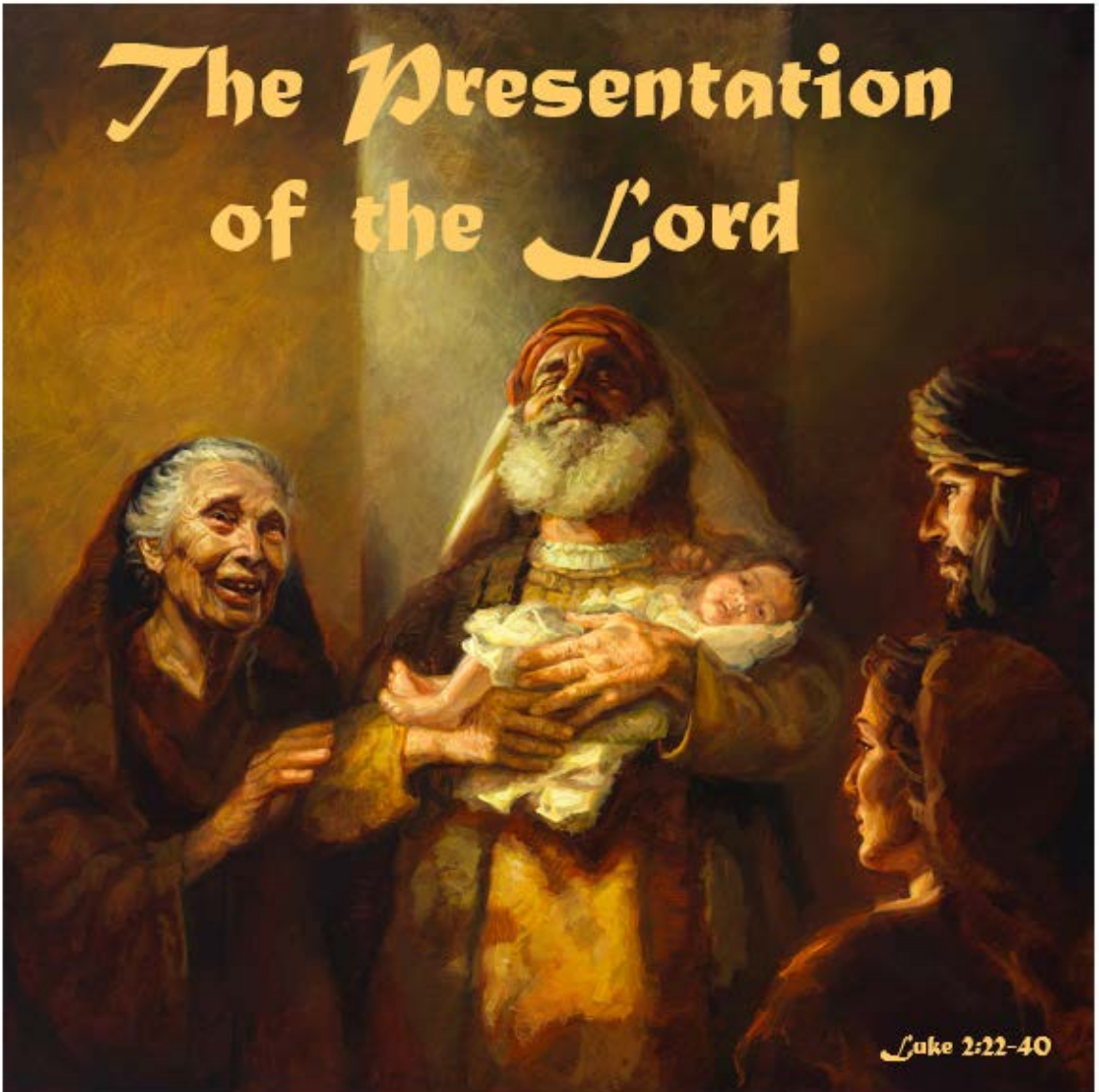


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The Presentation of the Lord



1st Sunday of Christmas

December 27, 2020

10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org

828.448.8914

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**+ GATHERING CAROL***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

119

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to God who has given God's light to us.

Honor and praise to God for God's most precious gift.

The darkness that enveloped the people,

Has been pierced by the Light.

Let us rejoice in God's blessed goodness!

Let us continually praise God with great joy and thanksgiving.

Let us worship God!

+ CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

133

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

2 True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sam Parris

As the birth of any child is a miracle beyond our comprehension, O God, how much more so is the birth of Mary's child. We cry out in awe and wonder at the marvel of your love and the mystery of your Word made flesh. May we, through all our days, bring honor to our Lord, who shared life in the flesh with us. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sam Parris

Christ has been born and has come before us. Now let us come before him and confess that which we have done that is contrary to his peaceful kingdom on earth, by praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sam Parris

Eternal God, we confess that while our lips have said one thing, our lives have said another. We honor you one day, not the next. We live our love for you at some times, and become very selfish at other times. Sometimes we love the light, and sometimes we live in darkness. We often break promises we make to you Lord, and to others. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News of the Gospel: God has broken into our broken world and saved us from ourselves. With God's help, we are now able to put on clothes of righteousness and justice.

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

Thanks be to God!

*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

Richard Bennett

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debbie Boisvert

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 2:22-40 NRSV

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed

³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

ANTHEM

Emmanuel

Mary McDonald

Lois Walker, Soloist
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

SERMON

Simeon and Trust

Richard Bennett

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

Joy to the World

134

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

FRENCH MELODY, Arr. Lloyd Larson

Justin Stretetz, Pianist

+ ***SUNG PRAYER OF DEDICATION*** *In the Bleak Midwinter* (verse 4)

144

4 What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

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*

Wonderful child

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, *Arr.* Craig Curry

Justin Streletz, Pianist

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



Richard Bennett

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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

- * **HOLIDAY GREETING FROM YOUR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE:** Friendly reminder, this time of year, lends itself to "bad people" looking to find creative ways to acquire your money. If you receive a phone call (whether from a live person or recording), stating it is the IRS, government, or law enforcement, etc.; know that most law enforcement will not call your house and ask you for your personal information, e.g., social security, birth dates, addresses, and other personal information. If you receive a call from someone identifying themselves as law enforcement, look up the phone number and ask them for a call back number. Please know that these entities will NEVER ask you to buy gift cards to pay your debts. If it sounds suspicious, ask someone - use your intuition, it is usually right.

In addition, today's technology allows people to "spoof" identities. They can do this by "pretending" to be another person through email, social media, phone calls, etc. If one of your acquaintances is asking you for something that is unusual - please question it. If someone is contacting you through email, social media or an unusual phone number, pick up the phone (using their known number) and call them and talk to them to verify if they made the request.

Usually, no one will call you and ask you to buy them gift cards, to wire money or money orders. Some potential scams are when a "bad person" talks about needing money to get some loved one out of jail, they may talk about losing their wallet/credit cards while on travel; they may talk about some temporary bind they are in. They will work on you being a good person and always willing to help someone in need. These people are also very persistent: ignore them until you verify. Sad to say, the holiday season is a perfect time for scam artists. Don't be fooled - be careful. The Safety and Security Committee will be holding an internet safety discussion at the beginning of 2021. More information will be coming soon.

- * **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.
- * **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 Glycer, 703-590-0856 or peterglyer@gmail.com for additional information.
- * **BIBLE BUDDIES:** 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 bettsymatthews1@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 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.

Student Ministry News

- * **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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| ✝ Nate Johnson | * Tim Elliott | * Reed and Leslie Glycer | * Norman Cox |
| ✝ Mildred Shenk | * Jeanette Gregory | * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Jeannine Menzie |
| ✝ Danny Pressley | * Joanne Willis | * Baby Dean Moy | * Larry Menzie |
| ✝ Mary Jackson | * Amanda Peck | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | * Linda Ford |
| ✝ Jim Lawson | * 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 Ofofu-Addo |
| * Waddell | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin | * Larry Hodges |
| * Kathryn Avery | * Patrick Cobb | * Edgar Hodges | * Becca Whitfield |

✝ We pray for all who have lost a loved one this year that they may know peace, have comfort, and know they are never alone. - Curt and Claire Hoagland

✝ Please pray for the residents and staff of Potomac Place Assisted Living facility.
- Linda Wolstenholme

- * Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Mary Jones and family at the death of her father, Nezer Mack, of NC, (94 years old) on November 16, 2020 and her mother, Essie Mack, of North Carolina, (93 years old) on December 9, 2020. Prayers for Mary Jones and family.

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

Celebrations of joy with thanksgiving to God:

- * Our daughter, Rachel, who was ordained as a Youth Elder at FUPCDC, will be graduating from James Madison University this Saturday, December 19th. She will be graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hospitality Management and a Minor in General Business. She currently lives in Harrisonburg and is working at a local establishment. She is seeking employment to utilize her major in that geographic area. - Jim and Ann Christie

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

✙ Kirkwood Presbyterian Church - Springfield, VA

✙ Knox Presbyterian Church - Falls Church, VA

Calendar

December 27 - January 3, 2020

SUNDAY, December 27

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream

MONDAY, December 28

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

TUESDAY, December 29

WEDNESDAY, December 30

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

THURSDAY, December 31

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, January 1

New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, January 2

SUNDAY, January 3

Epiphany Sunday

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream

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

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Deborah Folly
Lisa Fortner
Kathy McNeely
Carol Schwalm
Celine Sonkwa

Class of 2022

Amy Bean
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Peggy Heins
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Carol Schwalm, *Co-Moderator*.....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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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 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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Betsy Gilbert ('23)	<i>Congregational Connections</i>	703-670-4949
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Chris Martin ('23)	<i>Information Technology</i>	585-455-8423
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Pam Cox ('21)	<i>Mission & Outreach</i>	703-441-6319
Linda Wolstenholme ('23)	<i>Nominating</i>	703-878-3697
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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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