

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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Hark!

THE
HERALD
ANGELS SING

Glory

TO THE
NEWBORN
KING!

1st Sunday of Christmas

A Carol Sing

December 26, 2021

10:00 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

For Unto Us a Child is Born
Justin Streletz, Pianist

G.F. Handel, Arr. Jan Sanborn

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Genesis 1 and John 1)*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Jesus was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Therefore, let us worship the newborn king!

+ **OPENING CHRISTMAS CAROL** *Once in Royal David's City*

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+ **A CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

Son of God, Child of Mary,
born in the stable at Bethlehem,
be born again in us this day
that through us the world may know
the wonder of your love.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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CALL TO CONFESSION *(Matthew 1:21)*

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus, the Savior of the world, as we pray together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess the ways in which we have been caught up in the frenzied spirit of the holidays and turned away from Your Spirit of Peace; the times we have focused so much on our own lives and desires, that we have neglected the voices of your children who cry out for Justice; in our focus on making the season perfect, we have turned away from the hurting people and broken places in our world in need of healing; in the times we have dismissed Christmas as a time only for children, and we have stubbornly closed our hearts to your amazing gift of Love.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Word Become Flesh, our Savior and King, hear us as we humbly pray, cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of Christmas. Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love.

For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given.

His name shall be called Wonderful,

Counselor,

the Mighty God,

the Everlasting Father,

the Prince of Peace.

Hearing this, know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

+ **RESPONSE**

Love Has Come

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Love has come: a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.
Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.
Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

+ **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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture we might know your presence and follow in your light always.

Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25 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. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ **CHRISTMAS CAROL**

Away in a Manger

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GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-7 NRSV

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Still, Still, Still

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GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2: 8-14 NRSV

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ **CHRISTMAS CAROL**

Angels We Have Heard on High

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GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2: 15-20 NRSV

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CHRISTMAS READING

The Christmas Pageant

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

from Good News from North Haven by Michael L. Lindvall (pgs. 20-28)

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. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ **CHRISTMAS CAROL**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

Away in a Manger
Justin Streletz, Pianist

inspired by Debussy, Arr. Faye López

+ **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**

God of goodness and kindness, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, all that we have are gifts of your grace. As the heavenly host sang of your glory, accept what we bring as offerings of praise. With the shepherds we have witnessed the birth of our Savior; our response is gratitude for the hope of new life we receive in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

+ **SENDING CAROL**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Reprise)

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+ **POSTLUDE**

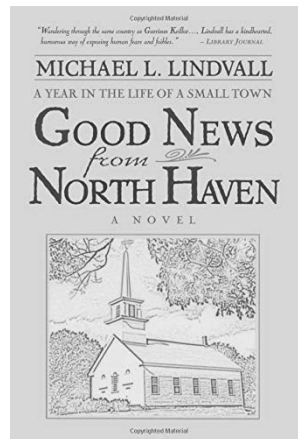
+ *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

Today’s Christmas Reading was from Good News from North Haven by Michel L. Lindvall:

This charming collection of slice-of-life stories about the Rev. David Battles and life in a mythical Midwest town caused a sensation when it was first released. With over 55,000 copies in print and a review in the *New York Times*, it remains a favorite for Christian readers.

“Welcome to North Haven, Minnesota, where the streets still end in corn and soybean fields - and the townspeople joke that they don’t live at the end of the world, ‘but from our front porches we can see it.’ This is the story of a Presbyterian minister who comes to a small town fresh from seminary school in search of greater pulpits. This book records his activities over four years and shows how he and his family have become attached.”

The author, Michael L. Lindvall, was born in 1947 in Minnesota into a tradition of what he likes to call “straight-backed Scandinavian piety.” His family moved throughout Minnesota’s “wonderfully same little communities that love to tell and retell good stories,” before settling in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. A Presbyterian pastor and graduate of Princeton Seminary, the author currently resides with his family in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He faithfully served The Brick Presbyterian Church in New York, NY and the Brick Church Community from 2002 to 2017.



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.

* **BELL RINGER** Ike Evans

* **WORSHIP ASSISTANT** Rebecca Anderson

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:** There will be no Wednesday Night Alive Meal on December 29th and January 5th. Please join us on January 12th for Tuscan Chicken at 6:00 PM for Food, Fellowship, and Faith. 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.

- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** There will be no Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study on **December 29th** and **January 5th**. Join us on **January 12th** at **7:00 PM** in **Room 22** or join us by Zoom.
- ✝ **2021 CONTRIBUTIONS:** The Stewardship and Finance Team want to thank you for all of your support of the church in 2021. We sent out November 30 Contribution Statements on 12/3/2021. It is hard to believe that the end of 2021 is almost upon us, so we wanted to remind you of some key year end deadlines. Any checks received in the offering of January 2, 2022 with a 2021 date will be included in your 2021 year end statement (to be issued on 1/6/2022). Of course, we will also welcome your 2022 checks on Sunday January 2nd! Online contributions for 2021 should be made by 12/28/2021 as it takes a few days for the funds to be credited with the Presbyterian Foundation. Please note that items received via USPS after 12/31/2021 will slip into 2022 no matter what date is given. Approved check requests need to be turned in by noon on December 31, 2021 in order for them to be paid out of 2021 budgets. If any you have any questions, please send them to treasurer@fupcdc.org.

Student Ministry News

- * **SUPERSTART! (FEBRUARY 4 THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2022):** 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th 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 (**\$25.00** per participant) are due **TODAY!** 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). Please contact Pastor Adam if you are interested in helping with Student Ministry.
- * **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text **@youthfupc** to **81010**.

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 or by scanning this QR Code with your mobile device.



Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

- * Curt Hoagland
- * Nate Johnson
- * Jean Peterman
- * Phillip Ford
- * Gretchen Snyder
- * Andy Stewart
- * Melissa Stewart
- * David Behrens
- * Melissa Behrens
- * Andrea Tootell
- * Baby Raphael
- * Amanda
- * Betty Little
- * Marjorie Lawrence
- * Tanya
- * Gary Albrecht
- * Keith Albrecht
- * Ashleigh and Dan
- * Sandra D'Imperio
- * Mark and Angelica
- * Scott Peterman
- * Martha Manning
- * Brian Judy
- * Sam Draper
- * Sharon Patrick Dryden
- * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh
- * Grace Ofosu-Addo
- * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme
- * Savannah Simmerman
- * Sam Parris' Dad
- * Bill and Laura Parris
- * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbi
- * Hunter and Annette Martin
- * Ann and Dineen Hoagland
- * Jennifer Wenzel Austin's Mother-In-Law
- * Theodore
- * Jeannine Menzie
- * Larry Menzie
- * Sandy Godfrey
- * Lynn Wilson
- * Leigh Anderson
- * Linda Ford
- * Allison Judy
- * David Stokes
- * Norman Cox
- * Justin Judy
- * Marti Hall

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:

- ✚ Laurel Presbyterian Church - Laurel, MD
- ✚ Leesburg Presbyterian Church - Leesburg, VA

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 DirectorIke Evans
Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
Little Hands Preschool Director..... Tiffany Ramsey
Sexton..... Homer Detrich
Office Manager..... Kim Parker

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

Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366

Calendar

December 26 - January 2, 2021

SUNDAY, December 26

1st Sunday of Christmas
 Carol Sing

8:45 AM Children's Education
 10:00 AM Worship - one service
 1:00 PM Peace Church

MONDAY, December 27

No School - Little Hands Preschool

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club
 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, December 28

No School - Little Hands Preschool

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

WEDNESDAY, December 29

No School - Little Hands Preschool

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
 No Wednesday Night Meal
 No Pastor's Bible Study
 7:00 PM Peace Church Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY, December 30

No School - Little Hands Preschool
 Church Office Closed

3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2279
 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 80115
 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, December 31

No School - Little Hands Preschool
 Church Office Closed

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, January 1

New Year's Day

SUNDAY, January 2

Epiphany Sunday

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

SESSION



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 Linda Wolstenholme ('23) 703-878-3697

Rev. Adam C. Bowling.....*Moderator*..... 828-448-8914
 Sara Porter*Clerk of Session*..... 703-670-8737

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

*Martin Andrews, in memory of Mark Levy and Jennifer Lewis
Karen Attreed, in honor of family and friends
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in honor of
our daughters, Jill, Courtney, Katie, and Becky, and their families
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 and appreciation for
the outstanding FUPCDC Music Program
Pam Cox, in loving memory of Lisa Chrzan
Claudia Cunningham, in memory of my sister, Anne Woodfin
Morelle Fokwa, in honor of
Charles and Agnes Fokwa on their 33rd Wedding Anniversary
Helen Francois, in memory of Tim Francois
Brian and Diane Fulton, in memory of Scott Fulton and Jacob Fulton
Sofie Garrett, in memory of
my husband, Robert and my daughter, Carol
Bruce and Betsy Gilbert, to the Glory of God!
Peter and Elizabeth Glycer, in memory of Marti Glycer
Peter and Elizabeth Glycer, in honor of our grandchildren
Bill and Marianna Gooding, in honor of our children and grandchildren
John and Jacqueline Herde, in memory of Ottis and Elsie Herde
Kathy McNeely, in honor of
Cathy Albrecht and Jeannie Scott
(for helping me with my home infusions)
Ellen Nuernberger, in memory of
Carl and Flora Gray and George Nuernberger
Charlotte Stultz, in honor of our Chancel Choir
Joanne and Rodney Willis, in memory of
Robert and Josephine Bradshaw, Joanne's Parents
Joanne and Rodney Willis, in memory of
John Scott and Audrey Willis, Rodney's Parents*

Your poinsettias may be picked up after the 10 AM worship service TODAY. Thank you!