

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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Unstoppable Kingdom

AN EASTER SERIES

5th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

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

Be Still, My Soul
Justin Streletz, Pianist

FILANDIA, Arr. Laura Bergquist

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is in this place
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God’s love is for you
and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God’s love and life,
may we be renewed
in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.
Praise the Lord!

+ OPENING HYMN

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ’s Name.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16)*

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another, as we pray together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, Loving God, that we do not live as citizens of Christ's kingdom. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to use and manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love. We are more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help, more ready to put ourselves first and above our neighbor. We are selfish and full of mistrust and cold unbelief. We fail to love, because we fail to believe in your love for us and the entire world. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God dwells among us,
giving to all who believe
the repentance that leads to life.
Rejoice in the Lord,
for we are a forgiven people.

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 Psalm 148 NRSV

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and women alike, old and young together!

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Call to Communion
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 21:1-6 NRSV

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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 *(Sung)*

Albert Hay Malotte

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Music during Communion *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **HYMN**

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

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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** *Soon and Very Soon (verse 1,4)*

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1 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

+ **POSTLUDE**

Soon and Very Soon
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Andraé Crouch, Arr. Marianne Kim

+ *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:**

Douglas Randles
Bruce Gilbert

8:30 AM
11:00 AM

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

- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** On **Wednesdays at 7 PM** come to the Bible study Heaven: The Official Study Guide by Randy Alcorn. Discover what the Bible says about the eternal home God has prepared for God's children. Designed to accompany Randy Alcorn's book, Heaven, these teachings will bring peace and hope to those grieving the loss of a loved one or who are curious about what Heaven will be like. On **May 10th**, our session will be "New Heaven, New Earth"
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Come join us on **May 10th at 6:00 PM** for **Pasta Night**.
- ✝ **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED PROGRAM AND LUNCH:** We invite you to prayerfully consider attending our Discover First United lunch and program **TODAY, 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 worshipping 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!

- ✝ **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:** 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 bettsymatthews1@verizon.net.
- ✝ **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

- * **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](https://twitter.com/youthfupc) to **81010**.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| ✝ Jesse (Mickey) Jones | * Pat Greenhalgh | * Karen Gundel | * Deborah Folly |
| ✝ Mikon Jones | * Debbie Niederriter | * Gretchen Snyder | * Linda Ford |
| * Norman Cobb | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Rick Bockes |
| * Sofie Garrett | * Tanya | * Lee Watenpaugh | * Ann Randles |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Amanda | * Doug Godfrey | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Sharon Barnhardt | * Amanda Peck | * Nate Johnson |
| * Bill and Laura Parris | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Nancy Hoagland | |

- * The Guest family would like to thank all of you that have reached out to us upon the recent death of our mom, grandma, and great grandma Marie Guest. Your cards, texts, and notes are always an integral part of the healing process and it is truly appreciated. Amen and thanks to all the blessings in our lives.

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:

- ✝ Saint Mark Presbyterian Church - North Bethesda, MD
- ✝ Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

Calendar

May 7 - 14, 2023

SUNDAY, May 7

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion
- 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 - Communion
- 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 12:10 PM Discover First United Lunch/Program
- 2:00 PM New Dominion Choraliers of PWC Concert
- 5:00 PM Youth - Dinner and Summer Mission Trip Meeting

MONDAY, May 8

- 9:30 AM Horizons Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club Board Meeting
- 1:00 PM Personnel Committee
- 6:00 PM Girl Scout Unit 80-5
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies

TUESDAY, May 9

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 2:00 PM Fellowship Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
- 7:00 PM Evangelism & Outreach Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Worship Ministry Team
- 7:30 PM AA
- 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

WEDNESDAY, May 10

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 80115
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- 8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, May 11

- 10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, May 12

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 4:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
- Video Game Lock In

SATURDAY, May 13

SUNDAY, May 14

Mother's Day

- 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
- 1:15 PM Property Team Ministry Team

NO PM YOUTH

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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!



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