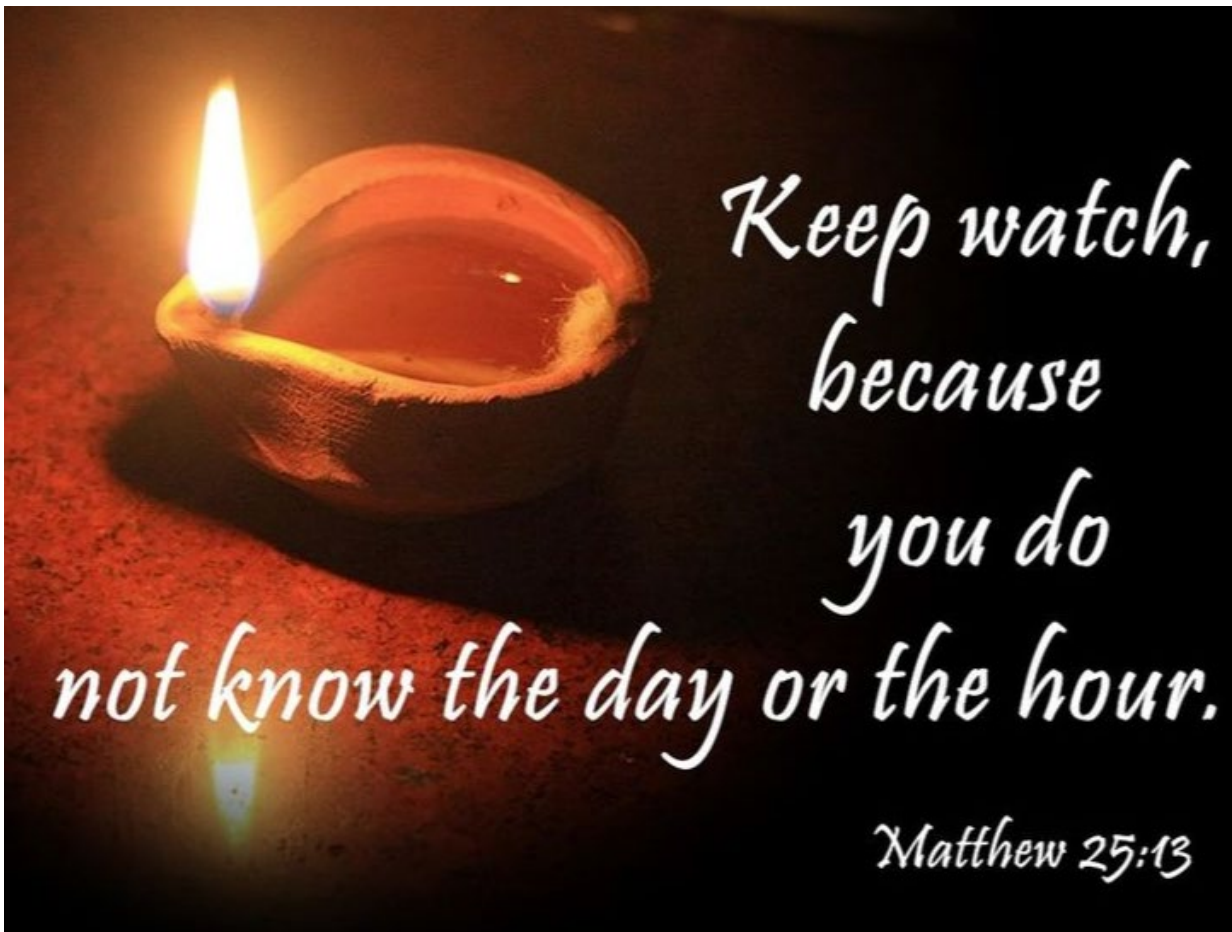


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24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org

828.448.8914

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Pastor Michael Slayter

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

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty
Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

Erneuerten Gesangbuch

+ CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 78:1-7)*

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and God's might, and the wonders that he has done.

The Lord established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which God commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

So that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep God's commandments.

+ OPENING HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us, says the psalmist. With the assurance of God's healing mercies in our lives, we need not fear confession, but instead come with honesty, seeking wholeness in our own lives, and in the lives of those we may have injured. Let us confess to God those aspects of our lives in need of God's grace, first in unison, and then in silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your way for us is clear: We are to live so that the manner of our lives speaks of your goodness, your generosity, your infinite mercy. Too often, though, we forget the purposes for which you made us. Too often, when we might meet inhumanity with the reflection of your goodness, we turn aside. We return unkindness for unkindness. We cling to what might be shared. We avoid those who are not like us. We fail to give grace in the measure we have received it. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that your

goodness is enduring, and your mercy is everlasting, as we confess silently those things we hold in our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Ephesians 2:8-10)*

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Believe the promise of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let your Word dwell within us richly, O Lord. Let your truth ring as a clarion through the chatter around us. Hold us in this time, that your wisdom may shape us to the depth of our humanity, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13 NRSV

²⁵“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Mansions of the Lord
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Harlan

SERMON

What If?

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. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!)

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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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

Prelude in C Major
Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

J. S. Bach

+ **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**

Holy God, you have given us what we need, indeed you have given us more than we need. Accept this portion that we dedicate to your work. Grant that we might be blessed in turn as we see your reign at work in the world and in ourselves.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

+ **CLOSING HYMN**

Soon and Very Soon

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+ **OUR VISION**

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

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Michael Slayter

+ **POSTLUDE**

O God Beyond All Praising
Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

G. Holst, Arr. M. Hayes

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

There will be a reception for Taylor Woods, our new Nursery Supervisor today after the 8:30 AM worship service in the Welcome Center.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for November 19th after the 8:30 AM worship service to approve the terms of call for the pastor and to elect an elder to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2024.

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)
Pam Cox	(11:00)
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Pam Cox in loving memory of Lisa Chrzan.

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

- ✠ **2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN "Serving with JOY":** While we celebrated Stewardship Dedication Sunday on October 22, 2023, if you have not had time to submit a pledge for 2024, you still have an opportunity to do so. An electronic pledge form for 2024 is available on the church website, <https://fupcdc.org>. You may use the paper copy on the website or the form available in the Sanctuary and send it to the church, ATTN: 2024 Stewardship Campaign. We ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge for 2024. Our goal is for every family and individual, members, friends, and non-members, to make a pledge commitment for 2024. No matter the amount, each pledge allows the Session to formulate a workable budget that supports FUPCDC Ministries and allow each of us opportunities to continue to *Serve with Joy!*
- ✠ **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED PROGRAM AND LUNCH:** We invite you to prayerfully consider attending our Discover First United lunch and program on **Sunday, December 10, 2023** in Room 27 from **12:10 PM until 1:30 PM**. This event is designed to introduce you and your family to the church and is open to anyone interested in learning more about our worshiping community and/or membership. We also promise to honor your time and end the program by 1:30 PM. If you are new to FUPCDC, are interested in possibly joining the church, or becoming an official "Friend of the Church," the Discover First United Program is for you! Please register for this event on the link in the Thursday News. Email the church office at office@fupcdc.org if you have questions.
- ✠ **YOUTH SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF:** Come to the Soup/Chili Cook-Off on **Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00 PM** in the Triple Room. All money raised will support the Youth Mission Fund. See the Thursday News to sign up to enter your soup or chili in the Cook-Off or email Briana Stewart at briana.stewart@fupcdc.org.
- ✠ **DINNER WITH FRIENDS:** We will meet on **Saturday, November 18th at 6:00 PM** at Hector's of Lake Ridge (Mexican Restaurant), 2233 Tacketts Mill Drive, Lake Ridge and order off the menu. **Please let us know TODAY** if you will be able to join us so that we can give the restaurant an accurate count. If you have questions, please call or text the Gilberts: Betsy at 703-343-3921 or Bruce at 703-343-3912. We look forward to having you join us.
- ✠ **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Today's study is *The Ten Minas* from [The Parables of Jesus](#) by Gladys Hunt. Join us at 9:45 AM in the Triple Room. Contact Curt Hoagland for more information at 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 for more information.

Student Ministry News

- ✠ **LASER TAG:** We will meet TODAY at Team Tactics at 2:45 PM. Bring \$15 and a friend. Email Briana Stewart with your RSVP, briana.stewart@fupcdc.org.
- ✠ **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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| ✝ Scott Peterman | * Debbie Niederriter | * Karen Gundel | * Linda Ford |
| * Stacey and John Porter | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Rick Bockes |
| * Mike Moore | * Tanya | * Doug Godfrey | * Ann Randles |
| * Joel Hough | * 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 | * Steve Glycer | * Lee Watenpaugh | * Marti Hall |
| | * Christine Willever | * Dave Stokes | |

- * Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Dave and Nancy Stokes at the death of Dave's brother, J. Clarke Stokes, on October 30, 2023. Please lift Dave and Nancy 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:

- ✝ Fairlington Presbyterian Church - Alexandria, VA
- ✝ Faith Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

Calendar

November 12 - 19, 2023

SUNDAY, November 12

Reception for Taylor Woods

(after the 8:30 AM Worship service)

- 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
- 2:45 PM Youth Laser Tag

MONDAY, November 13

- 9:30 AM Horizons Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club
- 1:00 PM Personnel Committee
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Wolf Den
- 7:00 PM GSCNC SU 80-5

TUESDAY, November 14

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

WEDNESDAY, November 15

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Youth Soup & Chili Cook-Off
- 7:00 PM FUPCDC Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, November 16

- 10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
- 3:00 PM Prayer & 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, November 17

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

SATURDAY, November 18

- 5:00 PM Chrysalis Team 106
- 6:00 PM Dinner with Friends

SUNDAY, November 19

Congregational Meeting after the 8:30 worship service

- 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
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SESSION

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Vacant ('24)	
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DEACONS

Class of 2024

Agnes Fokwa
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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

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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



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