

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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 *A New Hallelujah*
Deborah D. Smith, Michael W. Smith, Paul Baloche (CCLI#:5285860)
FUPCDC Praise Team

WELCOME Rev. Adam C. Bowling

SESSION NOTES

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the midst of our troubles, we cry aloud to God.

God always hears our cries and responds to our needs.

God brings us up out of our trouble and sets us in a safe place.

God comforts and restores our souls.

The Lord has turned our mourning into dancing!

We have been clothed with joy and hope!

+ **OPENING SONG** *Draw Me Close* Kelly Carpenter (CCLI#:1459484)
FUPCDC Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our hearts long for God, and we know we fall short of God’s glory, so let us now confess to God the ways we have individually and collectively fallen short of God’s grace, by 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

The mercy of God is unending, the love of God is all encompassing, and the peace we share in Christ is fathomless.

Indeed, God's grace washes over us.

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

Thanks be to God!

+ **RESPONSE**

Death Was Arrested

Adam Kersh, Brandon Coker, Heath Balltzglier, Paul Taylor Smith (CCLI# 7046448)

+ **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

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

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

Psalm 121 NRSV

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

²My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 2:4-10 NRSV

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves? 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

+ **SONG OF RESPONSE**

Your Grace is Enough
FUPCDC Praise Team

Matt Maher (CCLI#:4477026)

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

You Alone Can Rescue

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (CCLI #5376377)

+ **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 SONG**

Mighty to Save Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan (CCLI#:4591782)
FUPCDC Praise Team

+ **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**

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+ *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:** Carol Miller
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Gail Cobb to the Glory of God.

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

- ✚ **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday, September 9th** at **8:00 AM**. Feel free to bring a friend! For additional information, please contact Sam Parris at 703-946-7266 or samjparris@aol.com.
- ✚ **THESE DAYS DEVOTIONAL BOOKS:** The October/November/December These Days devotional books are available in the Welcome Center.
- * **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, albreannan3@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:** Our new study, Adam Hamilton's Half-Truths 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 Curt Hoagland at choagieva@yahoo.com for more information.

Student Ministry News

- ✝ **YOUTH KICK-OFF POOL PARTY (for Youth grades 6-12 and Adult Advisors):** Join us **TODAY, 2:00 - 5:00 PM** at Emily's house (13495 Fleetwood Drive, Nokesville, VA 20181) for a youth group kick-off pool party! Bring your swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and a side, drinks, or dessert to share. **If your Last Name begins with A-H, bring (sides-chips, etc.) I-Q, (drinks) R-Z, (dessert).** Dinner will be provided: Grilled Hotdogs. Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. You must have a new Health & Permission Form on file or bring it with you. RSVP on Facebook or by emailing or texting Youth Director Briana Stewart, Briana.Stewart@fupcdc.org or 540-967-7347.
- * **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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| ✝ Amy Smith | * Debbie Niederriter | * Karen Gundel | * Deborah Folly |
| ✝ Steve and Mary Jane Shervais | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Linda Ford |
| * Mike Gundel | * Tanya | * Lee Watenpaugh | * Rick Bockes |
| * Theresa Arnold | * Amanda | * Doug Godfrey | * Ann Randles |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Bill and Laura Parris | * Amanda Peck | * Mikon Jones | * Nate Johnson |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | | | * Sue Johnson |

- ✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Liz and Kenny Boddye at the death of their son, Cyrus, on August 22, 2023. Please lift the entire family up in prayer at this time.
- ✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Sofie Garrett and family at the death of her granddaughter, Hailey Anne Oristian, on August 10, 2023. Please lift Sofie and the entire family up in prayer at this time.
- * 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. 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)
- ✝ Zack Lauster (Aaron Lauster's son)
- ✝ Ryan Bruner (Carol and Ross Schwalm's son-in-law)

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Brentsville Presbyterian Church - Bristow, VA
- ✝ Burke Presbyterian Church - Burke, VA

Calendar

August 27 - September 3, 2023

SUNDAY, August 27

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group
- 10:00 AM Worship - One Service
- 10:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 11:15 AM Spread the Bread Ministry
- 11:15 AM More Light Presbyterians Meeting
- 2:00 PM Youth Pool Party - Lauster's House
- 2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA

MONDAY, August 28

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

TUESDAY, August 29

- 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
- 7:30 PM AA 101

WEDNESDAY, August 30

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

THURSDAY, August 31

- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM Earth Care Committee
- 8:00 PM AA for Beginners

FRIDAY, September 1

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness

SATURDAY, September 2

SUNDAY, September 3

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group
- 10:00 AM Worship - One Service - Communion
- 10:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 11:15 AM Spread the Bread Ministry
- NO PM Youth

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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



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