### First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2022 8:30 AM

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### WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

**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** 

To God Be the Glory Justin Streletz, Pianist

Doane, Arr. Bill Wolaver

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Colossians 1)

We gather as God's people.

God has given us faith and hope.

God's message of love is with us.

We are growing in the knowledge of God.

God calls us out of darkness and into the light.

We give thanks with joy to our God!

+ OPENING HYMN

Come All You People (Uyai mose)

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, we gather as your people, giving thanks that we can be together to hear your word, offer our prayers, and sing your praises. Draw us together in your love, that we may know you more deeply. Open our hearts to a deeper understanding of your will, and work within our lives, that we may produce the fruit of compassion.

Amen.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Sometimes we fear that when we confess all that is wrong, we will be exposed and condemned. Our hope in Christ tells us a different thing, that when we confess we open up the way to mercy and forgiveness. Trusting in that hope, let us make our confession, praying together. . .

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive us today for the times when we don't trust you to help us grow. Even though you nurture us daily, we often choose to depend on our own strength, ignoring the plans you have for us. You love us so much that you invite us to a life of transformation. You call us to live outside ourselves, and to follow you more faithfully with each day that passes.

We confess to you that we often fail to grow and go deeper in our faith. We are also nervous and timid when it comes to sharing our faith and inviting others to experience your grace and love. Please help us to humble ourselves to the point where we are willing to be transformed for you. 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 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)

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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 Becca Anderson

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (Philemon 4-7)

God of extravagant grace, may your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of the scriptures that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ, and so grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus.

Amen.

### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Colossians 1:1-14 NRSV

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that 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. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> 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, <sup>10</sup> so that you may walk 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. <sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Acts 16:5 NRSV

So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** 

How Majestic Is Your Name
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Smith and Linn

**SERMON** 

A Future of Growth

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 worshiping online, please email Pastor Adam at <a href="mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org">adam.bowling@fupcdc.org</a>. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!)

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

For the Fruit of All Creation

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### 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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee Justin Streletz, Pianist

TRADIONAL, Arr. Larry Shackley

+ 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** (Psalm 82, Colossians 1, Luke 10)

Creating God, thank you for your world of beauty, abundance, and blessing. Help us to continue to grow and go deeper in faith. Use our gifts to bring justice and healing to all people. As we offer our gifts, we also offer our lives in your service, that we may do your will. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

### WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ HYMN Go to the World! 295
 + CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
 + BENEDICTION RESPONSE Now Go in Joy 45
 + POSTLUDE For All the Saints Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ 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 at the rear of 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: Carol Miller (8:30)
Jim Ford (11:00)

\* FLOWERS are given by Lois Walker, in honor of her children, Jonathan and Maria Walker.

### 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, 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

- **TEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:** Our 2023 Stewardship Campaign, *Reflecting on Our Past*, *Committing to Our Future* is well underway. Stewardship letters and commitment pledge forms were mailed to Members and Friends of the Church on October 22. Please watch for your letter and then prayerfully "Commit to Our Future" by completing your pledge form and returning it to church on **Pledge Dedication Sunday, November 6, 2022**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dennis Dingle, Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team Leader at dennis.dingle@fupcdc.org or (703) 583-9689.
- FALL FESTIVAL: Register your family for the Fall Festival at First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 7:00 PM. All of the games and activities are FREE, but require you to register online, or at the registration table the day of the Fall Festival. Click on the link to register in the Thursday News. There will be games, an inflatable slide, a balloon artist, a candy walk, arts and crafts, prizes for children, and more! There will also be food trucks on hand if you want to purchase dinner. Sign up to volunteer!
- \* PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Room 22 or via Zoom for a Bible Study called "Undistracted: Capture Your Purpose. Rediscover Your Joy." Wednesday Night Meals will begin in November. If you would like to help with the planning of the Wednesday Night Meal, please contact Betsy Gilbert at betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com.
- \* 252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: We meet on Sundays at 9:45 AM. For more information contact Erin Bowling at <a href="mailto:erinkbowling@gmail.com">erinkbowling@gmail.com</a>.
- \* ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Please join at 9:45 AM in Rooms 23, 25 and 27 (Triple Room) for our Bible study using the book, Words of Life, Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today by Adam Hamilton.
- \* HOLY FITNESS: Come join us on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:30 AM in the Triple Room. The goal of Holy Fitness is to help aging adults with moving and maintain an independent lifestyle. The exercises are designed to improve strength, endurance, coordination, and balance. Minimum age for participation is 55. If you are interested in the program, please contact Fred Menke, fhmenke@verizon.net or the church office.

## Student Ministry News

TO DINNER AND FALL FESTIVAL PREPARATION MEETING: We will meet on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM in Room 22 at the church for dinner and the preparation meeting. Bring \$3 for dinner, and a snack, drink, or dessert to share. On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> the Youth will help with games at the FUPCDC Fall Festival. Email or text Pastor Adam to RSVP for dinner.

- **YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are now available online and in the Welcome Center.
- STUDENT MINISTRY EMAILS: Sign up to receive Student Ministry emails. Ask Pastor Adam 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:

- Kath Purcell \*
- \* Doug Godfrey
- Marieann R.
- Jenny N.
- R. Rizzo
- Grace Ofosu-Addo
- Baby Louisa Wolstenholme
- Marjorie Lawrence
- Jason, Azena, Mikhail Corbin \*
- Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh \*

- \* Bill and Laura Parris \*
- \* Amanda Peck
- \* Pat Greenhalgh
- Baby Raphael
- Tanya
- \* Keith Peterman
- Debbie Niederriter
- Tommy and Deb
- Sandra D'Imperio Frank Coniglio

- Cherie Sankey
- \* Mark Stewart
  - **Andy Stewart**
  - Alex Martin
  - Nancy Lanza
  - Amanda \*
    - Ann Hoagland

- \* Leigh Anderson
- \* Linda Ford
- \* Norman Cox
- \* Nate Johnson
- \* Ann Randles
- \* Rick Bockes
- \* Norman Cobb
- \* Deborah Folly

Jeannine Menzie

- Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Jean Peterman and family at the death of Jean's daughter-in-law's father, Ernie. Jean's daughter-in-law, Elizabeth is the wife of Scott Peterman, Jean's son. Elizabeth's father, Ernie died on Monday, October 17, 2022. Please lift the entire family up in prayer at this time.
- The Property Ministry Team thanks everybody who came by and helped out at the Fall Clean-up. Also, a special thanks is given to 14 scouts from all three units; T 964 B, T 964 G, and P 289 and 4 adults who worked a total of 48 hours. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated! Thank You!

### 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)

### The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- Fairfax Presbyterian Church Fairfax, VA
- Fairlington Presbyterian Church Alexandria, VA

### SESSION

### Calendar October 23 - 30, 2022

### SUNDAY, October 23

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional 9:45 AM Bible Study (Adult/Youth) 9:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary

12:00 PM More Light Presbyterians Meeting

2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA 5:00 PM Youth - Fall Festival

Preparation Meeting & Dinner

### MONDAY, October 24

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club

6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 Meeting

7:00 PM Bible Buddies

8:30 PM Production Meeting - Google Meet

#### TUESDAY, October 25

8:30 AM TOPS 1:00 PM Al-Anon

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G

7:00 PM FUPCDC Leadership Training

7:30 PM AA

7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

### WEDNESDAY, October 26

10:30 AM Holy Fitness7:00 PM Chancel Choir7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study7:00 PM Nominating Committee

### THURSDAY, October 27

8:00 PM

3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 7:00 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM AA Support Group

**FUPCDC Praise Team** 

### FRIDAY, October 28

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

### SATURDAY, October 29

4:00 - 7:00 PM Fall Festival

### SUNDAY, October 30

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional 9:45 AM Bible Study (Adult/Youth) 9:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary

No PM Youth

# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA Ministers People of the Church Pastor Rev. Adam C. Bowling Parish Assistant Pastor Michael Slayter Chancel Choir Director Dana Van Slyke Pianist/Organist Justin Streletz Contemporary Worship Directors Becca and Chris Anderson

Young People's Choir Directors····· Becca and Chris Anderson Nursery Supervisor···· Joann Paige

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