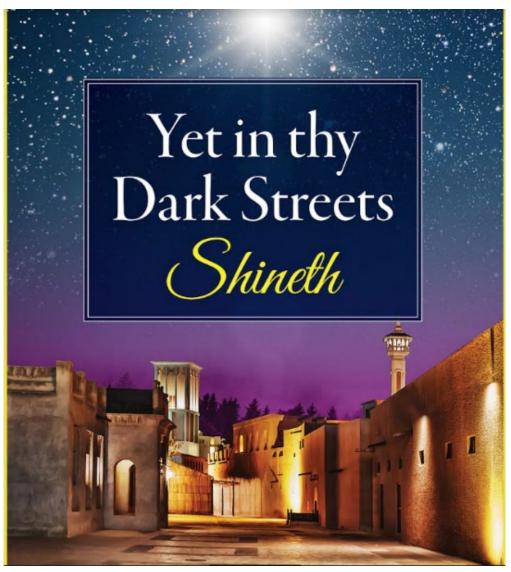
# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022 8:30 AM

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# WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**AS WE GATHER...** Today we begin our Advent worship series, "Yet in Thy Dark Streets Shineth". In this service, we welcome you to Jerusalem at the time of Zechariah - a world where God is far off, where repentance is necessary, and where the blood of sacrifice serves as the only point of connection between God's people and their God. Our need for Jesus becomes clear in this place as we await the coming of the Christ child for the salvation of our souls.

#### WELCOME

#### **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**

O Come, Emmanuel
Justin Streletz, Pianist

VENI EMMANUEL, Arr. Jason Krug

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 122, Isaiah 2)

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

That we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths. Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

+ **OPENING HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1, 5, 6, 7)

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1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

The Lauster Family

Today we light the first Advent candle, the candle of hope. We look forward to the coming of Jesus, who is our hope now and forever.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope." (1 Peter 1:3)

In this hope we look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth on Christmas, and we look forward to Jesus' coming again.

#### ADVENT PRAYER

**ADVENT RESPONSE** My Soul Cries out with a Joyful Shout (verse 1, Refrain)

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My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

#### Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

As we begin our Advent waiting, honesty is a necessary ingredient in the recipe of faithfulness. Let us be honest with one another, and with our merciful God, about the ways that we have done harm to ourselves and one another, as we pray together. . .

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Hope, you call us to be practitioners of prophetic imagination, people who aren't scared to dream about a better future and to take concrete steps to bring it to fruition. But, too often, we settle for far less than you intend: for what is easy, for what is convenient, for what is better for a few instead of all. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of moral imagination. Help us dream of your promised day, when we shall beat our weapons into gardening tools, unlearn the ways of war, and plant seeds of peace in places ridden with violence. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace. Therefore, put on the Lord Jesus Christ!
Know that you are forgiven, and live in 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

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God of our people and Lord of every nation, let your Word ring out from the mountains and your Spirit shine forth in the earth, so that all may hear your teaching and all may do your will; through Jesus Christ our peace.

Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** 1 Chronicles 11:1-9 NRSV

Then all Israel gathered together to David at Hebron and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup> For some time now, even while Saul was king, it was you who commanded the army of Israel. The Lord your God said to you, 'It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over my people Israel.' " <sup>3</sup> So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord. And they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the Lord by Samuel.

<sup>4</sup> David and all Israel marched to Jerusalem, that is, Jebus, where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. <sup>5</sup> The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You will not come in here." Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, now the city of David. <sup>6</sup> David had said, "Whoever attacks the Jebusites first shall be chief and commander." And Joab son of Zeruiah went up first, so he became chief. <sup>7</sup> David resided in the stronghold; therefore it was called the city of David. <sup>8</sup> He built the city all around, from the Millo in complete circuit, and Joab repaired the rest of the city. <sup>9</sup> And David became greater and greater, for the Lord of hosts was with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Advent Gift Chancel Choir

Arr. Patrick M. Liebegen

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**ANTHEM** 

Luke 1:5-17 NRSV

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

<sup>8</sup> Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, <sup>9</sup> he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. <sup>10</sup> Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. <sup>11</sup> Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. <sup>14</sup> You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup> He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the

hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**DIALOGUE SERMON** Yet in thy Dark Streets Shineth: Jerusalem

Past: Pastor Michael Slayter Present: Rev. Adam C. Bowling Future: Martin Andrews

#### 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 adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!)

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

Lift Up the Gates Eternal

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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

Looking Toward Jerusalem Justin Streletz, Pianist

Gerald Peterson

#### + 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

With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let these gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your hope for the world through Jesus, our Messiah and King. It is in his name we pray.

Amen.

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **HYMN** People, Look East 105

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ BENEDICTION RESPONSE My Soul Cries out with a Joyful Shout (verse 4, Refrain) 100

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

### Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

+ POSTLUDE

People, Look East Justin Streletz, Pianist

BESANCON, Arr. Paul Taylor

Please stand, in body or in spirit.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, after the 8:30 AM worship service, for the purpose of electing a Deacon to fill an unexpired term vacancy and to approve the Terms of Call for the Pastor.

# 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: Rick Mitchell (8:30)

Scott Robb (11:00)

\* FLOWERS are given by Lois Walker in loving memory of her father, Don Van Wingerden.

# 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

- 2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN "REFLECTING ON OUR PAST, COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE: As the 2023 Stewardship Campaign continues to journey on through 2022, know that FUPCDC had many 'ups & downs' through the years. However, with our church families COMMITMENT to God we have sustained. Throughout all of FUPCDC'S Stewardship Campaigns, one message has always been shared; whether it was former Rev. Bill Clark, or an elder or a member/friend of the church that message was, 100% commitment. Even if you can only give one pledge, please consider doing so. It can then be counted in the budget for next year. Wouldn't it be wonderful if 100% of our congregation made a commitment in any amount for 2023? If you have questions about pledging, please contact a member of the 2023 Stewardship Campaign. To all who have already pledged for 2023, Thank you!
- OPERATION JOY CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE: Once again, we are collaborating with Solomon Ministries to collect new, unused toys for less fortunate children of all ages in the local community. Solomon Ministries is a group the Spread the Bread team joins forces with to minister to the houseless/ underserved in our community. To participate in the Operation Joy Christmas Toy Drive, simply place a new, unused, unwrapped toy in the decorated collection box located in the Welcome Center. Or, if you like, you can order a toy and have it shipped to Pam Cox, Attention: Operation Joy, 17460 Bayou Bend Circle, Dumfries, VA 22025. The last day to drop off toys is Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Your donations will be distributed on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you once again for your continued support of FUPCDC mission ministries.

- BLANKET AND SLEEPING BAG DRIVE: The Mission team is collecting blankets and sleeping bags for the houseless. We are asking for heavy duty outdoor blankets and adult cold weather sleeping bags (20 degrees and below). To participate in this drive, simply put new or gently used and clean items in the decorated collection box in the Welcome center before Christmas Day. These items will be distributed to the local houseless community who we serve each Sunday through our Spread the Bread ministry. Thank you so much for generously supporting this local ministry!
- 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 "Prepare The Way For The Lord" by Adam Hamilton.
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Come to the Wednesday Night Meal on **November 30**<sup>th</sup> **at 6:00 PM** for **Pizza!** Bring your own drink, lemonade/water will be available. This is such a great opportunity to visit with others! Please contact Betsy Gilbert at betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com if you have questions.
- **FUPCDC GARDENING ANGELS:** Would you like to help keep FUPCDC beautiful? We are looking for volunteers. Please contact Gretchen Snyder, gretchensnyder1026@gmail.com.
- HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: The Worship Ministry Team is preparing for Advent and is inviting all ages to help decorate our church for Christmas in the coming weeks Please plan to join us in this yearly tradition on one of the following dates.

  Christmas Decoration Schedule: Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 AM put up Chrismon tree and lights and hang wreaths and other decorations; Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM decorate the Chrismon tree with rest of decorations and set up nativity.
- POINSETTIAS: A limited quantity of poinsettias has been preordered and will be offered on a first come basis. The cost is \$15.00. You can order poinsettias using the form on the link on FUPCDC Thursday news (just print it, fill it out and mail it or bring it to church) or an order envelope located in the Welcome Center. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Payment (check) must accompany the poinsettia order. Please designate if who you would like the poinsettia to be in honor or memory of. Your poinsettias may be picked up after the 10 AM worship service on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- MORE LIGHT PRESBTERIANS MEETING: All are welcome to come to the More Light Presbyterians Meeting on TODAY, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 PM in Room 22. Bring your lunch. If you have questions please call Claire Hoagland at 703-380-3817.
- THE CHILI COOKOFF/TALENT SHOW (NEW DATE): All are welcome! On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, come make a pot of chili or soup at 5:30 PM, and vote for your favorite with donations to the Youth Mission Fund to support our 2023 summer youth mission trip to Charleston, SC. At 7:00 PM After dinner, enjoy the show, or be in the show!
- MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 AM. Feel free to bring a friend! For additional information, please contact Sam Parris at 703-946-7266 or samiparris@aol.com.
- THESE DAYS DEVOTIONS: January/February/March 2023 devotional books are available in the Welcome Center.
- \* ADVENT DEVOTIONS: Please pick up your Advent devotions in the Welcome Center.

- \* LET'S MAKE LUNCHES: Join us on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 PM as we make over 350 lunches for a homeless outreach event. We are supporting an event with Solomon International Ministries. We will meet in the Triple Room at FUPCDC. See the Thursday News email for the sign up link. Any questions please contact Ruth Washburg, 703-407-3976.
- \* DALE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND FUPCDC PARTNERSHIP: We are planning to help fill a pantry with food staples for distribution to students identified by guidance and social workers at the school. We are seeking contributions to the pantry from the congregation from November 13<sup>th</sup> to November 27<sup>th</sup>. See the Thursday News for a list of the items. Please place your items in the ACTS pantry located in the closet area. Thanking you in advance for your generous support.
- \* BIBLE BUDDIES: We will begin our new Bible study TOMORROW, Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent by Susan Robb. The book may be purchased on Amazon or your bookstore of choice.
- \* ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Please join us at 9:45 AM in Rooms 23, 25 and 27 (Triple Room) for Bible study.
- \* 252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: We meet on Sundays at 9:45 AM. For more information contact Erin Bowling at erinkbowling@gmail.com.
- \* HOLY FITNESS: Come join us on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:30 AM in the Triple Room. If you are interested in the program, please contact Fred Menke, fhmenke@verizon.net or the church office.

### **CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES**

Please join us as we celebrate Christmas.

- November 27: 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Traditional, 11AM Contemporary
- December 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM, Traditional, 11AM Contemporary
- December 11: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM, Traditional, 11AM Contemporary
- December 18: 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Cantata, 10 AM one service
- December 24: Christmas Eve Services
  - o 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
  - o 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
- December 25: Christmas Day Carol Sing, 10 AM one service
- January 1: Epiphany Sunday, 10 AM one service Star Words

# Student Ministry News

- MOVIE NIGHT: TONIGHT, November 27<sup>th</sup> Come see "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever!", 4:30 PM show at the Woodbridge Alamo. We will meet at 4:00 PM.
- \* 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:

- \* Nathan Johnson, III
- \* Leslie
- \* Karen Gundel
- Doug Godfrey
- \* Jenny N.
- \* R. Rizzo
- Baby Louisa Wolstenholme
- \* Jason, Azena, Mikhail Corbin
- \* Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh

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

- Cherie Sankey
- \* Mark Stewart
- \* Alex Martin\* Nancy Lanza
  - Amanda
  - Baby Raphael
  - Tanya
- \* Kath Purcell
  - Nancy Hoagland

- Leigh Anderson
- Linda Ford
- Norman Cox
- Nate Johnson
- Ann Randles
  - Rick Bockes
- Norman Cobb
- Jeannine Menzie
- Deborah Folly
- \* Thank You: My nephew, Andy Stewart, asked me to pass on his hearfelt thanks for all the thoughts and prayers offered up on his behalf during his latest crisis. His operation was a great success and he is now at home resting. Speaking for the entire family, I join in Andy's request thanking you all for the prayers. The power of prayer is unbelievable. God is great! Jim Christie
- \* Thanks Be to God!: Thank you so much for all of your support during my treatment. Thanks to the whole church family who prayed without ceasing. PET and CAT scans came back clear. I am in remission. Deborah Folly

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

- \* Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC)
- **t** Elizabeth Batista (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter)
- David Cornelius, Jr. (Debbie Cornelius' son)

# The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church Washington, DC
- The Geneva Presbyterian Church Rockville, MD

# Calendar November 27 - December 4, 2022

# SUNDAY, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

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

12:15 PM More Light Presbyterians Meeting

2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA 4:00 PM Youth - Movie Night at Alamo

# MONDAY, November 28

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club

7:00 PM Bible Buddies

8:30 PM Production Meeting - Google Meet

# TUESDAY, November 29

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 Girl Scout Troop 226 7:00 PM Session Meeting

7:30 PM AA

7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

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#### WEDNESDAY, November 30

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal

7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

#### THURSDAY, December 1

3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 7:00 PM Safety & Security Team

8:00 PM AA Support Group

# FRIDAY, December 2

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

#### SATURDAY, December 3

9:00 AM Christmas Decorating 12:00 PM Let's Make Lunch Ministry

# SUNDAY, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion

9:45 AM Bible Study (Adult/Youth) 9:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry

11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion

3:00 PM Bereaved Parents of USA

Day of Remembrance

No Youth

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