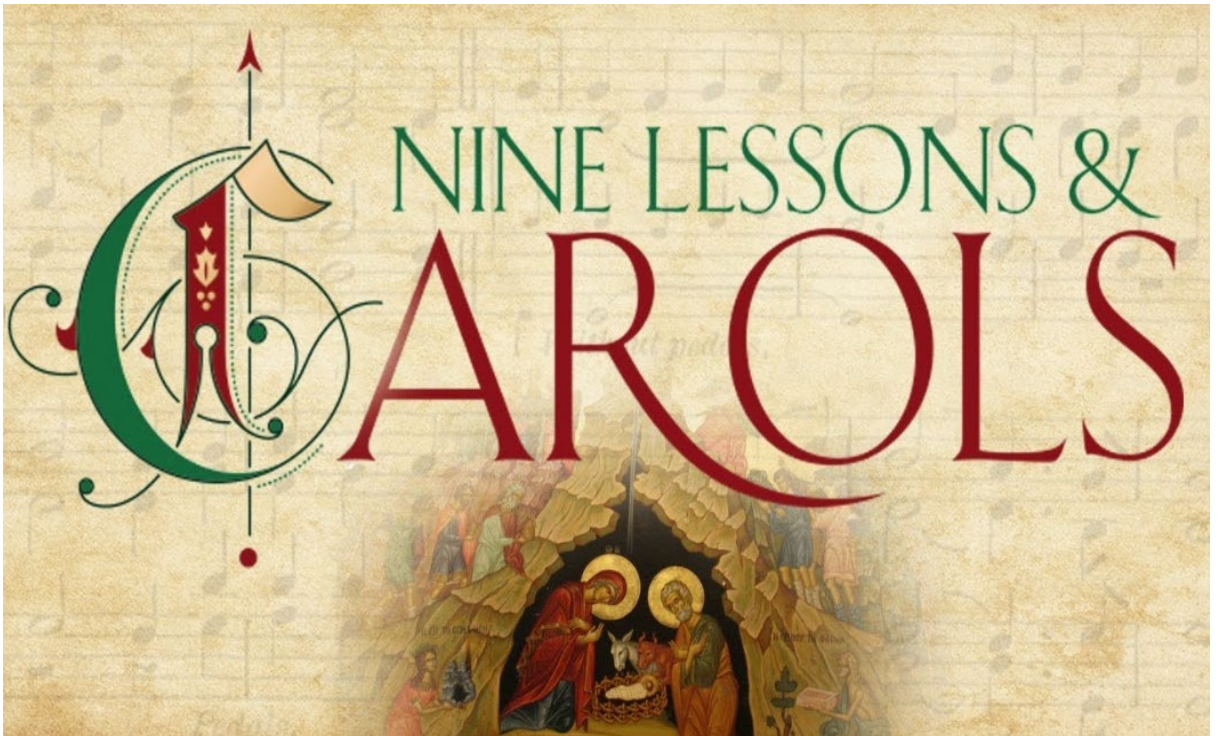


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4th Sunday of Advent
A Service of Lessons and Carols
December 24, 2023
10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor
Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org
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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

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

Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

Mark Hayes

WELCOME

SESSION NOTES

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

All creation holds its breath.

The time is almost here.

The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

Excitement is all around us.

Prepare your hearts-The grace of God takes on human form.

Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us.

We gather to make ready our hearts

for the coming of Christ, our hope.

+ OPENING SONG

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Michael Bleecker, Arr. Brad Henderson (CCLI #7026028)
FUPCDC Praise Team

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

Rachel and Matthew Bradley

(The fourth purple candle is lit)

Prayer

Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. Light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your LOVE within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Depart in peace and take with you the certain knowledge that God is always coming into the world. Seek God not in a long ago stable, or ancient manger, but in the people we meet and the depths of our own hearts. May the blessing of Christmas make you a blessing to others. Go forth in hope, peace, joy, and love.

ADVENT RESPONSE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verse 1)*

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*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.*

+ 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.)

(Kids dismissed)

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Oscar Anderson

Adam and Eve disobey God's command
and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

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SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

Denzel Turay

God promises that, through Abraham,
all the peoples of the world will be blessed.

CAROL

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

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THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Regina Gollo

The people who walk in darkness
receive the promise of the Messiah.

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Weary World Rejoices

Don Koch, Alley Horner, Arr. Jared Haschek

FUPCDC Praise Team

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Briana Stewart

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse
to restore the peace of creation.

PRAISE SONG

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Jason Ingram (CCLI #7127647)

FUPCDC Praise Team

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Erin Bowling

An angel appears to Mary and announces
that she will bear a holy child.

PRAISE SONG

He Who Is Mighty Rebecca Elliott, Kate DeGraide (CCLI #7031870)
FUPCDC Praise Team

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Morelle Fokwa

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem,
where Mary gives birth to her child.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

Mary Did You Know?
Buddy Greene, Mark Lowry, Arr. Travis Cottrell
FUPCDC Praise Team

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

Andrew Bean

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields
and announce the birth of the Messiah.

ANTHEM

O Holy Night Arr. Christopher
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

Bruce Gilbert

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah
and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem 121

NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

The Word of God becomes flesh
and lives among us, full of grace and truth.

BIDDING PRAYER 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.

+ **SENDING HYMN**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

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+ **POSTLUDE** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

Arr. Mark Hayes

+ *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.

Connect with Us

- * **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK:** If you use Facebook, become a Facebook friend, and become a fan of First United Presbyterian. Make friends with others from the church.
- * **WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM:** Find us on Instagram @fupcdc.
- * **FUPCDC WEBSITE:** For detailed news and information, visit the church website at <https://fupcdc.org>.
- * **FUPCDC YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** To view worship services and videos, visit the FUPCDC Youtube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC>. You can also find our channel by searching for "FUPCDC Video".
- * **TEXT ALERTS:** Remind is a free text messaging service that will help our church communicate quickly and efficiently. On your cell phone, start a new message to **81010**. In the message, type @fupcdc and send. You can unsubscribe at any time.
- * **THURSDAY NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED:** To read about all the great things that are happening at FUPCDC, you can receive a weekly email. To sign up for the Thursday News, go to <https://fupcdc.org> and click on the church email signups button or email the church office at office@fupcdc.org.

- * **CONNECT CARD/PRAYER CARD:** If you are new to FUPCDC or you need to update your information, please fill out a Connect Card. On the back side is the Prayer Card. It would be our honor to pray for your joys and concerns. Please drop the card in the Prayer Request box in the Welcome Center.

Ministry in Action

- * **NO PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:** There will be no Pastor's Bible study and no Wednesday Night meal on December 27th and January 3rd.

Student Ministry News

- ✝ **YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are now available online and in the Welcome Center.
- * **STUDENT MINISTRY EMAILS:** Sign up to receive Student Ministry emails. Ask Briana Stewart how to do this, or go to the FUPCDC website.
- * **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| ✝ John Miller | * Debbie Niederriter | * Karen Gundel | * Linda Ford |
| * Mike Moore | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Judy Stewart | * Tanya | * Doug Godfrey | * Nate Johnson |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Amanda | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Sue Johnson |
| * Bill and Laura Parris | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Mikon Jones | * Marti Hall |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Steve Glycer | * Mike Gundel | * Dave Stokes |
| * Sarpong Amakao | * Pat Greenhalgh | * Lee Watenpaugh | * Shirley |

- ✝ Prayers of Thanksgiving for Ryan Bruner's safe return from deployment on December 8, 2023.

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

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| ✝ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC) | ✝ Zach Lauster (Aaron Lauster's son) |
| ✝ Elizabeth Batista (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter) | ✝ Ryan Bruner (Carol and Ross Schwalm's son-in-law) |
| ✝ David Cornelius, Jr. (Debbie Cornelius' son) | |

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✙ The Geneva Presbyterian Church - Rockville, MC
- ✙ Georgetown Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

Calendar

December 24 -31, 2023

SUNDAY, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class
- 9:00 AM 252 Kids Club
- 10:00 AM Worship - one service
- 10:15 AM 252 Kids Children’s Ministry
- 11:15 AM Spread the Bread
- 1:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion
- 2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA
- 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
(Candlelight & Communion)
- 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service

MONDAY, December 25

Christmas Day
Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, December 26

Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, December 27

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness

THURSDAY, December 28

- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 7:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion
- 8:00 PM AA for Beginners

FRIDAY, December 29

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

SATURDAY, December 30

- 10:00 AM FUPCDC Praise Team

SUNDAY, December 31

Epiphany Sunday - Star Words

- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class
- 9:00 AM 252 Kids Club
- 10:00 AM Worship - one service
- 10:15 AM 252 Kids Children’s Ministry
- 11:15 AM Spread the Bread
- 1:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion
- 8:00 PM Youth - New Year’s Party

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Report on Offering: November 2023

	<u>NOV 2023 Actual</u>	<u>NOV 2023 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date Budget</u>
Offering Pledged	28,722	30,411	348,664	352,066
Offering Unpledged	4,439	5,494	76,008	63,604
Total Offering	33,161	35,905	424,672	415,670

Poinsettias were given to the Glory of God by . . .

Martin Andrews, in memory of Mark Levy and Jennifer Lewis
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in memory of our parents,
Joe and Ruth Chamberlin and Ed and Georgie Stratton
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in honor of
our daughters, Jill, Courtney, Katie, and Becky
Gail Cobb and Family, in memory of Norman Cobb
Pam Cox, in loving memory of Lisa Chrzan
The Elliott Family, in memory of Tom Elliott Sr. and Mark Elliott
Pamela Emert, in memory of Craig Emert
Bruce and Betsy Gilbert, in memory of our parents
Peter and Elizabeth Glycer, in memory of Mike Glose
Doug and Sandy Godfrey, in memory of our parents
Curt and Claire Hoagland, in memory of
Nancy Hoagland, Donna Davis, and Trevor Hipkin
Curt and Claire Hoagland, in honor of Adam and Erin Bowling
Joanne and Rodney Willis, in memory of
Josephine and Robert Bradshaw
Joanne and Rodney Willis, in honor of
Audrey Willis and John Scott



Your poinsettias may be picked up after the 7:30 PM worship service tonight. Thank you!

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Ministers.....	People of the Church
Pastor.....	Rev. Adam C. Bowling
Parish Assistant.....	Pastor Michael Slayter
Nursery Supervisor.....	Taylor Woods
Children's Ministry Director	Kim Brown
Youth Director.....	Briana Stewart
Chancel Choir Director.....	Dana Van Slyke
Contemporary Worship Leader.....	Rachel Bradley
Pianist/Organist.....	Dr. Nadia Carmichael
Sexton.....	Homer Detrich
Office Manager.....	Kim Parker



SCAN TO GIVE

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