

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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Christmas in July

July 9, 2023

10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Word Become Flesh, our Savior and King, hear us as we humbly pray, cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. . .
Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Isaiah 1:18)*

Hear the good news of Christmas—God reveals to us the wonders of divine love.

For unto us a Child is born;
unto us a Son is given.
His name shall be called Wonderful,
Counselor,
the Mighty God,
the Everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.

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

Thanks be to God!

+ **RESPONSE**

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child

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Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;
new life, new hope the child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing:
“Glory, glory, glory!”
Let the heavens ring. (Repeat)

+ **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 of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture we might know your presence and follow in your light always.

Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-18 NRSV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Little Town of Bethlehem
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

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SERMON

Christmas in July

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 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** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/ Jesus, the Light of the World*

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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 - Congregational Carol *The First Nowell* 147

+ **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**

God of goodness and kindness, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, all that we have are gifts of your grace. As the heavenly host sang of your glory, accept what we bring as offerings of praise. With the shepherds we have witnessed the birth of our Savior; our response is gratitude for the hope of new life we receive in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **SENDING CAROL** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* 136

+ **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** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Reprise)* 136

+ **POSTLUDE** *Wonderful Child* TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, Arr. Craig Curry
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 ASSISTANT:** Doug Randles
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Debbie Cornelius in memory of David Cornelius, Sr.

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

- ✚ **READY, SET, MOVE! BIBLE CAMP (July 10-14, 6:00 to 8:00 PM):** Register now on the church website or contact Erin Bowling, 828-448-8913.
- * **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.
- * **252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** We will meet today at 10:15 AM. Contact Erin Bowling at erinkbowling@gmail.com for more information.

Student Ministry News

- ✚ **YOUTH MISSION SUNDAY:** July 16th, 10:00 AM
- * **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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| * Derek Reed | * Debbie Niederriter | * Karen Gundel | * Deborah Folly |
| * Sue Johnson | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Linda Ford |
| * Mike Gundel | * Tanya | * Lee Watenpaugh | * Rick Bockes |
| * Norman Cobb | * Amanda | * Doug Godfrey | * Ann Randles |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Bill and Laura Parris | * Mikon Jones | * Sofie Garrett | * Nate Johnson |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Cyrus Eads | | |

✚ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Cathy and Bob Albrecht and family at the death of Cathy's brother-in-law, Walt Skikas on June 30, 2023. Please lift the entire 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:

- ✚ Westminster Presbyterian Church - Alexandria, VA
- ✚ Westminster Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

Calendar

July 9 - 16, 2023

SUNDAY, July 9

- 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
- 11:30 AM Mission Ministry Team
- 1:15 PM Property Ministry Team

MONDAY, July 10

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 1:00 PM Personnel Committee
- 6:00 PM Vacation Bible Camp

TUESDAY, July 11

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 6:00 PM Vacation Bible Camp
- 7:00 PM Worship Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours
- 7:30 PM AA

WEDNESDAY, July 12

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Vacation Bible Camp
- 8:15 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, July 13

- 10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 6:00 PM Vacation Bible Camp
- 7:00 PM Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, July 14

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Vacation Bible Camp

SATURDAY, July 15

SUNDAY, July 16

Youth Mission Sunday

- 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
- 11:15 AM Mission Ministry Team
- 1:00 PM Rehoboth Christ Church

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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



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