

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org

828.448.8914

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Rachel Bradley, Pianist

Joseph M. Martin

+ CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 46:1-3,11)*

God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.

**So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**The Lord Almighty is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.**

Let us worship God!

+ OPENING SONG

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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CALL TO CONFESSION

We gather as God's people, believing the promises fulfilled in Christ. We do not need to confess out of dread or fear, but in trust that God is faithful to forgive us and make us new. Join me as we pray together, saying. . .

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 (*Ephesians 4:32*)

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

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 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 NRSV

So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

ANTHEM

I Will Trust in Christ Alone
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Mary Ann Cooper

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 43:1-3a NRSV

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Half Truths: God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle?

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 worshiping 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

Be Still, My Soul
FUPCDC Praise Team

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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

I Need Thee Every Hour
Rachel Bradley, Pianist

Robert Lowry, Arr. Mark Hayes

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May the gifts we offer, Loving God, be used to fix meals for hungry children, to shower others with grace, and to patch the potholes poverty has created in the roadways of the kingdom. Yes, may our gifts make a practical difference in this world, bringing light and life through Jesus Christ to the darkest and most shadowy places. Fill us with your Spirit, that our lives may also bear the light of him who gave himself for us, as we go about our daily living in your presence. This we ask in Jesus' name.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

CALL TO ORDER FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

RECOGNITION OF CLERK, ELDER SARA PORTER

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR THE MEETING

Elder Sara Porter

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Elder Rick Mitchell

**MOTION: TO ELECT WILBUR SNYDER TO THE DEACON CLASS OF 2024,
FILLING AN UNEXPIRED TERM.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

CLOSING PRAYER (2 Corinthians 3)

Lord, we ask that you continue to bless the congregation of First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, as we do our best to follow you. Help us to shine your light into the darkness, as you continue to transform us from one degree of glory to another. Be with those who are serving as Elders, Deacons, and Ministry Team Leaders. Guide them, and us, in all that we do. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

+ **CLOSING HYMN**

Standing on the Promises

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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

+ **POSTLUDE**

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

William J. Kirkpatrick, Arr. Victor Labenske

Rachel Bradley, Pianist

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



Wilbur Snyder became a member of FUPCDC in October 2022. He was born on May 3, 1950 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and grew up at Indiantown Gap in Lebanon County. After graduating from West Point in 1972 he served 25 years in the U.S. Army as an armor and Russian foreign area officer in Germany, the Pentagon, North Carolina, Kentucky, California, Virginia and Georgia. Upon Army retirement in 1997 he worked as a defense consultant before returning to government service as an Army and DoD civilian at Fort Belvoir VA and the Pentagon until retiring a second time in April 2020. He resides in Four Seasons with his wife Gretchen, who has been a member of FUPCDC since 2004, and their two dogs. Currently he volunteers at the National Museum of the U.S. Army and for the National Park Service on the National Mall, in addition to serving on the Safety and team and coordinating Worship Assistants at FUPCDC. In addition to dog care, his pastimes are walking and reading history. Wilbur was raised in an Army chapel where he was exposed to many Protestant denominations, has previously belonged to the Evangelical United Brethren, United Methodist, Lutheran and Episcopal churches, but has an ancestral connection to the Presbyterian church through his mother's family which belonged to a church that was founded on the German Reformed tradition. He looks forward to further service as a Deacon at FUPCDC.

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Rachel Bradley is delighted to join FUPCDC in worship from behind the piano this Sunday! Since recently moving to the area, she has been exploring multiple avenues as a musical artist, working both as a performer and an educator. Currently, she sings professionally with the Washington Master Chorale, accompanies and teaches for the Children's Chorus of Washington, teaches private voice and piano, and works as a freelancing music director/pianist for local theaters, churches, and schools as opportunities arise.

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:**

Wilbur Snyder	(8:30)
Alessandro Trujillo	(11:00)
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Donna and Joel Seckar in honor of their grandchildren.

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

- ✝ **2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: SERVING WITH JOY!** Today, we kick off our 2024 Stewardship Campaign. Over the next few weeks you will be hearing from some of our church family as they share what **SERVING WITH JOY** means to them. BUT we don't want to hear from just a few, we want to hear from EACH of YOU. We will have a table in the Narthex/Welcome Center throughout the campaign with slips of paper, pens, and a basket. Please take a few minutes and answer this question, "What ministry event(s), program(s), and/or sermon(s) have brought you JOY?" and place your response in the basket. For those watching on line, we ask that you go to the church website, www.fupcdc.org, scroll down and click on the **SERVING WITH JOY QUESTION**, and type in your response. Filling in your name is optional. Your responses will be shared during the campaign.
- ✝ **ACTS PRESENTATION:** Dr. Stanley B. Jones, the new CEO of ACTS (Action in Community Through Service) will present an overview of the impact ACTS has in Prince William County. Please join us on **Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 PM in the Triple Room** to learn more about ACTS and how it helps our Prince William county area neighbors in crisis every day.
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:** Please join your siblings-in-Christ as we fellowship around the dinner table on **Wednesday, Sept. 20th at 6:00 PM**. The dinner will be **Pizza**. If you are willing to help set up and/or help clean up, it certainly would be appreciated! Please contact Marti Hall at 703-626-2269 (call or text) or martihall@comcast.net. Chancel choir rehearsal and Pastor's Bible study will follow the Wednesday Night meal.
- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join us at **7:00 PM in Room 22 on Wednesday, September 20th** for a new Bible study, Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes by Pastor Josh Scott. This six-week Bible study will consider stories many read as children. Our first story will be *The Story of Noah*.
- ✝ **DINNER WITH FRIENDS:** Do you enjoy socializing with friends from the church? Do you enjoy cooking or dining out? Do you love a delicious meal? If any of these are the case, then Dinner with Friends is for you! We are a dinner group that has been a part of the church for over 30 years, but perhaps you are new and haven't yet heard of this opportunity for fellowship. Our first dinner of the year will be at Brittany's in Dillingham Square on **Saturday, September 30th at 6:00 PM**. Dinner is **\$20 (tax and tip included) per person in cash** and includes a salad with your selection of dressing, your choice of dinner from a special menu, a soft drink, and cookies for dessert. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Marti Hall at martihall@comcast.net or 703-626-2269.
- ✝ **HELLO FALL!:** Here is another opportunity to serve your siblings in Christ. **COFFEE!** We plan to serve coffee after each service **beginning TODAY, September 17th**. Volunteers are needed to set up so the coffee is brewing during the 8:30 service and clean up about 11:20 following the 11:00 service. This means 2 volunteers each Sunday. If you are willing to help, please contact Marti Hall at martihall@comcast.net or 703-626-2269, and a Signup Genius can be sent to you.
- ✝ **SMALL GROUP:** Our adult study, Adam Hamilton's Half-Truths is on Sundays at **9:45 AM**. 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. The 252 Kids Club will meet at 9:30 AM. Contact Curt Hoagland at choagieva@yahoo.com for more information.

Student Ministry News

- ✚ **YOUTH TRIP TO HAUNT AT KINGS DOMINION:** Join your friends for a Student Ministries trip to Kings Dominion Halloween Haunt on **Sunday, September 24th**. We will meet at 4 PM for pizza dinner and leave at 4:30 PM for Kings Dominion and return at midnight. See the Thursday News for details.
- ✚ **FALL YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are now available online and in the Welcome Center.
- * **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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| ✚ Marti Hall | * Debbie Niederriter | * Karen Gundel | * Linda Ford |
| ✚ Judy Stewart | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Rick Bockes |
| * Lee Watenpaugh | * Tanya | * Doug Godfrey | * Ann Randles |
| * Amy Smith | * Amanda | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Mikon Jones | * Nate Johnson |
| * Bill and Laura Parris | * Amanda Peck | * Deborah Folly | * Sue Johnson |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Theresa Arnold | * Mike Gundel | |

- ✚ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Linda and Gene Montgomery and family at the death of their son-in-law, William Binzer on September 8, 2023. William went from the land of dying to the land of living. Please lift Linda and Gene and 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:

- ✚ Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC
- ✚ Catoctin Presbyterian Church - Waterford, VA

SESSION

- Cathy Albrecht ('26) 703-670-8369
- Amy Bean ('25) 703-670-3790
- Bill Ediage ('24) 571-477-9306
- Morelle Fokwa ('24) 571-409-9435
- Ginger Galaini ('25) 571-408-1228
- Jon Guest ('25) 703-586-7718
- Pat Manalio ('26) 703-283-2948
- Rick Mitchell ('26) 703-590-3277
- Sam Parris ('24) 703-946-7226

- Rev. Adam C. Bowling.....*Moderator*..... 828-448-8914
- Sara Porter*Clerk of Session*..... 703-670-8737

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

- Amy Bean (Interim).....*Administration*..... 703-670-3790
- Mike Slayter *Congregational Care* 703-670-4648
- Sam Parris (Interim)*Evangelism & Outreach*.....703-946-7226
- Marti Hall.....*Fellowship* 703-626-2269
- Curt Hoagland.....*Growing in Faith*..... 703-380-3819
- Pam Cox*Mission* 703-441-6319
- Mike Gundel *Property*..... 301-767-5030
- Dennis Dingle*Stewardship & Finance* 703-583-9689
- Martin Andrews*Worship*..... 703-967-4358

- Rev. Adam C. Bowling..... *Moderator*..... 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

September 17 - 24, 2023

SUNDAY, September 17

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 9:30 AM 252 Kids Club
 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 12:15 PM Spread the Bread Ministry
 No PM Youth

MONDAY, September 18

10:30 AM Holy Fitness
 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Wolf Den
 7:00 PM Bible Buddies

TUESDAY, September 19

8:30 AM TOPS
 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
 7:00 PM ACTS Presentation
 7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours
 7:30 PM AA 101

WEDNESDAY, September 20

10:30 AM Holy Fitness
 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
 7:00 PM FUPCDC Chancel Choir
 8:15 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, September 21

3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
 7:00 PM Ministry Team Leaders Meeting
 7:00 PM Earth Care Committee
 8:00 PM AA for Beginners

FRIDAY, September 22

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

SATURDAY, September 23

SUNDAY, September 24

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 9:30 AM 252 Kids Club
 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 12:15 PM Spread the Bread Ministry
 12:15 PM More Light Presbyterians Meeting
 2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA
 4:00 PM Youth - Pizza and Kings Dominion

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Report on Offering: August 2023

	AUG 2023 Actual	AUG 2023 Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Offering Pledged	32,503	30,411	262,793	257,324
Offering Unpledged	6,039	5,494	57,008	46,488
Total Offering	38,542	35,905	319,801	303,812

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.....	Vacant
Nursery Supervisor.....	Vacant
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
