

# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

### WELCOME

Pastor Michael Slayter

### RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

### 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

*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

Arr. Richard Storrs Willis

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

Called by God, we have come to worship.

**Called by Christ, we have come to follow.**

Called by the Spirit, we have come to rejoice.

**Called together, we will listen and pray.**

### + OPENING HYMN

*Praise Ye the Lord*

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Nothing is more tragic than to sleep through a revolution." Truly, the work of justice begins with a proper recognition that injustice is real. Let us confess the stronghold of sin that would consume us. And let us be awakened by the movement of the spirit that gives us life. Therefore, I invite you to join me as we confess our sins to God, praying together. . .

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and compassionate God, as the church, we confess the times when we have fallen short of your calling to compassionately welcome and include ALL people. For the moments when our hearts were hardened, and our vision limited. We recognize that, at times, we have unintentionally erected walls instead of building bridges, failing to extend the radical hospitality that reflects your inclusive embrace. We confess the times when biases, prejudices, and fears have clouded our perception, hindering us from seeing the inherent worth and dignity of every individual created in your image. We repent for instances where we have allowed societal norms to dictate our actions instead of the radical love exemplified by your Son, Jesus Christ.

As we seek your forgiveness, empower us with the strength to be agents of change. Embolden us to stand against injustice and discrimination, to speak out for those marginalized and excluded. May our actions align with the teachings of Christ, who welcomed sinners, healed the broken, and affirmed the worth of every soul.

Guide us, O God, on a path of continuous growth, where our community becomes a true reflection of your Kingdom—a place where ALL people find love, acceptance, and belonging. May our commitment to compassion be a shining light that draws others into the warmth of your divine love. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news! God has not watched from far away, but has come near to be with us, to free us from our pain, and to offer us new life.

**God has declared that we are not separate, but children of one family, united in Jesus our Lord.**

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.

*(Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.)*

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

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Pastor Michael Slayter

**COMMISSIONING OF 2024 MISSION TEAM TO GUATEMALA**

✠ Team: Martin Andrews and Kim Brown

## **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**

Acts 10:25-36 NRSV

On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshipped him. <sup>26</sup>But Peter made him get up, saying, 'Stand up; I am only a mortal.' <sup>27</sup>And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; <sup>28</sup>and he said to them, 'You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. <sup>29</sup>So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?'

<sup>30</sup> Cornelius replied, 'Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. <sup>31</sup>He said, "Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. <sup>32</sup>Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea." <sup>33</sup>Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.'

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **ANTHEM**

*Know my Heart*  
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Harlan

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 10:44-48 NRSV

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

## **OUR MISSION**

Here at First United Presbyterian we are

**“Following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, we are a compassionate and accepting community responding to the world with action, hope, and love for all of humanity and creation. We impact lives by sharing the good news of God's transforming love and grace.”**

## **SERMON**

We Are the Church: Compassionate and Accepting

Pastor Michael Slayter

## **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 someone at the Welcome Table right outside the sanctuary. 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**

### **SERVICE OF GIVING**

+ Hymn of Response

*Sing a New World into Being*

**(Tune) 475**

**Sing a new world into being. Sound a bold and hopeful theme.  
Find a tune for silent yearnings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:  
dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.  
Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song!**

**Sing a new world into being where each gender class and race  
brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace;  
where the lines that one divided form instead the ties that bind.  
Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind!**

**Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home.  
where no children ever hunger but are filled with God's shalom;  
where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.  
Sing a new world into being: raise the harmonies of peace.**

**Sing a new world into being. Join the ancient prophets' cry  
for a time of health and plenty when all tears have been wiped dry;  
when compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.  
Sing a new world into being: live the promise you believe!**



# 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:**

Douglas Randles	(8:30)
Uche Akobundu	(11:00)
- \* **FLOWERS** are given by Kathy McNeely in honor of the medical team in charge of her recovery.

## 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](mailto: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

- ✚ **DINNER WITH FRIENDS:** Dinner with Friends will be going to Sakura restaurant on **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM.** We welcome anyone who enjoys good food and fellowship to join us. We will be seated when our entire group is present. Please respond to Sara Porter, [saraporter@comcast](mailto:saraporter@comcast) by **Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** for more information or to attend.
- ✚ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS:** Wednesday Night Alive meals will resume on **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM.** The meals during Lent will be soup, bread, and dessert. We are asking for 2 people each week to provide about 15 to 20 cups of soup, another to bring bread, and another to provide dessert for 20 to 25 people. **The soup does not have to be homemade!** When you provide receipts for the expenditure, we can reimburse you, which is why the baskets are put out for donations each week. Please contact Marti Hall at 703-626-2269 or [martihall@comcast.net](mailto:martihall@comcast.net) to volunteer. Some of the slots are taken, so we just need to fill in the vacancies. Thank you so very much for your help!
- \* **RISE AGAINST HUNGER: SAVE THE DATE!** On **April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM,** we will host the seventh Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event at FUPCDC. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting event.
- \* **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** We are studying from The Parables of Jesus by Gladys Hunt. Join us today at 9:45 AM in the Triple Room. Contact Curt Hoagland for more information at [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Kim Brown at [kim.brown@fupcdc.org](mailto:kim.brown@fupcdc.org) for more information.

# Student Ministry News

- ✚ **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** Please join us on **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM** for a Bible study led by Pastor Adam. Students are encouraged to bring their own Bible (or have the Bible app downloaded on their phones) and to bring friends. Contact Briana Stewart for more information and location of the Bible study.
- ✚ **CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** Students that have been in confirmation this year or were in the previous confirmation class are invited to a weekend confirmation retreat at Massanetta Springs February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church Friday after school and travel to Massanetta Springs as a group. Registration will cost \$50/ student but need-based scholarships are available! Contact Briana Stewart at (540) 967-7347 or [briana.stewart@fupcdc.org](mailto:briana.stewart@fupcdc.org) to register or with any questions.
- \* **SPRING 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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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| * Charlie and Martha Ashton   | * Debbie Niederriter  | * Karen Gundel    | * Linda Ford     |
| * Mike Moore                  | * Baby Raphael        | * Jeannine Menzie | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme    | * Tanya               | * Doug Godfrey    | * Nate Johnson   |
| * Bill and Laura Parris       | * Amanda              | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Sue Johnson    |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Mikon Jones     | * Dave Stokes    |
| * Sarpong Amakao              | * Steve Glycer        | * Lee Watenpough  | * Marti Hall     |
| * Linda                       | * Pat Greenhalgh      | * Mike Gundel     | * Shirley        |

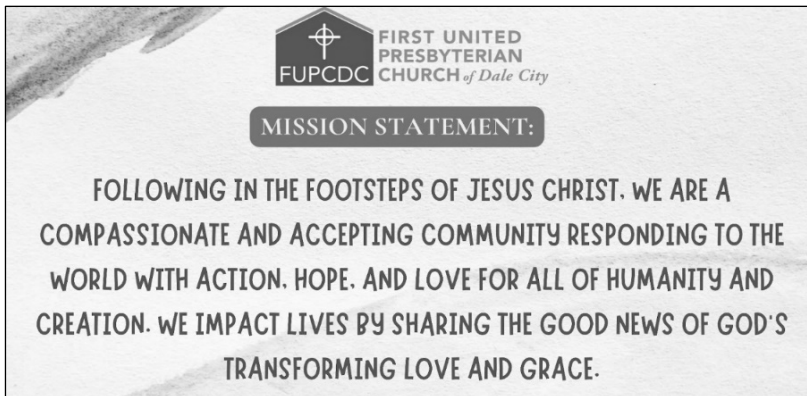
✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Pastor Adam and Erin Bowling and family at the death of Pastor Adam's father, Bill Bowling, on January 7, 2024. Please lift Pastor Adam, Erin, and the entire family up in prayer at this time.

## 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)
- ✝ Zach Lauster (Aaron Lauster's son)
- ✝ Ryan Bruner (Carol and Ross Schwalm's son-in-law)

## The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Heritage Presbyterian Church - Alexandria, VA
- ✝ Hermon Presbyterian Church - Bethesda, MD



# Calendar

## January 14 - 21, 2024

### SUNDAY, January 14

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  
9:45 AM Confirmation Class  
11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary  
11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry  
12:15 PM Spread the Bread Ministry  
1:15 PM Property Ministry Team  
1:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion  
NO PM Youth

### MONDAY, January 15

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**Church Office Closed**

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

### TUESDAY, January 16

8:30 AM TOPS  
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 226  
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964  
7:00 PM Congregational Care Ministry Team  
7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours

### WEDNESDAY, January 17

10:30 AM Holy Fitness  
7:00 PM FUPCDC Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, January 18

10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA  
3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group  
7:00 PM Earth Care Committee  
7:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team  
7:00 PM Ministry Team Leaders Meeting  
7:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion  
8:00 PM AA for Beginners

### FRIDAY, January 19

10:30 AM Holy Fitness  
6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 Pinewood Derby  
Car Registration  
8:00 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion

### SATURDAY, January 20

9:00 AM Cub Scout Pack 289 Pinewood Derby  
6:00 PM Dinner with Friends

### SUNDAY, January 21

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  
9:45 AM Confirmation Class  
11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary  
11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry  
12:15 PM Spread the Bread Ministry  
1:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion  
5:00 PM Youth Bible Study

## SESSION

Cathy Albrecht ('26)	703-670-8369
Amy Bean ('25)	703-670-3790
Debbie Cornelius ('24)	703-646-4297
Bill Ediage ('24)	571-477-9306
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	<i>Moderator</i> 828-448-8914
Sara Porter	<i>Clerk of Session</i> 703-670-8737

## MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Amy Bean (Interim)	<i>Administration</i>	703-670-3790
Mike Slayter	<i>Congregational Care</i>	703-670-4648
Sam Parris (Interim)	<i>Evangelism &amp; Outreach</i>	703-946-7226
Marti Hall	<i>Fellowship</i>	703-626-2269
Curt Hoagland	<i>Growing in Faith</i>	703-380-3819
Pam Cox	<i>Mission</i>	703-441-6319
Mike Gundel	<i>Property</i>	301-767-5030
Dennis Dingle	<i>Stewardship &amp; Finance</i>	703-583-9689
Martin Andrews	<i>Worship</i>	703-967-4358
Rev. Adam C. Bowling	<i>Moderator</i>	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
Wilbur Snyder	Mike Slayter	Deborah Folly

Mike Slayter, Ministry Team Leader..... 703-670-4648

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Ministers.....	People of the Church
Pastor.....	Rev. Adam C. Bowling
Parish Assistant.....	Pastor Michael Slayter
Nursery Supervisor.....	Taylor Woods
Children’s Ministry Director .....	Kim Brown
Youth Director.....	Briana Stewart
Chancel Choir Director.....	Dana Van Slyke
Contemporary Worship Leader.....	Rachel Bradley
Pianist/Organist.....	Dr. Nadia Carmichael
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!



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