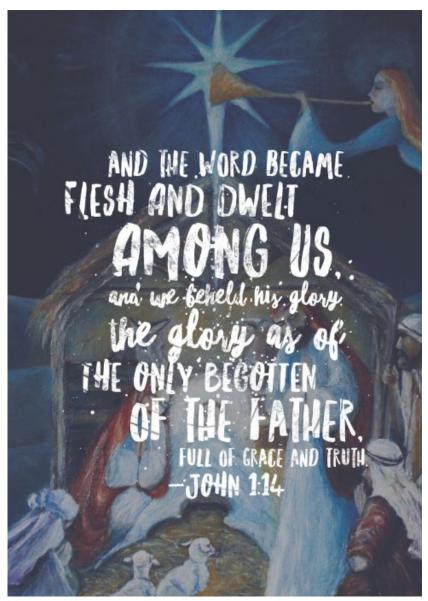
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Christmas in July July 18, 2021 11:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

<u>Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org</u>
828.448.8914

### **GATHERING**

#### + GATHERING SONG

Holy Emmanuel

Steve Hindalong, Terry Scott Taylor (CCLI# 3902035)

#### Chorus 1

We sing holy holy holy Noel Noel Singing holy holy God Emmanuel

#### Verse 1

Wise men still looking for Him Children still come and adore Him We will bow down before Him The Savior is born in Bethlehem

#### Verse 2

Prophets foretold the story Angels proclaimed His glory Bright is the star of morning The Savior is born in Bethlehem

#### Chorus 2

Noel Noel God is with us Emmanuel God is with us Emmanuel

God is with us Emmanuel God is with us Emmanuel God Emmanuel

WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

#### + GATHERING WORDS

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 SONG

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (Rejoice Rejoice)

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

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

#### Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

#### Chorus

Rejoice rejoice our God is here with us Emmanuel our God is still with us

#### PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

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 GOD'S GRACE

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 110

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.

## **PROCLAIMING**

#### 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!

MESSAGE Christmas in July Pastor 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 worshiping online, please email Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!

## RESPONDING

+ SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus Oh What a Wonderful Child

Robert Elkins (CCLI#: 4206259)

#### Chorus

Jesus Jesus
Oh what a wonderful child
Jesus Jesus
So holy meek and mild
New life new hope
New joy He brings
Won't you listen to the angels sing
Glory glory
Let the heavens ring

#### Verse

He was herald by the angels
Born in a lowly manger
The virgin Mary was His mother
And Joseph was His earthly father
Three wise men came from afar
They were guided by a shining star
Just to see King Jesus where He lay
In a manger filled with hay

## 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.

Music at the Offering Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Jesus, Light of the World

1 Hark! the herald angels sing. Jesus, the light of the world. Glory to the newborn King, Jesus, the light of the world.

#### Refrain:

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

2 Joyful all you nations, rise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world. (Refrain)

3 Christ by highest heaven adored; Jesus, the light of the world. Christ, the everlasting Lord; Jesus, the light of the world. (Refrain)

4 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Jesus, the light of the world.

Hail, the Sun of righteousness!

Jesus, the light of the world. (Refrain)

### + 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.

## **SENDING**

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Go, Tell It on the Mountain

#### 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)

#### + CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### + RESPONSE

#### He Came Down

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

## (Additional stanzas)

... that we may have light ... that we may have peace ... that we may have joy

+ Please stand, in body or in spirit.

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## **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 <a href="mailto:office@fupcdc.org">office@fupcdc.org</a> or call 703-670-7834.

\* BELL RINGER: Ike Evans (8:30)

\* WORSHIP ASSISTANTS: Elizabeth Glyer (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 <a href="https://fupcdc.org">https://fupcdc.org</a>.
- \* **FUPCDC YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** To view worship services and videos, visit the FUPCDC Youtube channel, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC">https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC</a>. 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, 3880 Fetter Park Drive, Dumfries, on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 8 PM. 20% of sales will be given to the preschool.
- 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 Glyer (<a href="mailto:peterglyer@gmail.com">peterglyer@gmail.com</a>) 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.
- \* 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 Glyer at <a href="mailto:lizglyer@gmail.com">lizglyer@gmail.com</a>.
- \* 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 <a href="mailto:samparris@aol.com">samparris@aol.com</a>.
- \* 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.

- \* 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.
- \* 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.

# 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.

## First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA

| Ministers ·····                        | ·····People of the Church   |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Pastor·····                            |                             |
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| Pianist/Organist······                 | ·····Justin Streletz        |
| Contemporary Worship Directors         | ·· Becca and Chris Anderson |
| Children's/Youth Choir Directors······ | ·· Becca and Chris Anderson |
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| Little Hands Preschool Director·····   | ····· Tiffany Ramsey        |
| Sexton·····                            | ····· Homer Detrich         |
| Office Manager·····                    | ····· Kim Parker            |

# Joys and Concerns

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

| ŧ | Carl Johnson     | * | Betty Little       | * | Emmanuel Dankyi-Ankoma         | * | Jeannine Menzie |
|---|------------------|---|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Ť | 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     |
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| * | 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
- **B** 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

#### 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

## 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>

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

| Class of 2022    | Class of 2023      | Class of 2024   |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Debbie Cornelius | Bob Albrecht       | Agnes Fokwa     |
| Liz Goolgasian   | Sandy Chamberlin   | Deborah Folly   |
| Anne Green       | Claudia Cunningham | Helen Franchois |
| Charlotte Stultz | Pam Emert          | Nne Kalu        |
|                  | Ellen Nuernberger  | Kathy McNeely   |
|                  | Tracy Stevens      |                 |

## 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 15 of bulletin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ibid., p. 60.

## SESSION

| Cathy Albrecht ('23)       703-         Bill Ediage ('24)       571-         Morelle Fokwa ('24)       571-         Jon Guest ('22)       703-         Marti Hall ('22)       703-         Pat Manalio ('23)       703-         Chris Martin ('23)       585-         Sam Parris ('24)       703- | 477-9306<br>409-9435<br>491-4006<br>626-2269<br>680-5058<br>455-8423 |
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| Linda Wolstenholme ('23) ··· 703-   |  |
| Rev. Adam C. Bowling······ Moderator····· 828- Sara Porter ······ Clerk of Session····· 703-  |  |

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| Dennis Dingle ······Stewardship & Finance ······                       | 703-583-9689 |
| Martin Andrews ·······Worship·····                                     | 703-967-4358 |
|  |              |
| Rev. Adam C. Bowling Moderator   | 828-448-8914 |



## 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 <a href="fupcdc.org/attend">fupcdc.org/attend</a> or by scanning this QR Code with your cell phone's camera.



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

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