Adult)
- 1:00 PM Peace Church

MONDAY, December 20

No School - Little Hands Preschool

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, December 21

No School - Little Hands Preschool

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 11:00 AM Rolls Review Meeting
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 6:30 PM Congregational Care Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting
- 7:30 PM AA 101
- 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

WEDNESDAY, December 22

No School - Little Hands Preschool

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- No Wednesday Night Meal
- No Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Peace Church Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY, December 23

No School - Little Hands Preschool

Church Office Closed

- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2279
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, December 24

No School - Little Hands Preschool

Church Office Closed

- 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
- 7:00 PM Special Christmas Music
- 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service

SATURDAY, December 25

Christmas Day

SUNDAY, December 26

1st Sunday of Christmas

Carol Sing

- 8:45 AM Children's Education
- 10:00 AM Worship - one service - Carol Sing
- 1:00 PM Peace Church

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

Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366

SESSION

Cathy Albrecht ('23) 703-670-8369
Bill Ediage ('24) 571-477-9306
Morelle Fokwa ('24) 571-409-9435
Jon Guest ('22) 703-491-4006
Marti Hall ('22) 703-626-2269
Pat Manalio ('23) 703-283-2948
Chris Martin ('23) 585-455-8423
Sam Parris ('24) 703-946-7226
Linda Wolstenholme ('23) 703-878-3697

Rev. Adam C. Bowling.....*Moderator*..... 828-448-8914
Sara Porter*Clerk of Session*..... 703-670-8737



MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Pat Manalio (Interim).....*Administration*..... 703-283-2948
Ellen Nuernberger*Congregational Care* 703-878-0009
Deborah Folly*Congregational Care* 703-606-5532
Charlotte Stultz.....*Evangelism & Outreach*..... 703-494-8367
Betsy Gilbert.....*Fellowship* 703-670-4949
Curt Hoagland.....*Growing in Faith*..... 703-878-4664
Pam Cox*Mission* 703-441-6319
Mike Gundel*Property*..... 301-767-5030
Dennis Dingle*Stewardship & Finance* 703-583-9689
Martin Andrews*Worship*..... 703-967-4358

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Ministers.....People of the Church
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 DirectorIke Evans
Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
Little Hands Preschool Director..... Tiffany Ramsey
Sexton..... Homer Detrich
Office Manager..... Kim Parker



*Poinsettias were given
to the Glory of God by . . .*

*Martin Andrews, in memory of Mark Levy and Jennifer Lewis
Karen Attreed, in honor of family and friends
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in honor of
 our daughters, Jill, Courtney, Katie, and Becky, and their families
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in memory of
 our parents, Joe and Ruth Chamberlin and Ed and Georgie Stratton
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in honor of and appreciation for
 the outstanding FUPCDC Music Program
Pam Cox, in loving memory of Lisa Chrzan
Claudia Cunningham, in memory of my sister, Anne Woodfin
Morelle Fokwa, in honor of
 Charles and Agnes Fokwa on their 33rd Wedding Anniversary
Helen Franchois, in memory of Tim Franchois
Brian and Diane Fulton, in memory of Scott Fulton and Jacob Fulton
Sofie Garrett, in memory of
 my husband, Robert and my daughter, Carol
Bruce and Betsy Gilbert, to the Glory of God!
Peter and Elizabeth Glycer, in memory of Marti Glycer
Peter and Elizabeth Glycer, in honor of our grandchildren
Bill and Marianna Gooding, in honor of our children and grandchildren
John and Jacqueline Herde, in memory of Ottis and Elsie Herde
Kathy McNeely, in honor of
 Cathy Albrecht and Jeannie Scott
 (for helping me with my home infusions)
Ellen Nuernberger, in memory of
 Carl and Flora Gray and George Nuernberger
Charlotte Stultz, in honor of our Chancel Choir
Joanne and Rodney Willis, in memory of
 Robert and Josephine Bradshaw, Joanne's Parents
Joanne and Rodney Willis, in memory of
 John Scott and Audrey Willis, Rodney's Parents*

Your poinsettias may be picked up after the 10 AM worship service on December 26th. Thank you!