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# INCARNATION

UNWRAPPING THE TITLES OF JESUS

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

### 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

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Arr. Mark Hayes

Justin Streletz, Pianist

### + CALL TO WORSHIP (*Jeremiah 33, 1 Thessalonians 3, Luke 21*)

People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

**As we gather to pray and sing and listen,  
a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.**

The days are surely coming, says Our God,  
when justice and righteousness will prevail.

**May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds,  
freeing us to respond joyfully  
to God's call in the days to come.**

### + 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**

Colin and Lori MacKenzie

#### **ADVENT RESPONSE**

*Come, Come Emmanuel*

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Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.  
Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

In this season of waiting, in this time of preparation, we long to draw closer to God, as a comfort and as our savior. So often, we get in our own way; we make choices that trip us up as we move toward God. Confident in the mercy of the Messiah, let us confess our sins to God, by praying together. . .

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, whose reign we have denied and whose purposes we have opposed. We pray for forgiveness and for healing. We confess that we would rather be our own kings and queens, rather than submit to your rule. We have claimed to follow Jesus, but our discipleship has been half-hearted. Make us humble and obedient disciples each and every day. May we acknowledge your reign and your rule in our lives. Turn us around, O God, and claim us for your own purposes. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The good news of Advent is that Jesus Christ has come into the world, has led the way through death that we may have life, and is coming again to make all things new.

**We give thanks for Jesus Christ, our Messiah!**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

### **+ RESPONSE**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (verse 1)*

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*Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.*

### **+ PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming.

**Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Micah 5:2 NRSV

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 1:18, 2:1-2 NRSV

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

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

**ANTHEM**

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*  
 Chancel Choir

MacCartha

**SERMON**

The Royal Titles: Messiah and King

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 an usher. 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!

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* 93

**PRAYER 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 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* with *Immanuel*

Arr. Carol Tornquist

Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ **DOXOLOGY** 606

*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** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (verse 2)* 82

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

+ **POSTLUDE** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
Mendelssohn, Arr. Larry Shackley  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

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

# ***Worship Notes***

\* **WELCOME!** Whether you are 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, [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org).

\* **BELL RINGER:** Ike Evans (8:30)

- \* **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** Wendy DiVico (8:30)  
Pam Cox, Sara Porter (11:00)
- \* **FLOWERS** are given by the Elliott family in loving memory of their son, Mark.

## 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.

## Ministry in Action

- ✠ **2022 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES:** The Stewardship Team would like to thank all of you who have already pledged as part of our *More Than Enough* campaign. We have received over 80 pledges, totaling \$360,000. This is about three-fourths of what we had to run programs this year, so we need for you to continue to get your pledges turned in. As you may know, nearly all FUPCDC members make an annual financial pledge to support the ministries of our church. Some tithe; others give proportionally by committing a certain percentage; and others give as they are able. Whether your pledge is large or small, what is most important is that everyone supports the *More Than Enough* campaign in the form of a financial commitment.

Your pledges and gifts continue to support the ministry and outreach of our church as we continue Christ's important Kingdom work! So, thank you again to those of you who have already pledged! If you were unable to attend Stewardship Dedication Sunday, or have not had a chance to send in your pledge—it is not too late! If you need a new pledge card, please contact Kim in the church office at 703-670-7834 or go to the Thursday News email and click on the electronic link. Thank you for prayerfully considering and supporting the ways in which God gives us more than enough love, more than enough to give, more than enough to

know, and more than enough to live, as we continue to spread God's love and light in this community and beyond.

- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us on **December 1<sup>st</sup>** at **6:00 PM** for Food, Fellowship, and Faith. **The meal will be Potluck: Lighter/Healthier Foods.** Drinks and dessert will be provided and there is no charge, but donations will be taken to cover the cost of the food. Please contact Gaylene Guest at 703-398-7449 with any questions.
- ✝ **WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS:** We now have three groups that are full and we will be starting another one. If anyone is interested in joining a Tuesday or Thursday evening small group for women (3-5 participants per group) that dials-in once a week for approximately 30 minutes or Saturday morning group please contact either Denise Parris (703-927-5407) or Sam Parris (703-946-7226) or email at [samjparris@aol.com](mailto:samjparris@aol.com). What is it? It is a small group that gets together telephonically to read a short devotion. Small Group Format: Open with prayer, read the First 15 devotional, short reflection/discussion, and close with prayer.
- ✝ **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship and on **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at **8:00 AM**. Feel free to bring a friend! For additional information please contact Sam Parris for 703-946-7266 or email at [samjparris@aol.com](mailto:samjparris@aol.com).
- ✝ **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION: Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 AM.** In December, our children's Sunday School classes will focus on Advent and Christmas. Our preschool class will have an **Alphabet Christmas**, as we use the alphabet this month as a fun way to introduce the true story about how God gave us Jesus.  
  
Our kindergarten through sixth grade classes will celebrate a **Light Show!** For many of us, lights are the brightest part of Christmas celebrations. It doesn't matter if it's the high-rises in the big city or houses lining Main Street; when the lights come out, it's a wonderland! People celebrate big at Christmas because there's someone big to celebrate: Jesus! The best gift God ever gave was Jesus. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known.
- ✝ **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY:** Our study is about the five women mentioned in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. In our next lesson, we will look at Ruth who followed her widowed mother-in-law to a country she does not know and where they will probably have no means of support. We meet the **second Monday of the month at 9:30 AM;** December 13<sup>th</sup> is our next meeting, in-person and via Zoom. Contact Sara Porter, [saraporter@comcast.net](mailto:saraporter@comcast.net) or 703-670-8737 for more information.
- \* **ROMANS BIBLE STUDY/ NEW ADVENT STUDY:** We will begin our Advent study, [Incarnation](#) by Adam Hamilton today. Contact Curt Hoagland at [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com) for more information. All are welcome in the **Triple Room at 9:30 AM** for adult Bible Study on Sundays.
- \* **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Please join us on **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. We are studying the gospel of Matthew on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** in **Room 22** or join us by Zoom.



- \* **CHRISTMAS HELP NEEDED:** If anyone out there really loves Christmas and Christmas decorating, the Worship team has scheduled a few days to get the church ready for the Christmas season. Each session will take about an hour. If you can join us on any of the following dates, your help would be greatly appreciated. The dates are:
  - Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM - Put up Christmas tree and lights and hang wreaths and other decorations
  - Saturday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM - Decorate the Christmas tree with rest of decorations and set up the Nativity
  - Friday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM - Arrange poinsettias
  - Saturday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM - Remove decorations
- \* **POINSETTIAS:** Help adorn the sanctuary with Christmas poinsettias in honor or memory of someone. **The Worship team will be taking orders from Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. 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 use an order envelope located in the Welcome Center. **Payment must accompany the poinsettia order.** Your poinsettias may be picked up after the 10 AM worship service on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- \* **2022 FLOWER SIGN UP: New dates have been added to the Flower Sign Up Genius for 2022. It filled up quickly last year!** To sign up, you may click on the link on the FUPCDC Thursday News or if you have signed up in the past, an email may be sent to you. When signing up, please indicate who the flowers are in honor or memory of in the comment section. In addition, after the service the flowers are used in the Flower Ministry and are given to a congregational member who is in need of feeling some love from the congregation. If you wish to keep the flowers instead, just indicate this in the comment section or email Gail Cobb. The cost for purchasing flowers continues to be **\$40.00**. You may pay for them by sending a check into the office made out to FUPCDC. Please write flowers and the Sunday you signed up for in the memo section. You may also pay online on the church website. If you have any trouble signing up, please email Gail Cobb at [gailzcobb@gmail.com](mailto:gailzcobb@gmail.com).

## ***Student Ministry News***

- \* **YOUTH ADVISORS (ADULT VOLUNTEERS):** We are looking for Youth Advisors (Adult Volunteers). Please contact Pastor Adam if you are interested in helping with Student Ministry.
- \* **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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|-------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|
| ✝ Marti Hall      | * Betty Little      | * Sharon Patrick Dryden                  | * Jeannine Menzie        |
| ✝ Gretchen Snyder | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh             | * Larry Menzie           |
| ✝ Andy Stewart    | * Tanya             | * Grace Ofosu-Addo                       | * Sandy Godfrey          |
| ✝ Melissa Stewart | * Gary Albrecht     | * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme               | * Lynn Wilson            |
| * Carl Johnson    | * Keith Albrecht    | * Savannah Simmerman                     | * Leigh Anderson         |
| * Phillip Ford    | * Ashleigh and Dan  | * Sam Parris' Dad                        | * Linda Ford             |
| * Andrea Tootell  | * Sandra D'Imperio  | * Bill and Laura Parris                  | * Nate Johnson           |
| * David Behrens   | * Mark and Angelica | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin         | * David Stokes           |
| * Melissa Behrens | * Scott Peterman    | * Hunter and Annette Martin              | * Norman Cox             |
| * Allison Judy    | * Martha Manning    | * Ann and Dineen Hoagland                | * Rick Bockes            |
| * Baby Raphael    | * Brian Judy        | * Jennifer Wenzel Austin's Mother-In-Law |                          |
| * Amanda          | * Sam Draper        | * Douglas Godfrey Jr.                    | * Theodore * Justin Judy |

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

- ✝ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC)
- ✝ Elizabeth Batista, Lackland Air Force in Tech School (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter)

## The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Heritage Presbyterian Church - Alexandria, VA
- ✝ Hermon Presbyterian Church - Bethesda, MD

### Attendance and Prayer Requests

Since we have temporarily suspended passing the friendship register, we request that those who attend worship in person sign in at one of the new attendance stations. If you are worshipping from home, or don't feel comfortable signing in at a station, you can register your attendance and prayer requests using the online form, which is located on our website at [fupcdc.org/attend](http://fupcdc.org/attend) or by scanning this QR Code with your mobile device.



# Calendar

## November 28 - December 5, 2021

### SUNDAY, November 28

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:30 AM Children's Education
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
- 9:45 AM Advent Bible Study (Adult)
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 1:00 PM Peace Church
- 3:00 PM Bereaved Parents of USA

### MONDAY, November 29

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

### TUESDAY, November 30

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting
- 7:30 PM AA 101
- 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

### WEDNESDAY, December 1

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
- 6:25 PM Young People's Choir
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- 7:00 PM Peace Church Prayer Meeting
- 8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

### THURSDAY, December 2

- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 5:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Webelos
- 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2279
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 80115
- 7:00 PM Administration Ministry Team
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

### FRIDAY, December 3

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

### SATURDAY, December 4

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Worship Team - Christmas Decorating

### SUNDAY, December 5

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion
- 9:30 AM Children's Education
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
- 9:45 AM Advent Bible Study (Adult)
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion
- 1:00 PM Peace Church

#### First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA

Ministers.....People of the Church  
 Pastor.....Rev. Adam C. Bowling  
 Chancel Choir Director.....Dana Van Slyke  
 Pianist/Organist.....Justin Streletz  
 Contemporary Worship Directors.....Becca and Chris Anderson  
 Children's/Youth Choir Directors.....Becca and Chris Anderson  
 Jubilation Handbell Director .....Ike Evans  
 Nursery Supervisor.....Joann Paige  
 Little Hands Preschool Director.....Tiffany Ramsey  
 Sexton.....Homer Detrich  
 Office Manager.....Kim Parker

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES

Please join us as we celebrate Christmas.

- **November 28: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - 8:30 AM Traditional, 11AM Contemporary**
- **December 5: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - 8:30 AM, Traditional, 11AM Contemporary**
- **December 12: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - 8:30 AM, Traditional, 11AM Contemporary**
- **December 19: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - Christmas Cantata, 10 AM one service**
- **December 24: Christmas Eve Services**
  - 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
  - 7:00 PM Special Christmas Music
  - 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
- **December 26: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas - Carol Sing, 10 AM one service**

### SESSION

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Curt Hoagland.....*Growing in Faith*..... 703-878-4664  
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Dennis Dingle .....*Stewardship & Finance* ..... 703-583-9689  
Martin Andrews .....*Worship*..... 703-967-4358

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