

# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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**PSALM 32:11**

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

11:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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## GATHERING

### **GATHERING SONG**

*House of the Lord*

Phil Wickham and Jonathan Smith (CCLI #7168995)

### **WELCOME**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

### **MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Scott Robb

### + **GATHERING WORDS** (*Adapted from Zephaniah 3:17*)

The prophet Zephaniah says: “The Lord, your God, is in your midst, He is mighty and will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will renew you in His love; He will exult over you with singing.”

**Let it be known in all nations, God is our strength, God is our song, and God is our salvation.**

So, let us praise God and rejoice with God in song.

**Let us worship God!**

### + **OPENING SONG**

*I Will Call Upon the Lord*

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### **PRAYER OF BROKENNESS**

Gracious God, you continually invite us to become Christ’s disciples, learning to live in your ways and discovering how to serve you in our lives. While we want to serve you with confidence and courage, we confess that we often fall short in our discipleship. We want to follow you, but we end up following so many other false prophets. We follow the prophets of “Not now, I’m in a hurry,” “I’ll serve you when I have the time,” and “I’d like to serve you, but I’m worried what might happen.” Help us to make you a priority in our lives so that we can share in your ministry and life. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for you and for all. Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do, whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not: You are accepted, you are welcomed. You are washed clean, you are raised up. You are forgiven, you are set free.

In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever. In the waters of baptism we are set free to let go of what is old and broken, to live a new life in the resurrection, and to follow together a joyful way, after Jesus Christ, our loving Savior.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ **RESPONSE**

*Death Was Arrested*

Kersh, Coker, Heath, Balltzglier, Smith (CCLI# 7046448)

+ **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.)*

## PROCLAIMING

### **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

### **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.**

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 9:46-48 NRSV

An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. <sup>47</sup>But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, <sup>48</sup>and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 19:34-40 NRSV

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup>Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>25</sup>When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>26</sup>But Jesus

looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.”  
<sup>27</sup>Then Peter said in reply, “Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?”  
<sup>28</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.  
<sup>29</sup>And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life.  
<sup>30</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

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

## **MESSAGE**

Serving with Joy! - Contentment Through Service

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 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!)*

## **RESPONDING**

### **+ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Mighty to Save*

Reuben Morgan, Ben Fielding (CCLI #4591782)

### **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

*Great Are You Lord*

Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (CCLI #6260220)

### **+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, we recognize that the greatest gift is the gift of love. May our offerings distribute this love to the world: the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know; and the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed. In Jesus’ name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

- + **SENDING SONG** *We Will Go Out With Joy* 539
- + **OUR VISION**  
Here at First United Presbyterian we are  
**Welcoming All, Growing Together, Serving with Joy!**
- + **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Pastor Adam C. Bowling
- + **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *We Will Go Out With Joy* 539
- + *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:** Alessandro Trujillo (8:30)  
Pam Cox (11:00)
- \* **FLOWERS** are given by Pat Manalio in loving memory of her mother, Georgette Manalio.

## 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*

- ✝ **2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: SERVING WITH JOY!** Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign is underway. In the coming weeks, you will continue hearing from some of our church family as they share what **SERVING WITH JOY** means to them. BUT we don't want to hear from just a few, we also want to hear what **SERVING WITH JOY** means to you. Please take a few minutes and stop by the table in the Narthex/Welcome Center and answer this question, "What ministry event(s), program(s), and/or sermon(s) have brought you JOY?" Place your response in the basket on the table (filling in your name is optional). For those watching online, please go to the church web site, [www.fupcdc.org](http://www.fupcdc.org), scroll down and click on the **SERVING WITH JOY QUESTION**, and type in your response. Your responses will be shared during the campaign.
- ✝ **NEW SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Today, we will begin a new Bible study at 9:45 AM, Parables of Jesus by Gladys Hunt in the Triple Room. For more information, contact Curt Hoagland at [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com).
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:** Please join us as we fellowship around the dinner table on **Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**. The dinner will be **Potluck: Bring a dish from your heritage, country, region, or family favorites. Dessert will be provided.** If you are willing to help set up and/or help clean up, it certainly would be appreciated! Please contact Marti Hall at 703-626-2269 (call or text) or [martihall@comcast.net](mailto:martihall@comcast.net). Chancel choir rehearsal and Pastor's Bible study will follow the Wednesday Night meal.
- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join us at **7:00 PM in Room 22 on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** for a Bible study, Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes by Pastor Josh Scott. This six-week Bible study will consider stories many read as children. Our next story will be *The Parable of the Talents*.
- ✝ **PHOTO DIRECTORY DAYS:** TODAY and October 15<sup>th</sup> after 8:30 and 11 AM services.
- ✝ **SAVE THE DATE:** FUPCDC Fall Festival, Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

- \* **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 Curt Hoagland at [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com) for more information.

## *Student Ministry News*

- ✚ **TRAMPOLINE PARK:** Join us at Sky Zone (14555 Potomac Mills Rd.) TODAY at 1:00 PM. Students should bring \$15 to help cover the cost to jump. Pick up time is at 3:00 PM. For more information contact Briana Stewart.
- ✚ **FALL 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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| ✚ Steve Glycer                | * Debbie Niederriter  | * Karen Gundel    | * Linda Ford     |
| ✚ Mike Moore                  | * Baby Raphael        | * Jeannine Menzie | * Rick Bockes    |
| * Joel Hough                  | * Tanya               | * Doug Godfrey    | * Ann Randles    |
| * Marti Hall                  | * Amanda              | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Judy Stewart                | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Mikon Jones     | * Nate Johnson   |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme    | * Amanda Peck         | * Deborah Folly   | * Sue Johnson    |
| * Bill and Laura Parris       | * Melinda McDaniel    | * Mike Gundel     | * Amy Smith      |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Donna Davis         | * Lee Watenpaugh  |                  |

- ✚ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Lois Walker and family at the death of her aunt, Lois Van Wingerden who died on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the age of 95.5.

All those serving in our military who are stationed away from home, including from our church:

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| ✚ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC)             | ✚ Zach Lauster (Aaron Lauster's son)                |
| ✚ Elizabeth Batista (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter) | ✚ Ryan Bruner (Carol and Ross Schwalm's son-in-law) |
| ✚ David Cornelius, Jr. (Debbie Cornelius' son)           |   |

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✚ Christian Community Presbyterian Church - Bowie, MD
- ✚ Church of the Covenant - Arlington, VA

# Calendar

## October 8 - 15, 2023

### SUNDAY, October 8

**Photo Directory Day** - after 8:30 & 11 AM services

- 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
- 1:00 PM Youth - Trampoline Park Trip
- 1:15 PM Property Ministry Team

### MONDAY, October 9

**Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day**

**Church Office Closed**

- 9:30 AM Horizons Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 1:00 PM Personnel Committee
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies

### TUESDAY, October 10

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
- 7:00 PM Evangelism & Outreach Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Worship Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours
- 7:30 PM AA 101
- 8:00 PM Building Fund Re-designation Task Force

### WEDNESDAY, October 11

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal - Potluck
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM FUPCDC Chancel Choir
- 8:15 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

### THURSDAY, October 12

- 10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team
- 8:00 PM AA for Beginners

### FRIDAY, October 13

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness

### SATURDAY, October 14

### SUNDAY, October 15

**Recognition of New Members & Friends**

**Photo Directory Day** - after 8:30 & 11 AM services

- 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
- 5:00 PM Youth Dinner & Bible Study



**SCAN TO GIVE**

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

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Ministers.....	People of the Church
Pastor.....	Rev. Adam C. Bowling
Parish Assistant.....	Pastor Michael Slayter
Youth Director.....	Briana Stewart
Chancel Choir Director.....	Dana Van Slyke
Contemporary Worship Leader.....	Vacant
Pianist/Organist.....	Dr. Nadia Carmichael
Nursery Supervisor (Interim).....	Christine Willever
Sexton.....	Homer Detrich
Office Manager.....	Kim Parker