

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 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

MINISTRY IN ACTION

✚ Little Hands Preschool

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth
Justin Streletz, Pianist

DIX, Arr. John Purifoy

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace.

Let us worship God!

+ **OPENING HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us confess our sins, by praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even if you have transgressed and done what you know to be wrong, remember that God will heal and forgive you; sending you on your way to become a person of peace, hope, love, and justice.

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

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

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 1:17-27 NRSV

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Help Us to Be Like Them
Chancel Choir

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SERMON

Just Do It!

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 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** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* 757

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

Abide with Me
Justin Streletz, Pianist

EVENTIDE, Arr. Joshua Evanovich

+ **DOXOLOGY** 606

*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** *(James 1)*

Every generous act of giving, as with every perfect gift, is from above. May God's word of truth, implanted within us at birth, bloom in acts of loving faithfulness. May that word shape our lives so that we become doers of the word, using God's gifts for all.
Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **HYMN** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* 761

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* 747

+ **POSTLUDE** *Fairest Lord Jesus* Schlesische Volkslieder, Arr. Mary McDonald
Justin Streletz, Pianist

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

Ministry in Action

- ✚ **WALKING THE PRAYER LABYRINTH - TODAY:** Please join us at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 825 College Avenue in Fredericksburg at **3:00 PM**. We will have a volunteer meet with us to explain more about the Prayer Labyrinth recently constructed on the grounds of the church. If you are interested in this trip or would like more information, please call or text Betsy Gilbert 703-343-3921.
- ✚ **CHURCH PICNIC - SEPTEMBER 12th:** Please join us for food and fellowship on the grounds of the church following the Music Sunday one worship service at **10:00 AM**. This year is different...all food will be provided (hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and dessert). Please bring your filled water bottle or drink, and chairs or blankets. We'd like to have canopies for sun coverage. Do you have one that we can borrow? This picnic is weather dependent. If the weather forecast calls for rain on picnic Sunday, we will make a decision to cancel by Thursday and will notify you by a church-wide email. There will not be a rain date. Please sign up at [FUPCDC Church Picnic Sign-up \(google.com\)](#); or **sign up in the Narthex Welcome Center today**. For more information, please call/text Betsy Gilbert, 703-343-3921.
- ✚ **ROMANS BIBLE STUDY:** We will resume the adult Bible study for a 9-week study of Romans. This class will begin September 19th. Please email Curt Hoagland choagieva@yahoo.com if you are interested so we can email you the questions we will be discussing ahead of time. This is a continuation of the book that we started in the spring.
- ✚ **LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Bible Buddies will begin their new book study on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM. We will use the book [City of Peace](#) by Henry G. Brinton, a Presbyterian pastor from Fairfax, VA. The setting for this book is Occoquan, VA. It is a unique murder mystery that follows a minister and his inner struggle to overcome grief and anger to gain insight and build bridges for co-existence with his neighbors, including Muslims and Coptic Christians. He looks to the ancient city of Sepphoris to find the secret to overcome polarizing divisions among people of different cultures and faiths. This study will be available by Zoom and in-person at FUPCDC, Room 22. For more information about this Bible study, please contact Betty Matthews through the church office, 703-670-7834.
- * **DISASTER RELIEF:** Many of our brothers and sisters have experienced devastating losses caused by disasters. If you are in a financial position to do so, we encourage you to help FUPCDC support the disaster relief by making a special donation for this ministry. If you donate by check or through your bank bill pay please write *Disaster Relief* in the memo line; if you give online please enter *Disaster Relief* in the notes section. **Thank you** for your generous support of FUPCDC ministries.
- * **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, please join us for breakfast on September 11th at 8:00 AM. We also have several small groups of men that meet weekly for 30 minutes for devotion and prayer time on 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.

- * **INDOOR WORSHIP:** Masks are encouraged (for age 2 and up), but not required for vaccinated individuals. Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals age 5 and up. N95 masks are encouraged for people in vulnerable populations. Both services will also be live streamed for those who choose to worship at home.
- * **NURSERY:** The church nursery is open to children (infant through 4 years old) on a reservation basis for the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM worship services. All nursery staff and volunteers are vaccinated against COVID-19, and spots will be limited to keep class sizes small. Masks are recommended for ages 3 and up, but not required. Please do not place your child in the nursery if they have a fever, cough, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or other symptoms of illness. Please do not place your child in the nursery if they have been exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive in the past 14 days. We will also be doing temperature checks for those attending the church nursery and for staff. The registration link is on the church website.
- * **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY:** The Horizons Bible study group will return on **Monday, September 13th**. "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus" will explore how the four women mentioned in Jesus' family tree (Tamar, Rahab, Bathsheba - unlikely heroines, Ruth) and his mother Mary may have influenced Jesus. We will meet on the **second Monday of the month, September through June at 9:30 AM in Room 22**. We will be meeting in-person and plan to use technology to also be able to have people join us via Zoom. **Study books are \$11.00**. Please contact Sara Porter saraporter@comcast.net or 703-819-5044 by **August 15th** to order a book.
- * **TECH TEAM: FUPCDC is expanding our Tech Team.** We are now fully open for both worship services. We have installed audio-visual equipment. Please contact Peter Glycer (peterglyer@gmail.com) if you are interested in becoming part of this team! We will provide all the training necessary.
- * **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.
- * **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.
- * **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.
- * **LITTLE HANDS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. For more information, go to www.fupcdc.org/lhps.

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.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| ✝ Brian Judy | * Betty Little | * Emmanuel Dankyi-Ankoma | * Jeannine Menzie |
| ✝ Sharon Patrick Dryden | * 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 |
| * Carl Johnson | * Keith Albrecht | * Savannah Simmerman | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Amanda Peck | * Ashleigh and Dan | * Sam Parris' Dad | * Linda Ford |
| * Andrea Tootell | * Sandra D'Imperio | * Bill and Laura Parris | * Nate Johnson |
| * David Behrens | * Mark and Angelica | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin | * Karen Gundel |
| * Melissa Behrens | * Tanya | * Hunter and Annette Martin | * Norman Cox |
| * Mia Moy | * Martha Manning | * Ann and Dineen Hoagland | * Rick Bockes |
| * Theodore | | | |

- ✝ Thanks be to God for each of you, your thoughts, prayers, well wishes, and cards of condolences extended to our family during the illness and death of our beloved brother, Elree Stockton. "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted". (Matt.5:4) Your kindness and compassion comforted our hearts. Grateful are the receivers. - Sue and Nate Johnson and family
- * With grateful thanks to our church family for your continuing thoughts and prayers, beautiful cards, and the generous food offerings as we grieve the loss of Diane, wife, daughter, sister and mother. - Dennis Dingle and family

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

- ✝ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC)
- ✝ Elizabeth Batista, Lackland Air Force in Tech School (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter)

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Christ Presbyterian Church - Fairfax, VA
- ✝ Christ the King Presbyterian Church - College Park, MD

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Rev. Adam C. Bowling	<i>Moderator</i>	828-448-8914

Calendar

August 29 - September 5, 2021

SUNDAY, August 29

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
1:00 PM Peace Church
3:00 PM Labyrinth Walk at Trinity Episcopal
Church in Fredericksburg, VA

MONDAY, August 30

Little Hands Preschool - First Day of School
10:30 AM Holy Fitness
6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289
8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, August 31

8:30 AM TOPS
1:00 PM Al-Anon
1:30 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
7:30 PM AA 101

WEDNESDAY, September 1

10:30 AM Holy Fitness
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
7:00 PM Peace Church Prayer Meeting
8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, September 2

3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
7:30 PM Administration Ministry Team
8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, September 3

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

SATURDAY, September 4

11:00 AM Boy Scout Court of Honor

SUNDAY, September 5

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
1:00 PM Peace Church

Attendance and Prayer Requests

Since we have temporarily suspended passing the friendship register, we request that those who attend worship in person sign in at one of the new attendance stations. If you are worshipping from home, or don't feel comfortable signing in at a station, you can register your attendance and prayer requests using the online form, which is located on our website at fupcdc.org/attend or by scanning this QR Code with your mobile device.



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Ministers.....	People of the Church
Pastor.....	Rev. Adam C. Bowling
Chancel Choir Director.....	Dana Van Slyke
Pianist/Organist.....	Justin Streltz
Contemporary Worship Directors.....	Becca and Chris Anderson
Children's/Youth Choir Directors.....	Becca and Chris Anderson
Jubilation Handbell Director	Ike Evans
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Little Hands Preschool Director.....	Tiffany Ramsey
Sexton.....	Homer Detrich
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