

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

August 20, 2023

10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

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.

GATHERING SONG

Better is One Day
FUPCDC Praise Team

Matt Redman, (CCLI#:1097451)

WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather here this day to hear God's word for us.

We praise God for the opportunity to gather together.

We are sent forth from this place to share God's transforming love.

Lord, encourage us and empower us to do your will.

Let us worship God!

+ **OPENING HYMN**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Knowing this, let us confess our sins, praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth, we have things that we believe that we have not carefully examined. We have things that we accept that are not part of your truth. We have attempted to make you in our own image, trusting our own opinions and half-truths more than the truth revealed by your Son. Send us your Holy Spirit to guide us as we hear your words. Give us comfort as we question our assumptions. Bless us with grace and forgive us for the times when our words have hurt others or you. And now, hear us as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

By God's mercy,

we are forgiven;

by God's mercy,

we are made whole;

by God's mercy,

we are equipped to serve others.

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

Blessing of the Backpacks

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 30:19-20a NRSV

Then Moses said to the Israelites, “I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Well Done Faithful Servant

Martin

FUPCDC Chancel Choir

This anthem is in honor of Justin Streletz and his dedication and service to the Chancel Choir and the music ministry of FUPCDC.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:22-28

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

MESSAGE

Half Truths: Everything Happens for a Reason?

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**

Live into Hope

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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

Total Praise

Becca and Chris Anderson, Vocalists
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Richard Smallwood (CCLI#:2110330)

+ 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

From you comes every gift we need, every blessing we have. May we not hoard them for ourselves, but offer them back to you, that the poor might be fed, the lonely befriended, and the despairing be filled with hope. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ SENDING HYMN

You Never Let Go

Beth and Matt Redman (CCLI# 4674166)

+ 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 Never Let Go

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+ POSTLUDE

As We Depart

ELLERS, GOD BE WITH YOU, THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU, *Arr.* Robert W. Thygerson
Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

All are invited to join us on the church lawn for our annual church picnic and ministry fair! No need to bring anything, and lunch is our treat!

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:** Pastor Michael Slayter
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Bruce and Betsy Gilbert in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary on August 24th.

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

- * **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Our book for the fall will be Anxious-Bible Study Book with video Access: Fighting Anxiety With The Word Of God by Scarlet Hiltibidal. This is an eight-week study. We will begin on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm in Room 22 for in-person and by zoom. Please purchase your book. During this eight-week session, Scarlet reveals that comfort and peace are found in God by studying His Word, embracing prayer, and finding community for love and support. Contact Betty Matthews, bettysmatthews1@verizon.net or Cathy Albrecht, albrennan3@aol.com for more information.
- * **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY:** The 2023-2024 Horizons Bible Study will begin on **Monday, September 11th**. Our study this year is "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts." We will together discover what these books of the Bible tell us about Jesus and his message for the church then and now. We meet at **9:30 - 11:00 AM** in Room 22 from September through June. All are welcome; please join us in opening God's Word together. Contact Sara Porter at saraporter@comcast.net or 703-819-5044 for more details.
- * **SAVE THE DATE:** Our second annual Great Day of Service will be on **Sunday, September 10th**! More information about this year's projects will be coming soon.
- * **NEW SMALL GROUP:** We will begin a new study, Adam Hamilton's Half-Truths TODAY, Sunday, August 20th 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 Curt Hoagland at choagieva@yahoo.com for more information.

Student Ministry News

- * **STUDENT MINISTRY EMAILS:** Sign up to receive Student Ministry emails. Ask Briana Stewart 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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| * Mike Gundel | * Debbie Niederriter | * Karen Gundel | * Deborah Folly |
| * Sue Johnson | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Linda Ford |
| * Theresa Arnold | * Tanya | * Lee Watenpaugh | * Rick Bockes |
| * 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 |
| * Scott Peterman | * Amanda Peck | * Sofie Garrett | |

✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Debbie and Levi Folly and family at the death of Debbie's father, Harry Courter, on August 10, 2023. Harry went from the land of dying to the land of living. Please lift the entire family up in prayer at this time.

* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Gail Cobb and family at the death of her husband, Norman Cobb, Saturday, August 5, 2023. Norm went from the land of dying to the land of living. Please lift the entire family up in prayer at this time.

* Prayers of thanks to God that Norm's suffering has ended. We also thank God for the congregation and for the many months of prayers, encouraging words, meals, etc. You lifted us up and helped Norm and the family run the race that was set before us. Thanks and Blessings.
- Gail Cobb and Family

✝ On behalf of The Bull Run Troubadours, I would like to thank the congregation and staff for allowing us to participate in last Sunday morning's worship service. It was indeed a pleasure for us and we deeply appreciate the kind words offered after the service. - Jim Christie

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:

- ✝ Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church - Bethesda, MD
- ✝ Brambleton Presbyterian Church - Brambleton, VA

SESSION

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Martin Andrews	<i>Worship</i>	703-967-4358
Rev. Adam C. Bowling	<i>Moderator</i>	828-448-8914

DEACONS

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Agnes Fokwa	Debbie Cornelius	Grace Asafu-Adjaye
Nne Kalu	Gaylene Guest	Sandy Chamberlin
Kathy McNeely	Claire Hoagland	Connie Cox
Donna Seckar	Mary Jones	Ellen Nuernberger
	Mike Slayter	

Mike Slayter, Ministry Team Leader 703-670-4648

Calendar

August 20 - 27, 2023

SUNDAY, August 20

Backpack Blessing Sunday

Church Picnic/ Ministry Fair

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 Ministry

11:15 AM Church Picnic/Ministry Fair

MONDAY, August 21

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

TUESDAY, August 22

8:30 AM TOPS

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G

7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours

7:00 PM AA

WEDNESDAY, August 23

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

8:15 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, August 24

10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA

3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group

7:00 PM Session Meeting

8:00 PM AA for Beginners

FRIDAY, August 25

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

SATURDAY, August 26

SUNDAY, August 27

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 Ministry

2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA

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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



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
