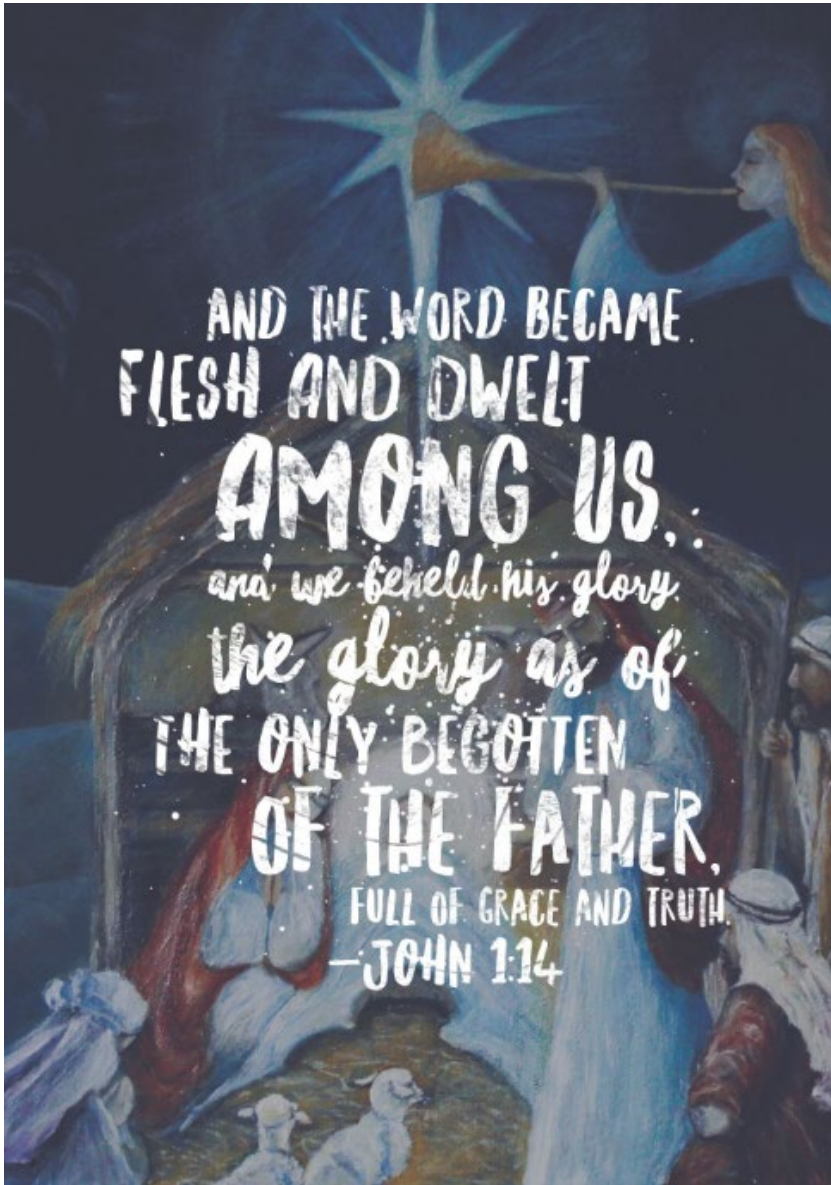


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Christmas in July

July 18, 2021

8:30 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.*

### WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

### PRELUDE

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

inspired by Tchaikovsky, Arr. Larry Shackley

Justin Streletz, Pianist

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to God who has given God's light to us.

**Honor and praise to God for God's most precious gift.**

The darkness that enveloped the people,

**Has been pierced by the Light.**

Let us rejoice in God's blessed goodness!

**Let us continually praise God with great joy and thanksgiving.**

Let us worship God!

### + OPENING HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

133

1 O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him,  
born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

2 True God from true God,

Light from light eternal,

born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

very God, begotten, not created!

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels;  
sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all  
glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

### ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

As the birth of any child is a miracle beyond our comprehension, O God, how much more so is the birth of Mary's child. We cry out in awe and wonder at the marvel of your love and the mystery of your Word made flesh. May we, through all our days, bring honor to our Lord, who shared life in the flesh with us. In Christ's holy name we pray.

**Amen.**

### ***CALL TO CONFESSION***

When Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, he became like us in all things but sin. May we who have been reborn in him be free from our sinful ways. In humility and faith, let us confess our sins to God, praying together. . .

### ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

Lord Jesus Christ, you are loving and merciful. Forgive us for being so captivated by Christmas that we forget that you, the little baby in the manger, grew up as the Lord over all creation. It is sometimes easier to leave you in the manger than it is to reckon with your difficult teachings and fierce challenges. So often we do not follow these teachings, and we do not live up to your challenges. We need your grace and your strength to follow you more closely. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We rejoice and praise God  
for the fact that even though our lives may be full of darkness,  
God sent us a savior, and his light breaks through that darkness!

Through this perfect gift, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

+ **RESPONSE**

*Love Has Come*

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Love has come: a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;  
what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.  
Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

+ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with 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. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And 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. <sup>15</sup>(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.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No 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!**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**    *Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (Rejoice Rejoice)*

Edward Hodges, Henry Van Dyke, Ludwig van Beethoven, Rend Collective (CCLI#: 7032721)  
Becca and Chris Anderson

**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 Pastor Adam or an usher. For those worshipping online, please email Pastor Adam at [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org). Know that ALL are welcome in this place!

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

121

1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king,  
and peace to all on earth.

3 How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

### ***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

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

119

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"
- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”

+ **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**

God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts,  
Signs of your goodness and mercy.  
Receive them with our gratitude,  
That through us all people may know  
The riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

+ **CLOSING SONG**

*Joy to the World*

134

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.



3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**    *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

136

**Refrain:**

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. **(Refrain)**

2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. **(Refrain)**

3 Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. **(Refrain)**

+ **POSTLUDE**

*Wonderful Child*  
Justin Stretetz, Pianist

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, Arr. Craig Curry

+ *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. 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 703-670-7834.
- \* **BELL RINGER:** Ike Evans (8:30)
- \* **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** Elizabeth Glycer (8:30)  
Therese Same, Richard Bennett, (11:00)  
and Sadie M.
- \* **FLOWERS** are given by Pam Cox in loving memory of Lisa Chrzan.

# 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

- ✚ **INDOOR WORSHIP:** Social distancing will be practiced and socially distanced seating will be provided for families and individuals. Masks are required (vaccinated worship leaders are excluded). Both services will also be live streamed for those who choose to worship at home.
- ✚ **LITTLE HANDS PRESCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT FUNDRAISER:** Please join us at Chick-fil-a at 3880 Fetter Park Drive, Dumfries, on **July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 - 8 PM**. 20% of sales will be given to the preschool.
- ✚ **DRAMA CAMP PERFORMANCE:** The Lighthouse Drama Camp will be performing *The Phantom Tollbooth Jr.* on **July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM** on the church lawn. Please come, bring a chair, and enjoy the performance.
- \* **TECH TEAM: FUPCDC is expanding our Tech Team.** We look forward to fully reopening for services in our sanctuary. In preparation for this event, we are installing new audio-visual equipment. This important piece of ministry is a key element as we reach out to an expanding community. Contact Peter Glycer ([peterglyer@gmail.com](mailto:peterglyer@gmail.com)) if you are interested in becoming part of this team! We will provide all the training necessary.
- \* **LITTLE HANDS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. Register before August 1<sup>st</sup> to get \$10-25 off per month. For more information, go to [www.fupcdc.org/lhps](http://www.fupcdc.org/lhps).
- \* **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? 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 Glycer 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*

- ✝ **YOUTH ADVISORS (ADULT VOLUNTEERS):** We are looking for Youth Advisors (Adult Volunteers) to begin in the fall. Please contact Pastor Adam if you are interested in helping with Student Ministry.
- \* **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

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# Joys and Concerns

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

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|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| ✝ Carl Johnson     | * Betty Little       | * Emmanuel Dankyi-Ankoma         | * Jeannine Menzie |
| ✝ Martha Manning   | * Marjorie Lawrence  | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh     | * Larry Menzie    |
| * Kath Purcell     | * Graceann Case      | * Grace Ofosu-Addo               | * Sandy Godfrey   |
| * Mary Jackson     | * Gary Albrecht      | * Baby Louisa Wostenholme        | * Lynn Wilson     |
| * Sandra D'Imperio | * Keith Albrecht     | * Savannah Simmerman             | * Leigh Anderson  |
| * Amanda Peck      | * Debbie Niederriter | * Sam Parris' Dad                | * Linda Ford      |
| * Andrea Tootell   | * Chuck Niederriter  | * Bill and Laura Parris          | * Nate Johnson    |
| * David Behrens    | * Barb McGill        | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin | * Diane Dingle    |
| * Melissa Behrens  | * Dan McGill         | * Hunter and Annette Martin      | * Karen Gundel    |
| * Mia Moy          | * Amanda             | * Ann and Dineen Hoagland        | * Norman Cox      |
| * Ashleigh and Dan | * Tanya              | * Mark and Angelica              | * Theodore        |

- ✝ Please lift up the family of Beth (friend of Helen Franchois' daughter) in prayer. Beth went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> after a battle with COVID. Prayers for Beth's husband, three sons, sister and two brothers, and her parents.

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

- ✝ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC)

## The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Bethesda Presbyterian Church - Bethesda, MD  
✝ Boyds Presbyterian Church - Boyds, MD

# Calendar

## July 18 - 25, 2021

### SUNDAY, July 18

#### Christmas in July

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary

### MONDAY, July 19

- 9:00 AM Lighthouse Drama Camp
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

### TUESDAY, July 20

- 9:00 AM Lighthouse Drama Camp
- 6:30 PM Congregational Care Ministry Team (Deacons)

### WEDNESDAY, July 21

- 9:00 AM Lighthouse Drama Camp
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 7:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

### THURSDAY, July 22

- 9:00 AM Lighthouse Drama Camp
- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 5:00-8:00 PM Chick-fil-a Spirit Night Fundraiser for Little Hands Preschool
- 7:00 PM Session

### FRIDAY, July 23

- 9:00 AM Lighthouse Drama Camp
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Lighthouse Drama Camp Performance - *The Phantom Tollbooth Jr.*

### SATURDAY, July 24

### SUNDAY, July 25

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary

## SESSION

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**Chick-fil-a**  
**SPIRIT NIGHT**  
**FUNDRAISER**

WHEN: Thursday July 22, 2021

WHERE: Chick-fil-a  
*Dumfries* - 3880 Fettler Park Drive

WHEN: 5:00PM – 8:00PM

WHAT: For Little Hands  
 Preschool



**Little Hands**  
**Preschool**

20% of Sales will be given back to your school on **MOBILE** or **DRIVE-THRU** orders. Just mention **Little Hands Preschool** in Drive-Thru or on the mobile "Special Instruction Field" when placing your mobile order

## Attendance and Prayer Requests

Since we have temporarily suspended passing the friendship register, we request that everyone register your attendance and prayer requests using the online form, which is located on our website at [fupcdc.org/attend](http://fupcdc.org/attend) or by scanning this QR Code with your cell phone's camera.



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

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Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366

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