

**First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)**

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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828.448.8914

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

### + GATHERING SONG

### *Jesus Messiah*

Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves (CCLI# 5183443)

#### **Verse 1**

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

#### **Chorus**

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

#### **Verse 2**

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

#### **Bridge**

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

#### **Ending**

Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of all

## **WELCOME**

### **+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gracious God, forever seeking us,

**Open our minds to the truth of your care.**

Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

**Open our lips to share stories of faith.**

Open our lives to do justice and show kindness.

**Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.**

### **+ OPENING HYMN**

*God Is Here!*

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**1** God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

**2** Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

**3** Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lori MacKenzie

Outreaching, barrier-breaking, expansive Holy Spirit of the living, resurrected God, Shake us up and move us out from the cozy confines of our lives, so that we might enjoy being part of your gospel. Help us to tell others the good news of Jesus and your love in all we do and say. Empower us to proclaim the truth that your kingdom is for all people. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

**Amen.**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Lori MacKenzie

As those called to a journey of faith, we know we have strayed.

As those called to a journey of faith, we know we have dug in our heels,  
and chosen to be stuck in place.

God calls us forward, by forgiving every sin that holds us back.

Let us seek God's mercy, that gift that helps us move on, as we pray together saying. . .

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lori MacKenzie

Holy God, your Spirit breathed life and power into believers once upon a time, and still today. You inspire a variety of gifts, but we are too quick to deny them in ourselves, or to see them in others. You call us to go and share the good news, but we resist unfamiliar territory, and unfamiliar faces. We hold on to what has worked for us, when you seek to work a new thing through us. We withhold from others the grace you freely offer us, and are quicker to offer criticism than compassion.

You show no partiality, yet we are content with our privilege. We choose silence when we are called to speak, and let fear weaken our stand against all that denies the justice you call for.

Forgive us, O God, for not seeking or sensing your Spirit's presence on every step of our journey as your church. Guide our feet, guide our faith, that we would trust your leading, even in the detours along the way. Hear us now, as we continue to confess, in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A time of silent confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Psalm 103:11-12*)

As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's love toward those who fear God; and as far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our sin from us.

**There is nowhere we can go,  
there is nothing we can go through,  
where God's loving mercy doesn't meet us.**

Believe and receive that good news - 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.**

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Betsy Gilbert

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Acts 8:26-40 NRSV

Betsy Gilbert

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)<sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship<sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"<sup>31</sup> He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*God Welcomes All*  
Becca and Chris Anderson

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**MESSAGE**

Come On In - All Are Welcome!

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 email Pastor Adam, [Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org).*

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ *HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan (CCLI#:7102401)

## Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

## Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

## Verse 2

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

## Chorus 2

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

## Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

## Tag

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

## **SERVICE OF GIVING**

Music at the Offering

*Jesus Christ, He's The Light*

Becca Anderson, Musician

Kanye West

### **+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Sadie M.

We give our thanks through our talents, our time, and our treasure. Thanks be to God; whose love creates us! Thanks be to God; whose mercy redeems us! Thanks be to God; whose grace leads us into the future!

Amen.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

#### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Sung*) Dana Van Slyke, Soloist

Albert Hay Malotte

. . . 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.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Music during Communion *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

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1 I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;  
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,  
One of these Days.  
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;  
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,  
One of these Days.



2 I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus; . . .

3 I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; . . .

4 Here all the world will find a welcome; . . .

5 We're gonna feast on milk and honey; . . .

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

## **WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

### **+ CLOSING SONG**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

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1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else could do.

#### **Refrain:**

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story;  
'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word. **(Refrain)**

3 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. **(Refrain)**

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **POSTLUDE**

*This Little Light of Mine*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, Arr. Mary McDonald

Justin Stretetz, Pianist

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

# *Worship Notes*

- \* **WELCOME!** Whether you are new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting the FUPCDC website, we are delighted you joined us in worship online. Please fill out the online attendance and please let us know if you have any prayer concerns or needs. To find out more about this church, please email the Church Office at [office@fupcdc.org](mailto:office@fupcdc.org) or call at 703-670-7834.

## *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.

# Ministry in Action

- ✠ **CALLING ALL GRADUATES, SINCE JULY 2020:** If you have graduated or are graduating from high school, college/university, or a certificated program, we would like to acknowledge your accomplishments during worship on **June 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please let the Church Office know your information and email a photo of the graduate by **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**, [office@fupcdc.org](mailto:office@fupcdc.org), 703-670-7834.
- \* **SAFETY AND SECURITY:** The session has approved (with recommendation from the Safety and Security Committee) that the church will begin inside worship on **July 4, 2021**. In addition, we will open to inside groups at the church beginning on **August 1, 2021**. The Safety and Security Committee will continue to monitor the world and local situation and will make modifications if needed. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Guest - 703-586-7718 or [jon.guest@fupcdc.org](mailto:jon.guest@fupcdc.org).
- \* **FRIENDS ARE FLOWERS IN THE GARDEN OF LIFE!** The gardens surrounding our church at FUPCDC are looking for some new friends to love them! A few of the areas only require periodic weeding and other areas are visible so others can enjoy the beauty of God's creation! Could you use some great fresh air and exercise? Please contact me at: [gretchenasnyder@aol.com](mailto:gretchenasnyder@aol.com)!
- \* **OUTDOOR LAWN/PARKING LOT WORSHIP:** We look forward to Outdoor Lawn/Parking Lot Worship for the following Sundays (weather dependent). We will still live stream worship these Sundays for those unable to join us on the lawn or from their vehicles.
- Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM (Mother's Day)
  - Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 10 AM (Pentecost)
  - Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM (Installation and Ordination of Church Officers)
- \* **BIBLE BUDDIES STUDY: ANNA - MARY - LYDIA - DORCUS - MARY - MARTHA - MARY MAGDALENE - ELIZABETH:** Can we connect with any of these brave, complex, ancient sisters in the faith? Can their stories of dedication remind us of our Christian Call? You are invited to join the Ladies' Bible Study to learn more about their stories: **From Daughters to Disciples: Women's Stories From the New Testament** by Lynn Japinga on **Mondays, at 7:00 PM** via Zoom. For more information, please contact Betty Matthews through the church office, [office@fupcdc.org](mailto:office@fupcdc.org) or 703-670-7834.
- \* **ROMANS STUDY:** Join us for a 9-week study on the book of Romans. With a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart, N.T. Wright (and FUPCDC leader Curtis Hoagland) will walk you through Romans with this guide designed especially with everyday folks in mind. Perfect for group use, this study uses the popular inductive method combined with Wright's thoughtful insights to bring contemporary application of Scripture to life. This course is designed to help you understand Scripture in fresh ways under the guidance of one of the world's leading New Testament scholars. Thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions, and useful background and cultural information will guide our group more deeply into God's Word. We will look at the early church of Rome and some of their struggles, and how they compare to our world today. Discover how you can participate more fully in God's kingdom. We hope you can join us each Sunday from **8:30 AM - 9:30 AM on Zoom**. **Class Link:** <http://www.fupcdc.org/class>

- \* **PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Adam's Bible Study on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**, via Zoom, is continuing the study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome. If you would like to join this study, please contact Pastor Adam at [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org).
- \* **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION:** Every **Sunday, 8:45 - 9:30 AM**, we join King's Grant Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, VA, via Zoom, for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Pastor Adam at [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org).
- \* **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY:** "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament" is the title of the 2020 - 2021 women's Bible study. We meet via Zoom on the **second Monday of each month, at 9:30 AM**. This is a study on the hope we can find in the scriptures. Contact Sara Porter, [saraporter@comcast.net](mailto:saraporter@comcast.net), or 703-670-8737 for more information.
- \* **FUPCDC CONTEMPLATIVE YOGA CLASS VIA ZOOM:** Join us for a time to prayerfully release your cares and recharge physically, spiritually, and emotionally. The Contemplative Yoga group has a spot just for you on **Saturdays from 8:30-9:10 AM** on Zoom. Classes are always free, just click this link to sign up: [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SIGNUP](#).
- \* **SPREAD THE WARMTH:** Are you looking for a worthwhile project to do while staying at home? Do you knit or crochet? If so, we have the perfect project for you. Our group makes hats and scarves for our friends in the community who are in need of something warm to wear during the winter. We also make hats for those suffering from cancer. If you would like to help or to find out more information about our group, please contact Elizabeth Glyer at [lizglyer@gmail.com](mailto:lizglyer@gmail.com).
- \* **MEN'S GROUP:** In lieu of our monthly Men's Breakfast, we now have several small groups of men that meet weekly for 30 minutes for devotion and prayer time. This is a phone-in conference call. We have slots available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Please contact Sam Parris for your slot: 703-946-7266 or email at [samjparris@aol.com](mailto:samjparris@aol.com).
- \* **SPREAD THE BREAD:** Spread the Bread is our ministry for people experiencing homelessness. We currently provide a meal each Sunday at 12:20 PM for around 50 people in Prince William County. Volunteer opportunities include making sandwiches, donating drinks and chips, prayer, and more! If you would like to help in any way, please email Jon Guest, [jon.a.guest@gmail.com](mailto:jon.a.guest@gmail.com).
- \* **SPREAD THE LOVE:** We need volunteers to write cards/notes to those in quarantine or to folks who are experiencing isolation due to COVID-19. Other volunteer opportunities include making phone calls to check in with people who may need socialization. If you would like to volunteer for Spread the Love or suggest people to receive cards or calls, please email Sam Parris, [samjparris@aol.com](mailto:samjparris@aol.com).
- \* **EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN:** We need volunteers to receive one to two emails a week with prayer requests...and pray! If you would like to volunteer to pray, please contact the Church Office, [office@fupcdc.org](mailto:office@fupcdc.org).

# *Student Ministry News*

✝ **MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us for “Live Action Mulan” (PG-13) on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM.

\* **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010

## **FUPCDC Seeks Paid Student Music Intern for Praise Team**

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA ([www.fupcdc.org](http://www.fupcdc.org)) is seeking a Student Music Intern to minister alongside our team of professional musicians by sharing their musical talents with our diverse congregation. The church is most interested in students that can play the drum set, guitar, piano, and/or bass guitar. The duties of this position require an average of three hours per week that consists of two hours of rehearsal time and approximately one-hour for the 11:00 AM contemporary worship service on Sundays. Base salary starts at \$20 per hour and is negotiable based on experience. Please send your resume and if possible an example video to: [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org) by May 5, 2021.

Find us on YouTube:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCx7kfpbikVYmQLZvJnaSopm7zGPH4xN8>

# Joys and Concerns

## All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

✚ Betty Little	* Ann Hoagland	* Emmanuel Dankyi-Ankoma	* Jeannine Menzie
✚ John Villani	* Marjorie Lawrence	* Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh	* Larry Menzie
✚ Helen Simpson	* Graceann Case	* Grace Ofosu-Addo	* Tim Elliott
* Marti Glycer	* Scott Peterman	* Baby Louisa Wostenholme	* Lynn Wilson
* Faison Family	* Amanda Peck	* Savannah Simmerman	* Leigh Anderson
* Tanya	* Mary Jackson	* Sam Parris' Dad	* Linda Ford
* Andrea Tootell	* Mildred Shenk	* Bill and Laura Parris	* Nate Johnson
* David Behrens	* Debbie Niederriter	* Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin	* Sandy Godfrey
* Melissa Behrens	* Chuck Niederriter	* Hunter and Annette Martin	* Mike Gundel
* Dale Clements	* Barb McGill	* Maureen * Amanda	* Charlie Ashton
* Gary Albrecht	* Dan McGill	* Dineen * Waddell	* Norman Cox
* Phil Albrecht	* Kath Purcell	* Nancy Ahern * Mia Moy	

## All those serving abroad in our military, including from our church:

- ✚ Kelsey Gibson
- ✚ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Sam Presley, just deployed to Middle East - Mike and Ruth Washburg's nephew

## The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✚ St. Andrew Presbyterian Church - Purcellville, VA
- ✚ St. Matthew Presbyterian Church - Silver Spring, MD

# *Calendar*

## *May 2 - 9, 2021*

### **SUNDAY, May 2**

- 8:30 AM Romans Bible Study via Zoom
- 8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom
- 10:00 AM Worship - one service - Communion - Online Live Stream

### **MONDAY, May 3**

- 10:00 AM Personnel Committee via Zoom
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Electronic Sign Task Force via Zoom
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

### **TUESDAY, May 4**

- 3:00 PM Congregational Connections Committee via Zoom
- 6:00 PM Mission and Outreach Committee via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Adult Christian Education Committee via Zoom

### **WEDNESDAY, May 5**

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom

### **THURSDAY, May 6**

#### **National Day of Prayer**

### **FRIDAY, May 7**

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

### **SATURDAY, May 8**

- 8:30 PM Contemplative Yoga via Zoom

### **SUNDAY, May 9**

#### **Mother's Day**

- 8:30 AM Romans Bible Study via Zoom
- 8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom
- 10:00 AM Worship - one service - Outdoor Lawn/Parking Lot - Online Live Stream



## DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.<sup>1</sup>

### 2021 BOARD OF DEACONS

**Class of 2021**  
Agnes Fokwa  
Deborah Folly  
Lisa C. Fortner  
Kathy McNeely  
Carol Schwalm  
Celine Sonkwa

**Class of 2022**  
Debbie Cornelius  
Liz Goolgasian  
Charlotte Stultz

**Class of 2023**  
Bob Albrecht  
Sandy Chamberlin  
Claudia Cunningham  
Pam Emert  
Ellen Nuernberger  
Tracy Stevens

Ellen Nuernberger, Co-Moderator ..... 703-878-0009  
Carol Schwalm, Co-Moderator.....703-680-7673

## RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God’s Spirit and governance of God’s people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they “lord it over” the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office.<sup>2</sup>

See current ruling elders of FUPCDC on page 19 of bulletin.

<sup>1</sup> *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Part II, Book of Order: 2013/2015, 2013.* Published by The Office of the General Assembly, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, p. 26.

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*, p. 60

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Ministers..... People of the Church  
 Pastor..... Rev. Adam C. Bowling  
 Chancel Choir Director ..... Dana Van Slyke  
 Pianist/Organist ..... Justin Stretetz  
 Contemporary Worship Directors..... Becca and Chris Anderson  
 Children’s/Youth Choir Directors..... Becca and Chris Anderson  
 Jubilation Handbell Director..... Ike Evans  
 Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige  
 Little Hands Preschool Director ..... Tiffany Ramsey  
 Sexton..... Homer Detrich  
 Office Manager..... Kim Parker

**SESSION**

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# SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Little Hands Preschool. Come in to the Chipotle at **2457 Prince William Pkwy** in Woodbridge on **Monday, May 24th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Little Hands Preschool.

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