

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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828.448.8914

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

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

How Firm a Foundation

Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

EARLY AMERICAN MELODY

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

+ OPENING HYMN

Come, Great God of All the Ages

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CALL TO CONFESSION

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us confess our sins to God, praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are times, O God, when our greatest sin is not what we do, but what we fail to do. For those times when we have not spoken up; for those times when we have not acted; for those times when we have not responded: forgive us. Give us courage to name what is wrong when we see it. Give us confidence to do what is hard. Give us grace to reach out when that is frightening or uncomfortable.

In our weakness, we seek your strength. In our sorrow, we seek your consolation. In our trials, we seek your justice. In our pain, we seek your peace. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear and believe the good news: God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God reaches out to us again and again, that we might turn from what is destructive and turn toward what is life giving.

God reaches out to us with forgiveness, assuring us that we are beloved children of God, and equips us to serve God and our neighbors in the world.

God forgives us, encourages us, and frees us to love others.

Hearing this, 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

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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

Colossians 1:3-14 NRSV

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing

fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

ANTHEM

Know my Heart
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Harlan

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:9-10 NRSV

'Pray then in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
¹⁰Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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: Responding to the World

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 someone at the Welcome Table right outside the sanctuary. For those worshipping online, please email Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERVICE OF GIVING

+ Hymn of Response

We All Are One in Mission

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+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We long for the time
when the meek shall inherit the earth
and all who hunger and thirst after justice
shall be satisfied,
and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil,
now is always the time
when more good can be done
and we can make a difference.

**May it be so, through the offering of these gifts
and the offering of our lives. Amen.**

(Source: Prayer for Justice and Peace, Iona)

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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **CLOSING HYMN**

We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)

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English:

**We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.**

We are marching,
marching, Oh-O
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching,
marching, Oh-O
We are marching in the light of God.

Zulu/Xhosa
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamba,
Siyahamba, Oh-O
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

Siyahamba,
Siyahamba, Oh-O
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing . . .
We are praying . . .
We are singing . . .

+ OUR VISION

Here at First United Presbyterian we are
Welcoming All, Growing Together, Serving with Joy!

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Lead Me, Guide Me

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+ POSTLUDE

Rock of Ages
Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

Arr. Brent Edstrom

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

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:**

Wilbur Snyder	(8:30)
Sara Porter	(11:00)
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Dolly Cox in memory of her only sibling, Mildred.

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.
- * **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

- ✝ **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** Many in our community are struggling with food insecurities. There is an enormous need to help put food on our brothers' and sisters' tables. As a Matthew 25 church we are called to reach out to those in need. In years past we have done this by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. We will collect non-perishable food and other general items for the ACTS Hunger Prevention Center between January 28th and February 4th in the Church Welcome Center. Donations can be placed in the bin marked "Souper Bowl of Caring". A list of urgently needed items can be found in the Thursday News. Our goal this year is to beat last year's collection of 2,083 pounds. You can also submit your guess for the total pounds of items you think we will collect in the Welcome Center following each service. The winner will receive a sweet treat to enjoy while watching the Super Bowl!
- ✝ **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 to volunteer or sign up on the link in the Thursday News. Thank you so very much for your help!
- ✝ **252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: 9:30 AM 252 Kids Club (Sunday School) for 5-11 year olds is cancelled for TODAY and January 28th** while Kim Brown is on her mission trip. The 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM classes (252 Kids Children's Ministry) will be held as usual. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!
- ✝ **CREATIVE KIDS CLUB:** We are starting our new "Creative Kids Club" on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 7:00-8:00 PM, immediately following Wednesday Night Alive Meal. Creative Kids Club will occur each Wednesday when meals are scheduled. Kids can look forward to using their creativity to explore their faith. We will also be looking for a volunteer to assist on Wednesday evenings. Contact Kim Brown at kim.brown@fupcdc.org for more information.
- * **RISE AGAINST HUNGER: SAVE THE DATE!** On April 20th 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.

Student Ministry News

- ✝ **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** Please join us **TONIGHT at 5:00 to 7:30 PM** for a Bible study at the Gilbert's home, 4242 Wiltshire Place, Dumfries. Students are encouraged to bring their own Bible (or have the Bible app downloaded on their phones) and to bring friends. We will have a baked potato bar, sides, and dessert for dinner. Contact Pastor Adam to RSVP at 828-448-8914.
- * **SPRING YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are now available online and in the Welcome Center.
- * **STUDENT MINISTRY EMAILS:** Sign up to receive Student Ministry emails. Contact Pastor Adam, 828-448-8914, 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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| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Debbie Niederriter | * Karen Gundel | * Linda Ford |
| * Bill and Laura Parris | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Tanya | * Doug Godfrey | * Nate Johnson |
| * Sarpong Amakao | * Amanda | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Sue Johnson |
| * Linda | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Mikon Jones | * Lee Watenpaugh |
| | | * Shirley | * Mike Gundel |

- * 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)

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Hope Presbyterian Church - Mitchellville, MD
- ✝ The Idylwood Presbyterian Church - Falls Church, VA

Calendar

January 21 - 28, 2024

SUNDAY, January 21

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 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 - Gilberts' Home

MONDAY, January 22

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club
- 5:30 PM Eagle Scout Board of Review
- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Tiger Den
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Wolf Den
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 18083

TUESDAY, January 23

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 6:00 PM National Capital Presbytery Meeting
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
- 7:00 PM Congregational Care Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Ministry Team Leaders Meeting
- 7:00 PM Earth Care Committee
- 7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours

WEDNESDAY, January 24

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 7:00 PM FUPCDC Chancel Choir
- 7:00 PM Building Fund Re-designation Task Force

THURSDAY, January 25

- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting
- 7:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion
- 8:00 PM AA for Beginners

FRIDAY, January 26

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 8:00 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion

SATURDAY, January 27

- 8:00 AM Emmaus (E-193)

SUNDAY, January 28

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 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
- 2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA
- 5:00 PM Family Game Night

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

Pat Manalio (Interim)	<i>Administration</i>	703-283-2948
Mike Slayter	<i>Congregational Care</i>	703-670-4648
Sam Parris (Interim)	<i>Evangelism & 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
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Martin Andrews	<i>Worship</i>	703-967-4358
Rev. Adam C. Bowling	<i>Moderator</i>	828-448-8914

DEACONS

Class of 2024
Agnes Fokwa
Nne Kalu
Kathy McNeely
Donna Seckar
Wilbur Snyder

Class of 2025
Debbie Cornelius
Gaylene Guest
Claire Hoagland
Mary Jones
Mike Slayter

Class of 2026
Grace Asafu-Adjaye
Sandy Chamberlin
Connie Cox
Ellen Nuernberger
Deborah Folly

Mike Slayter, Ministry Team Leader 703-670-4648

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA

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
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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