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November 15, 2020 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

+ GATHERING SONG

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Michael O'Shields (CCLI# 11263)

Verse

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)
Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)
I will call upon the Lord

Chorus

The Lord liveth
And blessed be my Rock
Let the God of my salvation be exalted
(REPEAT)

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Our lives are in the care of God.

God has given us abundance and hope.

This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.

Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love.

+ OPENING HYMN

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

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1 Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.

Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sara Porter

Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of compassionate justice, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you by serving the world. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sara Porter

Like a nursing mother who cannot forget her child, like a father who welcomes the prodigal home, so God cannot turn away from us. Though we come, week after week, admitting we have turned from God's ways and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, God is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Therefore, knowing we are beloved children of God, we can admit our failings before God and one another in order to be forgiven, receive new life, and begin again. Let us confess our sins before God, praying together. . .

Gracious God, you know more than anyone the depth of the world's pain. You know that in all places there are people who suffer poverty, hunger, homelessness, oppression, and torture. Many complain that you do nothing, but you do. You call on us to be your mouths, hands, and feet, to be people who incarnate your love and make it real for all. It is not you who is impotent, but we who refuse to act. Too often we care only about those we know and those who are like us. We do not care enough for the faceless millions who suffer every day. Soften our hearts this morning and inspire us with your Spirit so that we can discern the ways you call us to care for all people, and so that we can respond faithfully to this call. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(Silence is Kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If you are willing to open up to God, you will discover God's grace and blessings all around you. Paul said, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances."

When we do this, we discover just how powerful and present God is. This is the God Christ revealed, a God who is with us, around us, above us, beyond us, behind us, and before us.

This is the God of Christ who loves us so deeply that no sin is so great or act so horrible that we cannot be embraced in love. Know that in Christ, we are forgiven!

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC He is the Rock Michael Barrett

FUPCDC Music Team

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 12:22-31 NRSV

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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MESSAGE What to be Next Rev. John Molina-Moore
General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

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1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

+ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

O God, you bless us in so many areas of our lives—in places we often fail to recognize as blessing. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and blessing. Today, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about your beloved community, here and now.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ CLOSING SONG

Build My Life

Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, Pat Barrett (CCLI#: 7070345)

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE

Soon and Very Soon
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Andrae Crouch, Arr. Jack Schrader

+ Please stand, in body or in spirit.

The Reverend John Molina-Moore General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery



The Reverend John Molina-Moore was called as the General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery, May 2019.

He holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Sterling College (2005), where he was a scholarship student in both music and athletics. He has a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary (2011), where he won the "The Gerald R. Johnson Award in Speech Communication in Ministry" award in preaching and communications. In 2017, John completed a Certificate in Advanced Executive Leadership for Ministers from Howard University.

John served pastorates at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church and Calvary Presbyterian Church, both located in Wilmington, Delaware. In National Capital, he has served as Stated Supply Pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church, and Stated Supply Pastor for Community Life at Western Presbyterian Church.

Molina-Moore is an energetic, capable, inclusive, and visionary leader.

Worship Notes

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.
- * 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

FAIR SHARE COMMUNITY SPEAKER PROGRAM: On Saturday, November 21st at 7 PM via Zoom, our featured speaker is Mercedes Kirkland-Doyle, Executive Director of The Good News Community Kitchen (TGNCK) of Occoquan. The goal of TGNCK is to enable citizens throughout Virginia, Washington, DC and Columbia, SC to unite together to facilitate clothing drives to assist women and men transitioning back into the workforce, to distribute hygiene bags and meals-togo to the hungry, and to collect coats and blankets for the unsheltered. TGNCK is always looking for volunteers to assist with meal preparation, meal deliveries, drives, and production of hygiene bags. They are a 501(c)3 organization that provides hunger relief to veterans, students, senior citizens, survivors of domestic violence, and families who identify being food insecure and/or in need. For more information, their website is https://www.tgnck.org/. Look for the connection details from Pastor Adam to be released in the week of November 16th - 21st.

* GIVING: Thank you to those who have already turned in their 2021 Pledge Cards. Thank you for supporting First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA, as we are IMPACTING LIVES with and for the Gospel of Jesus Christ! God bless you and your family.

There are 2 ways to give: You can mail your gift to FUPCDC, 14391 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193. You can also give online by going to the church website,

https://fupcdc.org/give-online. Thank you for giving to the Lord.

- * CHILDREN'S EDUCATION: Every Sunday, 8:45 9:30 AM, we will be joining King's Grant Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, VA, via Zoom, for children in 2nd grade to 6th grade. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org.
- * ISAIAH THE PROPHET: This class is taught by Larry Greenslit and Bob Porter via Zoom at 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM every Sunday morning. For more information, please contact Bob at bob.porter@fupcdc.org.
- * BIBLE BUDDIES: Are you feeling anxious? <u>Calm My Anxious Heart</u> by Linda Dillow is the Bible study, every Monday at 7:00 PM via Zoom for any Ladies or friends of FUPCDC. This study will help discover what the Bible says about contentment and ways to apply to your daily life. This book may be purchased online from christianbook.com, Amazon or e-bay. Please contact Betty Matthews, <u>bettysmatthews1@verizon.net</u>, or 703-618-9127 for more information and to be added the Zoom group.
- * PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: We are studying the Gospel of Matthew every Wednesday at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Contact Pastor Adam for the instructions to join via computer or phone. All are welcome. There will be no Wednesday Night Bible Study on November 18th and November 25th.
- * HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY: "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament" is the title of the 2020 2021 women's Bible study. We will meet via Zoom on the second Monday of each month, at 9:30 AM. This is a study on the hope we can find in the scriptures. Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net, or 703-670-8737 for more information.
- * FUPCDC CONTEMPLATIVE YOGA CLASS VIA ZOOM: Join us for a time to prayerfully release your cares and recharge physically, spiritually, and emotionally. The Contemplative Yoga group has a spot just for you on Saturdays from 8:30-9:10 AM on Zoom. Classes are scheduled for 11/14, 12/5. Classes are always free, just click this link to sign up: CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SIGNUP.
- * SPREAD THE WARMTH: Are you looking for a worthwhile project to do while staying at home? Do you knit or crochet? If so, we have the perfect project for you. Our group makes hats and scarves for our friends in the community who are in need of something warm to wear during the winter. We also make hats for those suffering from cancer. If you would like to help or to find out more information about our group, please contact Elizabeth Glyer at lizglyer@gmail.com.

- * MEN'S GROUP: In lieu of our monthly Men's Breakfast, we now have several small groups of men that meet weekly for 30 minutes for devotion and prayer time. This is a phone-in conference call. We have slots available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Please contact Sam Parris for your slot: 703-946-7266 or email at samjparris@aol.com.
- * SPREAD THE BREAD: Spread the Bread is our ministry for people experiencing homelessness. We currently provide a meal each Sunday at 12:20 PM for around 50 people in Prince William County. Volunteer opportunities include making sandwiches, donating drinks and chips, prayer, and more! If you would like to help in any way, please email Jon Guest, jon.a.guest@gmail.com.
- * SPREAD THE LOVE: We need volunteers to write cards/notes to those in quarantine or to folks who are experiencing isolation due to COVID-19. Other volunteer opportunities include making phone calls to check in with people who may need socialization. If you would like to volunteer for Spread the Love or suggest people to receive cards or calls, please email Sam Parris, samiparris@aol.com.
- * EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN: We need volunteers to receive one to two emails a week with prayer requests...and pray! If you would like to volunteer to pray, please contact the Church Office, office@fupcdc.org.
- * SEWING FACE MASKS: In keeping with FUPCDC's commitment to serve the needs of the community, the Mission and Outreach Committee is launching a campaign to make face masks and distribute them where they are needed within the local community. We are committed to donate masks to the Greater Prince William Community Health Center and to Westminster at Lake Ridge for both staff and residents. If you have any questions about the Face Mask Ministry please call Pat Manalio (703-283-2948) or Lora Nedimyer (703-680-5526).
- * NOVEMBER/DECEMBER WORSHIP:

Sunday, November 22nd - Online Live Stream at 10 AM

- 1st Sunday of Advent, November 29th Online Live Stream at 10 AM
- 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 6th Online Live Stream at 10 AM
- 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 13th Online Live Stream at 10 AM
- 4th Sunday of Advent, December 20th A Service of Lessons and Carols Online Live Stream at 10 AM Christmas Eve Family Service, December 24th Online Live Stream at 4 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, December 24th - Online Live Stream at 7 PM 1st Sunday of Christmas, December 27th - Online Live Stream at 10 AM

Student Ministry News

- Join us for the upcoming events. For more information, please contact Afton Schwalm, bulldogz89@yahoo.com, 571-221-0778.
 - Nov 22nd Bible Study/Games 7:00 8:30 PM via Zoom
 - Nov 29th No Youth (Thanksgiving Break)
- * TEXT MESSAGES: Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

ŧ	Lee Watenpaugh	*	Tim Elliott	*	Patrick Cobb	*	Marti Glyer
Ť	Jeanette Gregory	*	Bob Robinson	*	Baby Louisa Wolstenholme	*	Jeannine Menzie
Ť	Verne Evans	*	Grace Bockes	*	Baby Dean Moy	*	Larry Menzie
Ť	Bethany, Josh Gregor	*	Alicia	*	Giselle Watenpaugh	*	Linda Ford
Ť	Faith, Caleb Gregor	*	Megan Moore	*	Dan McGill	*	Jeannine Menzie
Ť	Emily	*	Amanda Peck	*	Sam Parris' Dad	*	Lynn Wilson
*	Gary Albrecht	*	Waddell	*	Bill and Laura Parris	*	Grace Ofosu-Addo
*	S. Ryan	*	Catherine	*	Marjorie Lawrence	*	Leigh Anderson
*	Liz Goolgasian	*	Steven	*	Debbie Niederriter	*	Norman Cox
*	Virginia McPherson	*	Barb McGill	*	Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbi	n *	Ashleigh and Dan

- Hunter Martin
- * Please pray for the families of the 7 children who were brutally killed by unknown gunmen while attending school in my hometown, Kumba, Cameroon. Pray for the people of Kumba as they are still in a state of confusion. We pray for peace in Cameroon and for God's divine intervention to bring an end to this Anglophone crisis that has claimed innocent lives. Amen.
 - ~ Celine Sonkwa
- * Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Caryll and Stacy Lawrence and family at the death of their father, Bob Lawrence. He went from the land of the dying to the land of the living on October 28, 2020. Please lift Caryll and Stacy and the entire family up in prayer at this time.

Celebrations of joy with thanksgiving to God:

- Giving thanks to God for His unending mercy. Psalm 136:1-3, 26
 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For his mercy endures forever.
 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For his mercy endures forever.
 Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For his mercy endures forever.
 Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For his mercy endures forever. Amen.
 ~ Sue and Nate Johnson
- Thank God for successful eye surgery and for all your prayers. ~ Sara Porter
- * Thanks be to God for the blessed birth of our fourth great-grandchild, born October 28, 2020, Archer Osiris Ellis, weighing in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. This brings us great joy, love, peace, and happiness into the world and our family during this pandemic year of distress. We are grateful and blessed to share our joys and concerns with each of you, knowing that God is with us and in control at ALL times. Thanks be to God for His unconditional love.
 - ~ Sue and Nate Johnson
- * Praise God for the healthy birth of my granddaughter, Norah Mercy Heins, on October 22, 2020.

All those serving abroad in our military, including from our church:

† Kelsey Gibson

🗘 2nd Lt. Sam Presley, just deployed to Middle East - Mike and Ruth Washburg's nephew

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

The Geneva Presbyterian Church - Rockville, MD

Georgetown Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

Calendar November 15 - 22, 2020

SUNDAY, November 15

8:30 AM Isaiah the Prophet Study via Zoom 8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream

MONDAY, November 16

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom 7:00 PM Bible Buddies via Zoom

8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, November 17

4:00 PM Presbytery Meeting 6:30 PM Deacons via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, November 18

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

5:30 PM Commission on Restructuring via Zoom

THURSDAY, November 19

FRIDAY, November 20

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, November 21

7:00 PM Fair Share Speaker

SUNDAY, November 22

8:30 AM Isaiah the Prophet Study via Zoom

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream

DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.¹

2020 BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Agnes Fokwa	Amy Bean	Bob Albrecht
Deborah Folly	Karen Elliott	Sandy Chamberlin
Lisa Fortner	Liz Goolgasian	Claudia Cunningham
Kathy McNeely	Peggy Heins	Pam Emert
Carol Schwalm	Therese Same	Ellen Nuernberger
Celine Sonkwa	Charlotte Stultz	Tracy Stevens
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RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office.²

See current ruling elders of FUPCDC on page 15 of bulletin.

¹ The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Part II, Book of Order: 2013/2015, 2013. Published by The Office of the General Assembly, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, p. 26.

² ibid., p. 60.

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Pianist/Organist ·····	·····Justin Streletz
Contemporary Worship Directors	
Children's/Youth Choir Directors	····· Becca and Chris Anderson
Jubilation Handbell Director	
Nursery Supervisor·····	····· Joann Paige
Little Hands Preschool Director ······	····· Tiffany Ramsey
Sexton·····	
Office Manager·····	····· Kim Parker

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