

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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good enough

embracing the imperfections
of life and faith.

Worship Series
Lent 2022



4th Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON, Arr. Matt Limbaugh

Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

Yes, let us worship God!

+ OPENING HYMN

Come Sing to God (Psalm 30)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, God of forgiveness, we call out to you and you surround us with deliverance. You love us infinitely more than we love ourselves or others. Open us this day to your counsel, helping us be more merciful, more grace-filled, so that we might rejoice in simple and good enough moments that fill our days.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If it is true that God has recorded our failings, we hope it will never be published. But in truth, if the book was opened, every page would be blank, for God forgives us of everything we have done, or failed to do. So, let us wait for God's mercy and grace, as we come with our prayers for forgiveness, praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, if we are honest, we can be pretty hard on ourselves when things don't go as planned. Guilt, shame, and fear of being seen as a failure can leave us wallowing in the pig pen. Our delusions of a perfectible life keep us disappointed in ourselves. Even though you love us, we don't always love ourselves. Help us to see our failures as opportunities to learn and grow. Remind us that we are good enough to be loved, even when things don't go the way we want. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

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Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(2 Corinthians 5:16)*

Hear this compassionate word from the Second Letter to the Corinthians: "From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

Know that already, God is offering us freedom from the guilt and shame of our past failings and our present unrealistic expectations. We are invited to rejoice that each day is a new beginning, so that we might enjoy, and not dread, the life before us.

And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps,
in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, show us your ways and teach us your paths. By your Holy Spirit, open our minds that we may be led in your truth, and pour into our hearts the power of your grace so that we can find the courage to be faithful through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 NRSV

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to

his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.

²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

It Should Have Been Me
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Dengler

SERMON

We Often Believe We are the Problem

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** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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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

Just As I Am
Justin Streletz, Pianist

WOODWORTH, Arr. Faye López

+ DOXOLOGY

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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 *(Ezekiel 37, John 11)*

From your hands, O God, come the blessings that make life possible, even the very gift of life itself. In gratitude and thanks, receive from our hands this portion of our labors. By your Spirit's leading, may we use these gifts, and those given online, to bless the life of others with the assurance of love, the promise of hope, and the course of justice. This we do to your glory.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ HYMN

Together We Serve

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Note: This hymn was chosen as the official hymn of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA. We have been "Serving Others Together with Love for 50 Years!" We look forward to seeing what God has in store for the future; as we continue to serve others in love, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)*

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+ POSTLUDE

I Love to Tell the Story

William G. Fishcer, Arr. Bill Wolaver

Justin Streletz, Pianist

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



The sunflowers in the sanctuary are a visual reminder to pray for the people of Ukraine.

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:** Sara Porter (8:30)
Richard Bennett (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.

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- ✚ **LIVE STREAM:** We live stream the worship services for those who are uncomfortable returning to in-person worship, or for those who are unable to join us in person at this time. **Due to our Live Stream cameras, we ask that you use the side aisles once the worship service begins if you need to enter or exit the sanctuary, so that we keep an optimal camera view of the worship service for our at-home viewers.**
Thank you!

Ministry in Action

- ✝ **LENTEN SERVICES:** Please join us at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings through April 6th for Lenten Worship with Communion.
- ✝ **MAUNDY THURSDAY:** On Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM come to a Christian Seder Meal Worship with Communion. Please RSVP on the church website, www.fupcdc.org by Thursday, March 31st. If you would like to volunteer to help or have questions, please contact Cathy Smith at cathy.l.smith@comcast.net or 571-330-7065.
- ✝ **GOOD FRIDAY:** On Good Friday, April 15, 2022, the church will be open for prayer, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM.
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us for the Wednesday Night Meal at 6 PM. On March 30th the meal is Pizza. Please contact Gaylene Guest at 703-398-7449 with any questions.
- ✝ **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, April 2nd at 8:00 AM. Feel free to bring a friend! For additional information please contact Sam Parris at 703-946-7266 or samjparris@aol.com.
- ✝ **SPRING CLEAN UP:** The Spring Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Bring your gardening and lawn tools, if you have them. The Rain date is April 9th.
- ✝ **FUPCDC'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: 2022.** . .marks 50 years for FUPCDC! We will celebrate throughout the year with various activities. Please send a picture of yourself and/or your family from the year you joined. This picture will be featured on a timeline in the hallway. Please send it via email or place in Cathy's mailbox. If you have questions call Cathy Albrecht or email, albrennan3@aol.com.

Save the Dates

- April 16th, 11 AM - 1 PM
50th Anniversary Celebration and EGGstravaganza
This FREE event will include Easter Egg hunts for children and youth - lunch (beef hotdogs, grilled cheese, chips, and drinks) - games - arts and crafts - a photo booth - prizes - and MORE!
- April 17th - Easter Sunday!
- September 17th - Festival, 9 AM - 12 PM
- September 18th (Rev. Bob Edmunds will be preaching!)

Scan to RSVP for April 16th



- * **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 AM on Sundays.** This month in Sunday School, our preschoolers will learn to "Put On Your Shoes" and follow Jesus! While Jesus was on earth, He lived a life that very clearly said, "Everyone can be friends with Me!" While not everyone took Him up on His invitation, those that did were changed forever in the best way. That is why we are teaching preschoolers that no matter what kind of shoes we wear, everyone can be friends with Jesus. We can be friends with Jesus no matter how young or old we are. We can be friends with Jesus wherever we live and whatever language we speak. We can be friends with Jesus no matter how much money and education we have. There are no special requirements to be friends with Jesus. It's a come as you are kind of friendship that lasts forever. Everyone can put on their shoes and follow Jesus because everyone can be friends with Jesus.

Our elementary schoolers and preteens will participate in a "Jam Session", where everyone has a part to play! Cooperation is a spiritual concept that originates with God. God created us to work together in a community. Throughout the Bible, we see how God brought people together to accomplish something big for God. When we work together, we reflect what Jesus envisioned for His followers. Our love for one another can point people to God.

- * **LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS:** The 2022 Lent devotional books, [In View of God's Mercy](#) by David Boyd are located on the table in front of the office in the Welcome Center.
- * **ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Join us for a study of Ephesians at 9:45 AM on Sundays.** We will be using the book: [A Scandalous People](#). Mike Slayter will be leading the class. The link to the class is <http://www.fupcdc.org/class>. This link is good for all Adult Education classes. For more information, contact Curt Hoagland at 703-380-3819 or choagieva@yahoo.com.

Student Ministry News

- * **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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| * Thomas Prinz | * Bill and Laura Parris | * Amy Smith | * Jeannine Menzie |
| * Cherie Sankey | * David and Melissa Behrens | * Ann Randles | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Sandra D'Imperio | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin | * Katie Johnston | * Linda Ford |
| * Debbie Niederriter | * Gary and Keith Albrecht | * Tanya | * Norman Cox |
| * Majorie Lawrence | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | * Amanda | * Nate Johnson |
| * Kay Hinegardner | * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Susan Bennett | * Grace Ofosu-Addo |
| * Baby Raphael | * Jeanette Barbee | * Nancy McDermott | * Shirley Westveer |

- * Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and all those affected by this tragedy.

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:

- ✝ Rockville Presbyterian Church - Rockville, MD
- ✝ Rockville United Church - Rockville, MD

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.



SESSION

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DEACONS

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Debbie Cornelius	Bob Albrecht	Agnes Fokwa
Liz Goolgasian	Sandy Chamberlin	Deborah Folly
Anne Green	Claudia Cunningham	Helen Franchois
Charlotte Stultz	Pam Emert	Nne Kalu
	Ellen Nuernberger	Kathy McNeely
	Tracy Stevens	

Ellen Nuernberger, Ministry Team Leader.....	703-878-0009
Deborah Folly, Ministry Team Leader	703-606-5532

Calendar

March 27 - April 3, 2022

SUNDAY, March 27

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:30 AM Children's Education
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
- 9:45 AM Ephesians Bible Study (Adult)
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 1:00 PM Peace Church
- 3:00 PM Bereaved Parents of USA

MONDAY, March 28

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club
- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, March 29

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

WEDNESDAY, March 30

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
- 6:00 PM Music Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service
- 7:00 PM Peace Church Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir
- 8:30 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, March 31

- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM Girl Scout Service Unit 80-5 Juliettes
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, April 1

Little Hands Preschool - No school

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
Parent Information Meeting

SATURDAY, April 2

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Spring Clean Up

SUNDAY, April 3

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion
- 9:30 AM Children's Education
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
- 9:45 AM Ephesians Bible Study (Adult)
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion
- 1:00 PM Peace Church

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

Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA

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