

# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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# COMMUNITY

**“The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body.  
So it is with the body of Christ.” – 1 Corinthians 12:12**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 30, 2023  
10:00 AM**

**The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor  
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## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

### WELCOME

Pastor Michael V. Slayter

### SESSION NOTES

### MINISTRY IN ACTION

✝ Fellowship - Church Picnic

### 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

*We Worship and Adore You*  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Unknown, Arr. Mark Hayes

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.  
I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

### + OPENING HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear Lord, You are the peace of all things calm, the place to hide from harm, the light that shines in dark, the heart's eternal spark.  
You are the door that's open wide, the guest who waits inside.  
You are the stranger at the door, the calling of the poor.  
You are the light, the truth, the way, my Savior, this very day.  
Amen.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.  
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.  
Let us go to God together in prayer as we read responsively. . .

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we have betrayed you by following our own way.

**We have denied you by fearing to follow yours.**

We have mocked you by not taking your death seriously.

**Lord, we are lost. Let your forgiveness find me.**

Hold us in your strong arms and give me your new life.

**Live in us and with us day by day, that together we may make a world that is new.**

Hear our words and thoughts as we confess silently to you. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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**

Pastor Michael V. Slayter

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

**Amen.**

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 25:14-30 NRSV

<sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **ANTHEM**

*Better Than I*

John Bucchio, Arr. Tom Gentry

Barbershop Quartet Dreamworks animated film, *Joseph, King of Dreams*

## **SERMON**

Adventure of Risk

Pastor Michael V. Slayter

## **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 someone at the Welcome Table right outside the sanctuary. For those worshipping online, please email Pastor Adam at [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org). Know that ALL are welcome in this place!*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* 837

### **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

*I'll Walk With God*  
Barbershop Quartet

Nicholas Brodsky, Arr. Pete Rupay

+ **DOXOLOGY** 606

*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**

Dear Lord, we give back to you in thankfulness what you have given to us in loving kindness. We acknowledge that the world and its resources are not ours but yours, and that You have put us in charge as your trustees. Help us to act responsibly with the authority you give us in this world. Let your son, Jesus, be the pattern for all our dealings with one another, and for the rest of creation. Bless the gifts we now present back to you, that they may be used in Your name in your kingdom.

Amen.

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **SENDING SONG** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* 66

### + **OUR VISION**

Here at First United Presbyterian we are  
**Welcoming All, Growing Together, Serving with Joy!**

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Pastor Michael V. Slayter

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Irish Blessing* TRADITIONAL, Arr. Don Gray  
Barbershop Quartet

+ **POSTLUDE** *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*  
Henri A. Cesar Milan, Arr. Alex-Zsolt

+ *Please stand, in body or in spirit.* Justin Streletz, Pianist

Pastor Adam is away on vacation July 31- August 13<sup>th</sup>.

## *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 ASSISTANT:** Dennis Dingle
- \* **FLOWERS** are given by Karen Attreed in memory of Charles Attreed.

## *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](mailto: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

- ✝ SAVE THE DATE: Church Picnic and Ministry Fair at 11:15 AM, Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>
- ✝ MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** at **8:00 AM**. Bring a friend. For additional information, please contact Sam Parris at 703-946-7266 or [samjparris@aol.com](mailto:samjparris@aol.com).
- \* ADULT/YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: The Nooma Bible study is on Sundays, at 9:00 AM. For more information, contact Curt Hoagland at [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com).
- \* 252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: We will meet today at 10:15 AM. Contact Erin Bowling at [erinkbowling@gmail.com](mailto:erinkbowling@gmail.com) for more information.

# Student Ministry News

- ✝ ICE CREAM/MEET-UP: Come meet our new Youth Director, Briana Stewart, Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at Montclair DQ, 7:30 PM and eat ice cream, and movie at the Bowlings, 8:30 PM.
- \* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: See the Volunteer sign up on the Thursday News. Thank you!
- \* YOUTH CALENDARS: Youth calendars are 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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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| * Norman Cobb                 | * Debbie Niederriter  | * Karen Gundel    | * Deborah Folly  |
| * Mike Gundel                 | * Baby Raphael        | * Jeannine Menzie | * Linda Ford     |
| * Scott Peterman              | * Tanya               | * Lee Watenpaugh  | * Sofie Garrett  |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme    | * Amanda              | * Doug Godfrey    | * Ann Randles    |
| * Bill and Laura Parris       | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Cyrus Eads          | * Mikon Jones     | * Nate Johnson   |

- ✝ Thank you for all the love, prayers, and support you have and are still giving us. We are so grateful for you and for God answering our prayers. God gave us strength and hope. Praise God who deserves all the honor and glory! - Mike and Karen Gundel

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)
- ✝ Zack Lauster (Aaron Lauster's son)

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Arlington Presbyterian Church - Arlington, VA
- ✝ Ashburn Presbyterian Church - Ashburn, VA

# Calendar

## July 30 - August 6, 2023

### SUNDAY, July 30

- 9:00 AM Adult/Youth Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Worship - One Service
- 10:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 11:15 AM Spread the Bread
- 2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA

### MONDAY, July 31

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness

### TUESDAY, August 1

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 9:30 AM Woodbridge Christian Women's Connection
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
- 7:00 PM Growing in Faith Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Mission Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours
- 7:30 PM AA

### WEDNESDAY, August 2

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 7:00 PM New Building Fund Task Force
- 8:15 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

### THURSDAY, August 3

- 10:00 AM Fellowship Ministry Team
- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 8:00 PM AA for Beginners

### FRIDAY, August 4

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 7:30 PM Youth - Ice Cream/Meet-up
- 8:30 PM Youth - Movie Night

### SATURDAY, August 5

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

### SUNDAY, August 6

- 9:00 AM Adult/Youth Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Worship - One Service - Communion
- 10:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 11:15 AM Spread the Bread

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA	
Ministers.....	People of the Church
Pastor.....	Rev. Adam C. Bowling
Parish Assistant.....	Pastor Michael Slayter
Youth Director.....	Briana Stewart
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

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