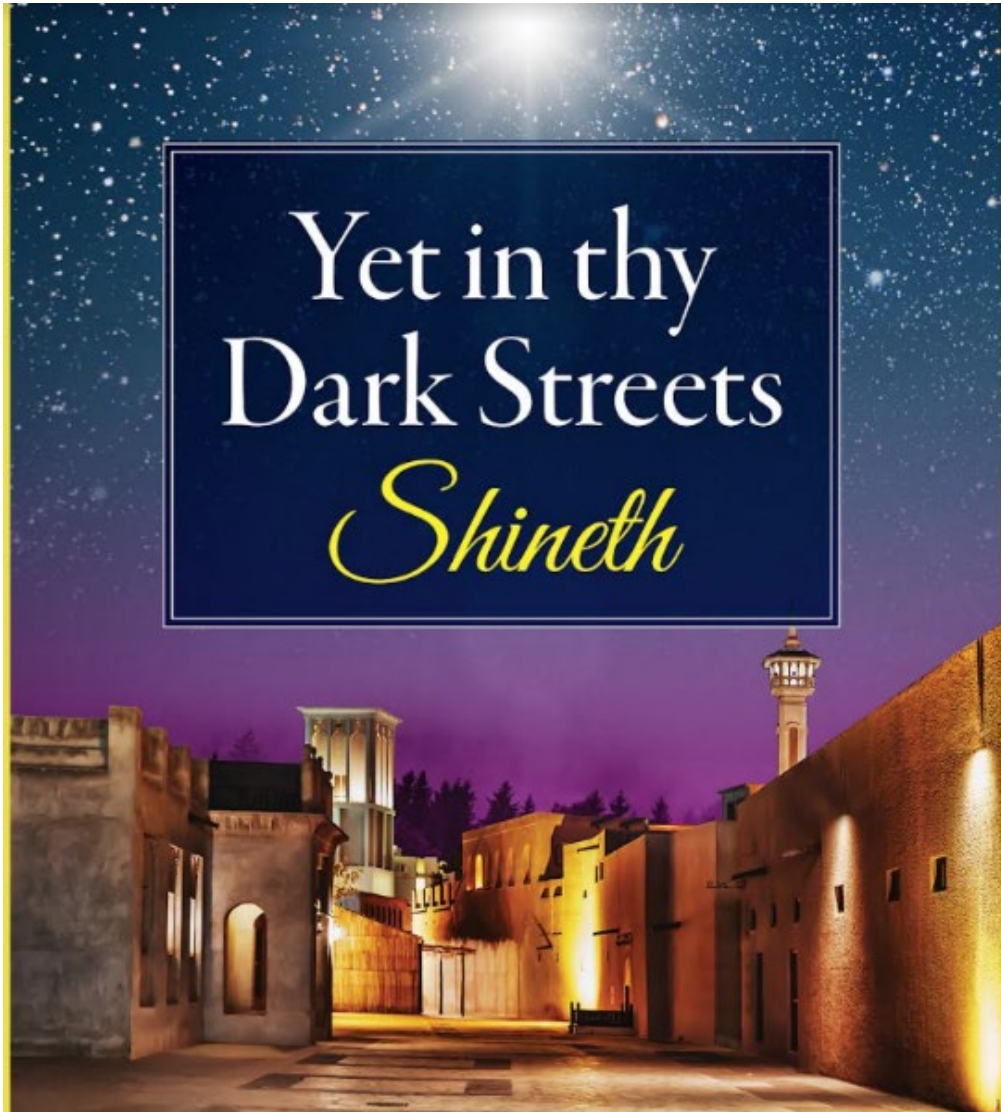


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2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

11:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org

828.448.8914

GATHERING

AS WE GATHER. . .

Today we continue our Advent worship series, “Yet in Thy Dark Streets Shineth”. In this service, we step into Nazareth, the small hometown of Mary and Joseph—a town in which, through Gabriel’s visit, God begins to make his home with us. Our time in this place will remind us that Jesus makes his home with us in our hearts this Christmas and dwells with us always.

- + **GATHERING SONG** *House of the Lord* Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham (CCLI# 7168995)

WELCOME

SESSION NOTES

Sam Parris

+ **GATHERING WORDS**

In these darkening days,
 we come seeking peace.
 We seek serenity within ourselves.
 We seek harmony within our families.
 We seek goodwill among our neighbors.
 We seek a ceasefire among all nations.
 We seek not just the absence of conflict,
 But the presence of shalom-
 the abiding peace
 the healing life
 the unrelenting justice
 that God calls us to in Christ.
 Let us worship with divine hope!

- + **OPENING SONG** *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)* Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash (CCLI# 5601640)

+ **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE**

Wolstenholme Family

Today we light the candle of peace. Only Jesus, who came to earth to be our Prince of Peace, can give us peace.

In Philippians 4 Paul wrote,

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

+ **ADVENT PRAYER**

+ **ADVENT RESPONSE** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Verse 1)*

Charles Wesley, Rowland Hugh Prichard (CCLI#: 31999)

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Into the dark depths of our fear and anguish, you, O Lord, reach out to us. We need your guidance this day, for we have found it far too easy to stray into selfish pathways. We seek first our own comfort; we gather our toys and trinkets and proclaim that all is right with the world, yet our hearts feel strangely dis comforted. Guide us and gather us, Lord. Teach us again to be people of peace and hope. Help us to cast off the mantle of greed and hatred. Forgive us for the many times when we have ignored the cries of those in need; when we have turned our backs on opportunities to help others. Forgive us, Lord. Touch our hearts and bring your bright light of salvation to them that we might turn again to you and in your love may be part of ministries of peace and justice. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

The good news of Advent is Christ's love and forgiveness of sin.

Thanks be to Christ who sets us free to love and to serve.

Hearing this good news, 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.

(Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.)

PROCLAIMING

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

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

Judges 13:2-7 NRSV

There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. His wife was barren, having borne no children. ³ And the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, “Although you are barren, having borne no children, you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴ Now be careful not to drink wine or strong drink or to eat anything unclean, ⁵ for you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor is to come on his head, for the boy shall be a nazirite to God from birth. It is he who shall begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines.” ⁶ Then the woman came and told her husband, “A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like that of an angel of God, most awe-inspiring; I did not ask him where he came from, and he did not tell me his name, ⁷ but he said to me, ‘You shall conceive and bear a son. So then, drink no wine or strong drink and eat nothing unclean, for the boy shall be a nazirite to God from birth to the day of his death.’ ”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:40-46 NRSV

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter¹).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DIALOGUE SERMON Yet in thy Dark Streets Shineth: Nazareth

Past: Pastor Michael Slayter
Present: Rev. Adam C. Bowling
Future: Martin Andrews

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

RESPONDING

+ **SONG OF RESPONSE**

What A Beautiful Name Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood, CCLI#: 7068424)

SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

Angels We Have Heard on High

James Chadwick, Nathan Drake (CCLI# 7197600)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Instructions: *Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates to receive communion. All the bread is gluten free. Please partake of the elements when you receive them, and dispose of your cups in the baskets provided. You may return to your seats by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward please notify an usher, and a server will bring communion to you in your row, or you may pick up a prefilled communion cup in the Welcome Center. Know that all are welcome to the Table of the Lord.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER (It's Yours)

Fowler, Sooter, Maher (CCLI# 7200544)

*Father let Your Kingdom come
Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven
Right here in my heart
Father let Your Kingdom come
Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven*

*Right here in my heart
 Give us this day our daily bread
 Forgive us, forgive us
 As we forgive the ones who sinned against us
 Forgive them
 And lead us not into temptation
 But deliver us from the evil one
 Let Your kingdom come*

*It's Yours, it's Yours
 All Yours, all Yours
 The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours
 It's Yours, it's Yours
 All Yours, all Yours
 Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours*

*Father let Your Kingdom come (Holy, holy)
 Father let Your will be done
 On earth as in heaven (Let it be done)
 Right here in my heart (Here in my heart)*

*On earth as in heaven
 Right here in my heart*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

O Come To The Altar

Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye (CCLI# 7051511)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

SENDING

+ SENDING SONG

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, George Frideric Handel, Isaac Watts, Matt Gilder (CCLI# 5607039)

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+ RESPONSE *Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) -Reprise* (CCLI#: 560703)

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, George Frideric Handel, Isaac Watts, Matt Gilder (CCLI# 5607039)

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

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:**

Lora Nedimyer	(8:30)
Sam Parris	(11:00)

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

- ✝ **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!
- ✝ **OPERATION JOY CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE:** Once again, we are collaborating with Solomon Ministries to collect new, unused toys for less fortunate children of all ages in the local community. Solomon Ministries is a group the Spread the Bread team joins forces with to minister to the houseless/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. 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. **The last day to drop off toys is Saturday, December 10th. Your donations will be distributed on Sunday, December 11th.**
- ✝ **BLANKET AND SLEEPING BAG DRIVE:** The Mission team is collecting blankets and sleeping bags for the houseless. We are asking for heavy duty outdoor blankets and adult cold weather sleeping bags (20 degrees and below). 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 houseless community who we serve each Sunday through our Spread the Bread ministry. Thank you so much for generously supporting this local ministry!
- ✝ **CHILI COOKOFF/TALENT SHOW (NEW DATE):** All are welcome! On **Sunday, December 11th**, come make a pot of chili or soup at **5:30 PM**, and vote for your favorite with donations to the Youth Mission Fund to support our 2023 summer youth mission trip to Charleston, SC. At **7:00 PM** After dinner, enjoy the show, or **be in the show!**
- ✝ **PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Room 22 or via Zoom for a Bible Study called "Prepare The Way For The Lord" by Adam Hamilton.
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Come to the Wednesday Night Meal on **December 7th at 6:00 PM** for **POTLUCK!** Please bring a dish to share with others; lemonade/water will be served. Please contact Betsy Gilbert at betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com if you have questions.
- ✝ **HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** The Worship Ministry Team is preparing for Advent and is inviting all ages to help decorate our church for Christmas. Please plan to join us in this yearly tradition on one of the following dates: **Saturday, December 3rd at 9 AM** and **Saturday, December 10th at 9 AM.**

- ✝ **POINSETTIAS:** A limited quantity of poinsettias has been preordered and will be offered on a first come basis. **The cost is \$15.00.** 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 7th.** **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 10 AM worship service on Dec. 25th.
- ✝ **HORIZONS LADIES' BIBLE STUDY:** The Horizons Bible study, Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight, meets at the church on the **second Monday of the month, at 9:30 AM**, September through June. We are in-person and on Zoom (information by request) for our lessons. All are welcome; we unpack the scripture and lesson together with the help of a video by the author of the study. **Our next meeting is December 12th at 9:30 AM in Room 22.** Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net, for more information.
- ✝ **252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** We meet on Sundays at 9:45 AM. This month, our preschoolers will have a **Pajama Party!** Christmas is about celebrating the most special person . . . Jesus! In December, our kindergarten through sixth grade students will "get wrapped up in Christmas" with **The Big Give**. James, the brother of Jesus, wrote that every good and perfect gift comes from God, but the best gift God ever gave was Jesus. **For more information contact Erin Bowling at erinkbowling@gmail.com.**
- * **ADVENT DEVOTIONS:** Please pick up your Advent devotions in the Welcome Center.
- * **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Come join us on **Mondays at 7:00 PM in Room 22** for the Bible study, The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent by Susan Robb.
- * **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Please join at **9:45 AM in Rooms 23, 25 and 27 (Triple Room)** for our Bible study using the book, Prepare The Way For The Lord by Adam Hamilton.
- * **HOLY FITNESS:** Come join us on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:30 AM in the Triple Room.** The goal of Holy Fitness is to help aging adults with moving and maintain an independent lifestyle. The exercises are designed to improve strength, endurance, coordination, and balance. Minimum age for participation is 55. If you are interested in the program, please contact Fred Menke, fhmenke@verizon.net or the church office.

Student Ministry News

- ✝ **BREAD SUNDAY:** Join us tonight at the Lauster's House (16773 Mill Station Way, Dumfries, VA) from **5:00 - 7:30 PM** for dinner and Bible Study. Text Pastor Adam, 828-448-8914 to RSVP.
- * **YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are now available online and in the Welcome Center.
- * **STUDENT MINISTRY EMAILS:** Sign up to receive Student Ministry emails. Ask Pastor Adam 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:

- * Nathan Johnson, III
- * Leslie
- * Karen Gundel
- * Doug Godfrey
- * Jenny N.
- * R. Rizzo
- * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme
- * Jason, Azena, Mikhail Corbin
- * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh
- * Bill and Laura Parris
- * Amanda Peck
- * Pat Greenhalgh
- * Keith Peterman
- * Debbie Niederriter
- * Tommy and Deb
- * Sandra D'Imperio
- * Frank Coniglio
- * Marjorie Lawrence
- * Cherie Sankey
- * Mark Stewart
- * Alex Martin
- * Nancy Lanza
- * Amanda
- * Baby Raphael
- * Tanya
- * Kath Purcell
- * Nancy Hoagla
- * Leigh Anderson
- * Linda Ford
- * Norman Cox
- * Nate Johnson
- * Ann Randles
- * Rick Bockes
- * Norman Cobb
- * Jeannine Menzie
- * Deborah Folly

All those serving in our military who are stationed away from home, including from our church:

- ✝ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC)
- ✝ Elizabeth Batista (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter)
- ✝ David Cornelius, Jr. (Debbie Cornelius' son)

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Georgetown Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC
- ✝ Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church - Waldorf, MD

Calendar

December 4 - 11, 2022

SUNDAY, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion
- 9:45 AM Bible Study (Adult/Youth)
- 9:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion
- 2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA
Day of Remembrance
- 5:00 PM Youth - Bread Sunday
at Lauster's House

MONDAY, December 5

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack 289 - Lion Den
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 289 - Tiger Den
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting - Google Meet

TUESDAY, December 6

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 9:30 AM Woodbridge Christian
Women's Connection
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Wolf Den
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
- 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
- 7:00 PM Growing in Faith Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Mission Ministry Team
- 7:30 PM AA
- 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

WEDNESDAY, December 7

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Arrow of Light Den
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- 8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, December 8

- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, December 9

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness

SATURDAY, December 10

- 9:00 AM Christmas Decorating

SUNDAY, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:45 AM Bible Study (Adult/Youth)
- 9:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 5:30 PM Chili Cookoff
- 7:00 PM Talent Show

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES

Please join us as we celebrate Christmas.

- **December 4: 2nd Sunday of Advent - 8:30 AM, Traditional, 11AM Contemporary**
- **December 11: 3rd Sunday of Advent - 8:30 AM, Traditional, 11AM Contemporary**
- **December 18: 4th Sunday of Advent - Christmas Cantata, 10 AM one service**
- **December 24: Christmas Eve Services**
 - 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
 - 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
- **December 25: Christmas Day - Carol Sing, 10 AM one service**
- **January 1: Epiphany Sunday, 10 AM one service - Star Words**

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