

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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EARTH CARE SUNDAY



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA
is a Certified PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation

Earth Care Sunday

April 23, 2023

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

MINISTRY IN ACTION

✝ Women's Retreat and Joseph Trip

Betsy Gilbert

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

This is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA, Arr. Richard A. Williamson

Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning has broken!

We gather to greet the new day by praising God.

God created us to be in relationship with God, one another, and the earth.

Let us honor those relationships today and every day.

We seek to care for our siblings around the world, and for God's good creation.

Let us honor those relationships today and every day.

May we commit to new ways of honoring your creation as a means of sharing Jesus' transforming love,

and let us seek God's grace, justice, and mercy for all.

Let us worship God!

+ OPENING HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, we give you thanks for the great abundance and nourishment that you provide us through your creation and through your great love. As we come together to worship you, reveal to us ways we can honor you and your created world. Inspire our worship and shape our lives to reveal your magnificence.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved, we are made in the divine image, and God called us good. Yet we go our own way, causing harm to ourselves, to one another, and to the planet. Confident in the mercy of the One who made us and saved us, let us confess our sin to God and to another, praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive us for the ways in which we contribute to the disfigurement and destruction of your creation. Transform our hearts and minds, that we may place the welfare of your earth and your people before our fleeting desires. Embolden us to give voice to the voiceless in our communities and ecosystems, and grant us divine wisdom that we may replace systems of destruction and oppression with systems of justice and sustainability. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of Creation is also the God of Re-Creation. In Christ, the old life has gone, and a new life has begun. We now have the opportunity to change our ways and to help heal and restore creation. Know that we are forgiven by God for all the ways we have fallen short. Yes friends, we can now go and do the right thing, and live into God's ways of love and restoration.

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

Thanks be to God!

+ **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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 2:4b-9,15 NRSV

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Rutter

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Colossians 1:15-20 NRSV

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to

reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

To Till and Keep

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 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**

God of the Sparrow

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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 *All Things Bright and Beautiful/For the Beauty of the Earth*

Justin Streletz, Pianist

Arr. Penny Rodriguez

+ **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**

All good gifts come from you, God, and you reveal glimpses of your grace through them. Thank you for inviting us to be partners with you in caring for your creation. We offer these gifts now, knowing that they come first from you, then from other members of your family of creation, then from us. Bless these symbols of our awareness that we depend upon you and your creation for all that we call “ours.” Please accept these gifts and our desire to be your partners. In Christ’s name we pray,
Amen.

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

- + **HYMN** *For the Beauty of the Earth* 14
- + **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** *You Shall Go Out with Joy* 80
- + **POSTLUDE** *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD, Arr. Janet Vogt
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:**

Carol Miller	8:30 AM
Pam Cox	11:00 AM
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Brian and Diane Fulton in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.

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.
- * **THURSDAY NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED:** To read about all the great things that are happening at FUPCDC, you can receive a weekly email. To sign up for the Thursday News, go to <https://fupcdc.org> and click on the church email signups button or email the church office at office@fupcdc.org.
- * **CONNECT CARD/PRAYER CARD:** If you are new to FUPCDC or you need to update your information, please fill out a Connect Card. On the back side is the Prayer Card. It would be our honor to pray for your joys and concerns. Please drop the card in the Prayer Request box in the Welcome Center.

Ministry in Action

- ✚ **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED PROGRAM AND LUNCH:** We invite you to prayerfully consider attending our Discover First United lunch and program on **Sunday, May 7, 2023** in Room 27 from **12:10 PM until 1:30 PM**. This event is designed to introduce you and your family to the church and is open to anyone interested in learning more about our worshiping community and/or membership. We also promise to honor your time and end the program by 1:30 PM. If you are new to FUPCDC, are interested in possibly joining the church, or becoming an official “Friend of the Church,” the Discover First United Program is for you! Please register for this event on the link in the Thursday News. Email the church office at office@fupcdc.org if you have questions.
- ✚ **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**. In April, our preschoolers are learning through 1, 2,3... it’s Easter! Jesus is not just a character in a story, He is alive! Our kindergarten through sixth grade students will visit our Community Garden, where we’re Growing from the Ground Up. Jesus showed us how to serve others and put them first. Contact Erin Bowling at erinkbowling@gmail.com for more information. **252 KIDS Club meets at 9:30 AM.**
- ✚ **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Come to our new Bible study on **Mondays at 7 PM**, “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.
- ✚ **EARTH DAY SUNDAY TRIP TO LEESYLVANIA PARK - TODAY, Sunday, April 23rd:** After worship 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 Glyer (lizglyer@gmail.com) or Amy Bean (amy.bean@hotmail.com) if you are interested in carpooling.
- ✚ **SMART 911 TRAINING:** The Safety & Security team invites you to join us **TODAY, 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’S RETREAT:** Our Women’s Retreat “Discernment: Listening for God” with Associate Pastor Kate Fiedler will be on **Saturday, May 20th**. A light breakfast will be available at **8:30 AM**, and the retreat will be from **9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**. If you have any questions, please email Betsy Gilbert at betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com. See the Thursday News for the link to sign up.
- ✚ **JOSEPH TRIP:** 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.

Student Ministry News

- ✚ **BREAD SUNDAY AND MEAL:** Join us today, Sunday, April 23rd at 5:00 PM in Rooms 1 and 2 for Bread Sunday and a meal. Bring \$3, your Bible, and a snack.
- ✚ **TRIP TO LORTON WORKHOUSE:** Join us on Saturday, April 29th for *A Hike Through the Criminal Justice System*, hosted by the National Capital Presbytery. We will meet at the church at 9:00 AM and travel to the Lorton Workhouse for a tour of the grounds and their historical significance. We will return around 3:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. Spaces are very limited. Please contact Ginger at gmgalaini@gmail.com or 571-408-1228 to save a spot.
- * **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 \(signupgenius.com\)](#) 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.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| * Sofie Garrett | * 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 | * Doug Godfrey | * Norman Cobb |
| | | | * Ann Randles |

✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Liz Startin. Liz died in the hospital in Harrisonburg on April 19, 2023. Liz was a former member of FUPCDC. Please lift the family and friends up in prayer at this time.

- * 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:

- ✝ Riverside Presbyterian Church - Sterling, VA
- ✝ The Rock Presbyterian Church - Bethesda, MD

Calendar

April 23 - 30, 2023

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

MONDAY, April 24

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

TUESDAY, April 25

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
- 7:30 PM AA
- 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

WEDNESDAY, April 26

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- 8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, April 27

- 10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, April 28

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness

SATURDAY, April 29

- 9:00 AM Youth - Visit to Lorton Workhouse

SUNDAY, April 30

- 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
- NO PM Youth

Pastor Adam will be away April 25th through April 29th at the Rethink Leadership Conference for Pastors in Atlanta, GA. Please contact your Deacon, or Pastor Mike Slayter, with any pastoral care emergencies or needs.

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
 Contemporary Worship Leader.....Theresa Arnold
 Pianist/Organist.....Justin Streletz
 Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
 Sexton..... Homer Detrich
 Office Manager..... Kim Parker



SCAN TO GIVE



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA is a PC(USA) Congregation. We are a Matthew 25 church that is Earth Care Certified and part of the More Light Presbyterians--ALL are welcome and wanted!



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