

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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Unstoppable Kingdom

AN EASTER SERIES

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

WELCOME

MINISTRY IN ACTION

- ✝ Earth Care
- ✝ Safety & Security

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

Bryn Calfaría

William Owen, Arr. Penny Rodriguez

Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 118)*

Come, give thanks to our God.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

God is our strength and might and salvation.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Because of this love, we shall not die.

This is God’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that our God has made,

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

+ OPENING HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

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PRAYER OF THE DAY *(based on Psalm 130)*

Living God, when our Risen Lord appeared to his disciples, he greeted them in peace and breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. Breathe your Spirit upon us as we gather to welcome Christ with glad hearts and joyful voices. Meet us here, we pray; open our ears to hear you speaking and our hearts to respond with joy. Fashion us into an Easter people, and send us out to proclaim what we have seen and heard: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like a nursing mother who cannot forget her child, like a father who welcomes the prodigal son home, so God cannot turn away from us. Though we come, week after week, admitting we have turned from God's ways and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, God is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Therefore, knowing we are beloved children of God, we can admit our failings before God and one another in order to be forgiven, receive new life, and begin again. Let us now confess our sin before God praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we know that you have called us to be your people and that you love us with an everlasting love. We thank you that you guide us through all of life. But God, life can sometimes be very discouraging. We do not always recognize your presence or accept your power. We often wallow in discouragement and doubt, weakening our ability to live as your people in the world. Please forgive us. Help us to trust you more fully, for the sake of Christ. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

While we are a people with incomplete love, a people with selective compassion, Christ is always ready to take the fragments of our love and use them to make the world whole. Christ does not call us to be perfect in our love, only willing--willing to grow in love for God and others. The message of the gospel is that when we come to Christ with willing hearts, they are transformed into God's heart.

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

+ **RESPONSE** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (verse 1)* 582
 *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

Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 1:4-8 NRSV

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

On My Cross
Martin Andrews, Soloist

Jeremy Deibler

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31 NRSV

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you

forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Once and Future King

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 right outside the sanctuary. For those worshiping 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** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Arr. Mark Hayes

Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ **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**

Almighty God, we proclaim today that you made us to be a kingdom, priests serving you, our God and Lord. We offer you our time, and promise to find ways each day to share your love. We offer you our talents, and promise to make the most of who we are to show your love. We offer you our resources, as we are able, and promise to give cheerfully to embody your love. All this, we affirm, is possible only through the wonder of your abundant love for us. To you be glory and power, forever and ever.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **HYMN**

He Is King of Kings

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+ **OUR VISION**

Here at First United Presbyterian we are

Welcoming All, Growing Together, Serving with Joy!

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

He Is King of Kings (Refrain)

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+ **POSTLUDE**

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX, Arr. Henry Greatorex

Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ *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:**

Alessandro Trujillo	8:30 AM
Betsy Gilbert	11:00 AM
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Lanny Tuthill in memory of Patricia Tuthill.

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

- ✝ **ADULT/YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** Join us at **9:45 PM** on Sundays for the Bible study, “Reckless Love, Jesus’ Call to Love our Neighbor” by Tom Berlin. The book is available on Amazon. For more information, contact Curt Hoagland at choagieva@yahoo.com.
- ✝ **252 KIDS CHILDREN’S MINISTRY:** We will meet today at **8:45 AM** and **11:15 AM** after Time for Children. Contact Erin Bowling at erinkbowling@gmail.com for more information. 252 KIDS Club meets at 9:30 AM.
- ✝ **BIBLE BUDDIES:** We will begin a new Bible study on **April 17th to May 22nd**, “John the Gospel of Light and Life” by Adam Hamilton. Please purchase your book. If you have questions contact Betty Matthews at bettysmatthews1@verizon.net.
- ✝ **APRIL 18th -“WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT CARING FOR CREATION?”: PLAN TO JOIN THIS INFORMATIVE SESSION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM.** Do you know what God says about caring for Creation? Are you curious what the PC(USA) policy is about the same? Are you interested in learning more about what you can do as a member of FUPCDC to better care for the earth? **JOIN JESSICA’S ZOOM PRESENTATION ON APRIL 18th AT 7:00 PM AND LEARN MORE!** A time for discussion will follow the presentation. See the Thursday News for the Zoom link.
- ✝ **SMART 911 TRAINING:** The Safety & Security team invites you to join us on **Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00 PM** for a presentation by Prince William County Department of Public Safety Communications. SMART 911 is a free service that saves lives and is available to all residents. See the Thursday News for more information.
- ✝ **WOMEN OF THE CHURCH...SAVE THE DATE!** Please mark your calendar for our Women’s Retreat on **Saturday, May 20th**. Kate Fiedler, Associate Pastor at the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond will, by popular demand, be back as our speaker this year. See the Thursday News for the link to sign up.
- ✝ **SAVE THE DATE:** You won’t want to miss this carpool trip **Sunday afternoon, June 11th**. Come with us to the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts in Fredericksburg to see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. We have **reserved 40 seats**. Tickets are **\$55 each**. And...Ellie Bowling will be part of the “Children’s Ensemble.” See the Thursday News to order tickets.
- * **EARTH DAY COLLECTION AND RECYCLED ITEMS (April 16th - 23rd):** Advent and Lent Booklets, “These Days”, Calendars, Greeting Cards, Pill Bottles (label removed), Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids, Ink Cartridges, Plastic Bags, and Shoes. There is more information in the Thursday News.
- * **EARTH DAY SUNDAY TRIP TO LEESYLVANIA PARK - APRIL 23rd:** After worship on Earth Day **Sunday, April 23rd**, join us at **1:00 PM** as we enjoy the beauty of nature at Leesylvania Park. Come and enjoy fellowship, a picnic, the walking path along the water, playground, turtle pond, fishing pier, hiking trails, beautiful views and much more! Entrance fee for the park is \$10 per vehicle. For more information contact: Liz Glycer (lizglyer@gmail.com) or Amy Bean (amy.bean@hotmail.com) if you are interested in carpooling.

Student Ministry News

- * **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are working hard to rebuild the FUPCDC Youth program after COVID. We need Bread Sunday Bible Study Hosts, Chaperones, Bible Study Leaders, Cooks, and More! Sign up here to volunteer: [First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA: Help with FUPCDC Youth Group - 2023 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com) or go to the Volunteer sign up on the Thursday News. Thank you!
- * **SPRING 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.

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Report on Offering: March 2023

	MAR 2023 Actual	MAR 2023 Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Offering Pledged	30,055	30,411	100,019	94,742
Offering Unpledged	8,116	5,494	21,162	17,116
Total Offering	38,171	35,905	121,181	111,858
Other Income			6,414	
Net from Restricted			27,158	
Total Income			154,753	
Total Expenses			147,436	

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| * Mindy Lopez | * Amanda Peck | * Karen Gundel | * Deborah Folly |
| * Nathan Johnson, III | * Pat Greenhalgh | * Leigh Anderson | * Linda Ford |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Debbie Niederriter | * Gretchen Snyder | * Norman Cox |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Nate Johnson |
| * Bill and Laura Parris | * Tanya | * Lee Watenpaugh | * Rick Bockes |
| * Nancy Hoagland | * Amanda | * Liz Startin | * Norman Cobb |
| | * Doug Godfrey | | * Ann Randles |

✝ Thank the Lord and all of the caring congregation for your prayers of support for Ann following her lung cancer surgery. We are thankful to report that Ann is now cancer free with no follow up treatment required. She still has some need for physical therapy to strengthen her right lung to get it back to normal. - Doug Randles

✝ The Hummer and Fee families would like to express their gratitude for the congregation's prayers, love, and support in response to the recent death of Nancy's father, Neal Fee.

✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Jon Guest and family at the death of his mother, Marie Elizabeth Guest, the morning of April 12, 2023. Marie was grandma to Kimberly and Tori and great-grandmother to Maddox. She went from the land of dying to the land of living. Please lift the entire Guest family up in prayer at this time.

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:

- ✝ Providence Presbyterian Church - Fairfax, VA
- ✝ Church of the Redeemer Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

Calendar

April 16 - 23, 2023

SUNDAY, April 16

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
9:45 AM Adult/Youth Bible Study
9:45 AM 252 Kids Club
11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
12:15 PM Mission Ministry Team
NO PM Youth

MONDAY, April 17

10:30 AM Holy Fitness
1:00 PM Personnel Committee
6:30 PM Cub Scouts 289 - Tiger Den
7:00 PM Bible Buddies

TUESDAY, April 18

8:30 AM TOPS
1:00 PM Al-Anon
7:00 PM Caring for Creation - Zoom
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
7:30 PM AA
7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

WEDNESDAY, April 19

10:30 AM Holy Fitness
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 80115
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, April 20

10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B Training
7:00 PM Earth Care Committee
7:00 PM Ministry Team Leaders Meeting
8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, April 21

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

SATURDAY, April 22

3:00 PM George Riling Memorial Service

SUNDAY, April 23

Earth Care Sunday

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
9:45 AM Adult/Youth Bible Study
9:45 AM 252 Kids Club
11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
12:15 PM More Light Presbyterians Meeting
1:00 PM Earth Day trip to Leesylvania Park
2:00 PM Safety & Security Smart 911 Training
2:00 PM Cub Scout 289 Annual Pack Planning Meeting
2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA
5:00 PM Youth - Bread Sunday Meal & Study

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA

Ministers.....People of the Church
 Pastor.....Rev. Adam C. Bowling
 Parish Assistant..... Pastor Michael Slayter
 Chancel Choir Director..... Dana Van Slyke
 Interim Contemporary Worship Leader..... Theresa Arnold
 Pianist/Organist..... Justin Stretetz
 Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
 Sexton..... Homer Detrich
 Office Manager..... Kim Parker



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