

**First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)**

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# INCARNATION

UNWRAPPING THE TITLES OF JESUS

2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

### WELCOME

### SESSION NOTES

### 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 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks with Sheep May Safely Graze*

George Frederic Handel, J.S. Bach, Arr. Faye López  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

### + **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(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.

### + **OPENING HYMN**

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

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### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE**

Ginger and Liam Galaini

### **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**

Gracious God, we confess that we have allowed the seductive lights and tinsel of Christmas to lure us away from the worship of a simple child, born in a simple manger. We confess that we've preferred the peace that the world gives us through material security, savings accounts, and social conformity; more than the peace that you offer us through sharing, caring, and servanthood toward others. Forgive our tendency to put ourselves above you, and above others. Forgive our indifference to injustice because we don't want to be inconvenienced, and open our eyes and ears to the cry of others. Help us to share your love with them and continue your work in this world. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

As we await the coming of the Christ child once again,  
let us remember why he came.

He came that we might have life, and have it abundantly.

**He came that we might be forgiven completely and totally.**

He came so that our past can be erased  
and a new future can begin again.

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.**

*Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around 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.**

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:8-12 NRSV

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 1:20-21 NRSV

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Do They Know*  
Martin Andrews, Soloist

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### **SERMON**

The Deliverer's Title: Savior

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 someone at the Welcome Table in the back of 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!*

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## + **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

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## **SERVICE OF GIVING**

Music at the Offering

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Justin Stretetz, Pianist

CAROL, Arr. Philip Kern

## **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** *(Luke 1)*

We delight in your love and salvation, Lord, there can be no greater gifts than these. We will gladly serve you in holiness and righteousness. We offer ourselves. We offer all that you have provided us. May it be used to bring your light to those who dwell in darkness. Prepare us and complete us, Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Instructions: If you haven't already picked up an individual prefilled communion cup as you entered the sanctuary, you are also invited to come forward at the same time to receive the elements. Please come to Pastor Adam if you would like a gluten-free prefilled communion cup. Please take the elements back to your seat.*

*Please hold the elements until all are served. When directed by the Pastor, open the bread portion of the cup and partake. Then, when directed, carefully open the juice portion of the cup and partake. Please assist children and other members of your family who may have trouble opening the prefilled communion cups. Please hold onto your trash until you exit the sanctuary and dispose of your used cups in the provided waste receptacles.*

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Sung)*

Albert Hay Malotte

. . . 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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Music during Communion

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/ Jesus, the Light of the World* 127

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.

Amen.

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

+ **HYMN** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout (Canticle of the Turning)* 100

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child* 126

+ **POSTLUDE** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* W ZLOBIE LEZY, Arr. Mary McDonald  
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:** Matt DiVico (8:30)  
Therese Same (11:00)

# 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

- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us at 6:00 PM for Food, Fellowship, and Faith. On December 8<sup>th</sup> we will have **Tortellini Soup**. 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.

✝ **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 85 pledges, totaling \$382,353.60. 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.

✝ **OPERATION JOY CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE:** We are modifying our Untrim-A-Tree event this year and 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 homeless/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 11<sup>th</sup>. Your donations will be distributed on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you once again for your continued support of FUPCDC mission ministries.

\* **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.

\* **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.
- \* **ADVENT STUDY:** We have begun our Advent study, Incarnation by Adam Hamilton. 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 as we study 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. 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 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>.

## *Student Ministry News*

- ✚ **SUPERSTART! (FEBRUARY 4 THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2022):** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, take a trip to Richmond, VA with your church friends for an overnight conference just for you! Save the dates—**February 4-5, 2022!** Check out <https://ciy.com/superstart/> or ask Pastor Adam for more information. Registration forms and a non-refundable deposit (\$50.00 per participant) will be due by **Sunday, December 26, 2021!** Need-based scholarships are available. Information and registration forms are on the table in the Narthex Welcome Center and on the website. This trip makes a great Christmas gift!
- \* **YOUTH ADVISORS (ADULT VOLUNTEERS):** We are looking for Youth Advisors (Adult Volunteers) to begin in the fall. 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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|-------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|
| ✝ Nate Johnson    | * Betty Little      | * Sharon Patrick Dryden                        | * Jeannine Menzie |
| ✝ Jean Peterman   | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh                   | * Larry Menzie    |
| * Marti Hall      | * Tanya             | * Grace Ofosu-Addo                             | * Sandy Godfrey   |
| * Phillip Ford    | * Gary Albrecht     | * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme                     | * Lynn Wilson     |
| * Gretchen Snyder | * Keith Albrecht    | * Savannah Simmerman                           | * Leigh Anderson  |
| * Andy Stewart    | * Ashleigh and Dan  | * Sam Parris' Dad                              | * Linda Ford      |
| * Melissa Stewart | * Sandra D'Imperio  | * Bill and Laura Parris                        | * Allison Judy    |
| * David Behrens   | * Mark and Angelica | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin               | * David Stokes    |
| * Melissa Behrens | * Scott Peterman    | * Hunter and Annette Martin                    | * Norman Cox      |
| * Andrea Tootell  | * Martha Manning    | * Ann and Dineen Hoagland                      |                   |
| * Baby Raphael    | * Brian Judy        | * Jennifer Wenzel Austin's Mother-In-Law       |                   |
| * Amanda          | * Sam Draper        | * Douglas Godfrey Jr. * Theodore * Justin Judy |                   |

✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Kevin Atreed (son of Karen Attreed) and his family, at the sudden death of Kevin's father-in-law, Fred Hoff, on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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:**

- ✝ Hope Presbyterian Church - Mitchellville, MD
- ✝ The Idylwood Presbyterian Church - Falls Church, VA

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SESSION	MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS
Cathy Albrecht ('23) .....	Pat Manalio (Interim).....Administration.....
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# Calendar

## December 5 - 12, 2021

### 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

### MONDAY, December 6

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

### TUESDAY, December 7

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Tigers
- 7:00 PM Nominating Committee
- 7:00 PM Growing in Faith Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
- 7:30 PM AA 101
- 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

### WEDNESDAY, December 8

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 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 9

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

### FRIDAY, December 10

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 4:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 Lock-In

### SATURDAY, December 11

#### Last Day to Drop off Toys for Operation JOY Christmas Toy Drive

- 9:00 AM Worship Team - Christmas Decorating

### SUNDAY, December 12

#### 3<sup>rd</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
- 1:15 PM Property Ministry Team
- 3:00 PM Bereaved Parents of USA  
Annual Service of Remembrance

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES

Please join us as we celebrate Christmas.

- **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**

### 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

### 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.



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

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Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366