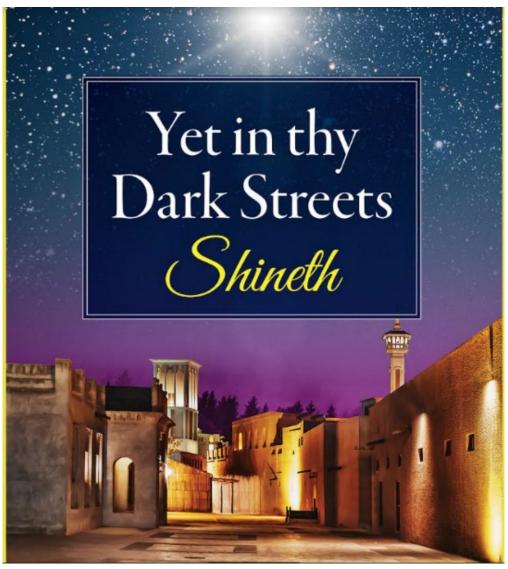
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2nd Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022 8:30 AM

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

AS WE GATHER. . .

Today we continue our Advent worship series, "Yet in Thy Dark Streets Shineth". In this service, we step into Nazareth, the small hometown of Mary and Joseph—a town in which, through Gabriel's visit, God begins to make his home with us. Our time in this place will remind us that Jesus makes his home with us in our hearts this Christmas and dwells with us always.

WELCOME

SESSION NOTES Sara Porter

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

inspired by Mozart, Arr. Marilyn Reiner

Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

In these darkening days,

we come seeking peace.

We seek serenity within ourselves.

We seek harmony within our families.

We seek goodwill among our neighbors.

We seek a ceasefire among all nations. We seek not just the absence of conflict.

But the presence of shalom-

the abiding peace

the healing life

the unrelenting justice

that God calls us to in Christ.

Let us worship with divine hope!

+ **OPENING HYMN** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Jesus, the Light of the World

+ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

Today we light the candle of peace. Only Jesus, who came to earth to be our Prince of

Peace, can give us peace.

In Philippians 4 Paul wrote,

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

+ ADVENT PRAYER

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

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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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ, full of grace and truth. Trusting in God's unfailing grace, let us tell the truth about ourselves, joining in our prayer of confession, by praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Into the dark depths of our fear and anguish, you, O Lord, reach out to us. We need your guidance this day, for we have found it far too easy to stray into selfish pathways. We seek first our own comfort; we gather our toys and trinkets and proclaim that all is right with the world, yet our hearts feel strangely discomforted. Guide us and gather us, Lord. Teach us again to be people of peace and hope. Help us to cast off the mantle of greed and hatred. Forgive us for the many times when we have ignored the cries of those in need; when we have turned our backs on opportunities to help others. Forgive us, Lord. Touch our hearts and bring your bright light of salvation to them that we might turn again to you and in your love may be part of ministries of peace and justice. 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 Christ's love and forgiveness of sin.

Thanks be to Christ who sets us free to love and to serve.

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

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 Judges 13:2-7 NRSV

There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. His wife was barren, having borne no children. ³ And the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "Although you are barren, having borne no children, you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴ Now be careful not to drink wine or strong drink or to eat anything unclean, ⁵ for you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor is to come on his head, for the boy shall be a nazirite to God from birth. It is he who shall begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines." ⁶ Then the woman came and told her husband, "A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like that of an angel of God, most awe-inspiring; I did not ask him where he came from, and he did not tell me his name, ⁷ but he said to me, 'You shall conceive and bear a son. So then, drink no wine or strong drink and eat nothing unclean, for the boy shall be a nazirite to God from birth to the day of his death.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Call to Communion Chancel Choir

Patti Drennan and Herb Frombach

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:40-46 NRSV

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter¹).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DIALOGUE SERMON Yet in thy Dark Streets Shineth: Nazareth

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

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

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SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

Low, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Justin Streletz, Pianist

EIN IST EIN ROS' Arr. Cindy Berry

+ 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

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace,

And we give in peace.

A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear.

A peace growing from our trust in your loving power.

Receive these generous offerings,

And use them to bring your peace to our world.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Instructions: Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates to receive communion. All the bread is gluten free. Please partake of the elements when you receive them, and dispose of your cups in the baskets provided. You may return to your seats by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward please notify an usher, and a server will bring communion to you in your row, or you may pick up a prefilled communion cup in the Welcome Center. Know that all are welcome to the Table of the Lord.

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 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

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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

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO ORDER FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

- Recognition of Clerk, Elder Sara Porter
- ♣ Statement of Purpose for the Meeting

Elder Sara Porter

Declaration of Quorum
 Declarati

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder Linda Wolstenholme

Motion - To elect Donna Seckar as Deacon for First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA in the class of 2025, filling an unexpired term.

REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Elder Pat Manalio

- Motion To approve the terms of call for the Rev. Adam C. Bowling and recommend them to Presbytery.
- + MOTION TO ADJOURN

Elder Sara Porter

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Go, Tell It on the Mountain (verse 1, Refrain)

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Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

+ POSTLUDE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, Arr. Philip Kern Justin Streletz. Pianist

+ Please stand, in body or in spirit.



DEACON - Donna Seckar

Donna joined First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA in December 2019. She is the wife of Joel Seckar. Donna is currently a member of the Fellowship Ministry Team at FUPCDC and participates in the Monday evening women's Bible Study, known as Bible Buddies. She was "Shepherd" at Clemmons Presbyterian Church in North Carolina and participated in a Women's Group there. Donna was a second grade teacher in Cincinnati, Ohio, but spent most of her career in Career Services at Cabrini College in Radnor, Pennsylvania and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). She retired as Director of Career Services at UNCG. She and her husband Joel moved to Northern Virginia to be closer to their daughter, her husband, and two grandchildren. Their other daughter and her husband live in Morristown, NJ.

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: Lora Nedimyer (8:30) Sam Parris (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

- CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING: These gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color and assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs. Bulletin inserts will be available two weeks before Christmas and offering envelopes on Christmas Eve. You can donate to the Christmas Joy offering in two other ways: (1) You can mail a check to the church with "Christmas Joy" or "Joy Offering" on the memo line. (2) You can go to our website, www.fupcdc.org, and click "online collection plate" and use the "designated giving" to give putting "Christmas Joy" or "Joy Offering" in the note field. If you would like to know even more about this special offering, check out this website: https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/. Thank you for your continued support of this important cause!
- 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 10th. Your donations will be distributed on Sunday, December 11th.
- 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!

- CHILI COOKOFF/TALENT SHOW (NEW DATE): All are welcome! On Sunday, December 11th, 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!
- 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.
- ₩EDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL: Come to the Wednesday Night Meal on December 7th at 6:00 PM for POTLUCK! Please bring a dish to share with others; lemonade/water will be served. Please contact Betsy Gilbert at betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com if you have questions.
- **† 252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** We meet on Sundays at 9:45 AM. This month, our preschoolers will have a **Pajama Party!** Christmas is about celebrating the most special person . . . Jesus! In December, our kindergarten through sixth grade students will "get wrapped up in Christmas" with **The Big Give**. James, the brother of Jesus, wrote that every good and perfect gift comes from God, but the best gift God ever gave was Jesus. **For more information contact Erin Bowling at** erinkbowling@gmail.com.
- THELP 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. Please plan to join us in this yearly tradition on one of the following dates: Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 9 AM and Saturday, Dec. 10th at 9 AM.
- 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 7th.

 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. 25th.
- † HORIZONS LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight is our Bible study. Our next meeting is December 12th at 9:30 AM in Room 22. Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net, for more information.
- * BIBLE BUDDIES: Come join us on Mondays at 7:00 PM in Room 22 for the Bible study, The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent by Susan Robb.
- * ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Please join at 9:45 AM in Rooms 23, 25 and 27 (Triple Room) for our Bible study using the book, "Prepare The Way For The Lord" by Adam Hamilton.

Student Ministry News

- **BREAD SUNDAY:** Join us tonight at the Lauster's House (16773 Mill Station Way, Dumfries, VA) from **5:00 7:30 PM** for dinner and Bible Study. Text Pastor Adam, 828-448-8914 to RSVP.
- * 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
- * Marieann R.
- 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'ImperioFrank Coniglio
- * Marjorie Lawrence

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

- Leigh AndersonLinda Ford
- F Linda Ford
- Norman Cox
- Nate Johnson
- Ann Randles
- Rick Bockes
- * Norman Cobb
- * Jeannine Menzie
- * Deborah Folly

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

- * Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC)
- **†** Elizabeth Batista (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter)
- David Cornelius, Jr. (Debbie Cornelius' son)

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- Georgetown Presbyterian Church Washington, DC
- Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church Waldorf, MD

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES

Please join us as we celebrate Christmas.

- December 4: 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM, Traditional, 11AM Contemporary
- December 11: 3rd 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

Calendar December 4 - 11, 2022

SUNDAY, December 4		WEDNESDAY, December 7	
Second Sunday of Advent			Holy Fitness
8:30 AM	Worship - Traditional - Communion	11:00 AM	
9:45 AM		6:00 PM	Wednesday Night Alive Meal
9:45 AM	252 Kids Children's Ministry	6:30 PM	Cub Scout Pack 289 Arrow of Light Den
11:00 AM	Worship - Contemporary - Communion		Pastor's Bible Study
2:30 PM	Bereaved Parents of USA	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
	Day of Remembrance	8:00 PM	FUPCDC Praise Team
5:00 PM	Youth - Bread Sunday		
	at Lauster's House		Y, December 8
MONDAY	Documber F	3:00 PM	Prayer & Praise Small Group
10:30 AM	December 5 Holy Fitness	7:00 PM	Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team
6:00 PM	•	8:00 PM	AA Support Group
6:30 PM		FRIDAY, December 9	
	Bible Buddies	10:30 AM	Holy Fitness
8:30 PM	Production Meeting - Google Meet	SATURDAY, December 10	
		9:00 AM	Christmas Decorating
TUESDAY, December 6			
8:30 AM	TOPS	SUNDAY, December 11	
9:30 AM	Woodbridge Christian		day of Advent
10.00 444	Women's Connection		Worship - Traditional
10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	9:45 AM	Bible Study (Adult/Youth)
1:00 PM	Al-Anon	9:45 AM	252 Kids Children's Ministry
6:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack 289 - Wolf Den	11:00 AM	,,
7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 964 B Boy Scout Troop 964 G	1:15 PM	Property Ministry Team
7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop 226	5:30 PM	Chili Cookoff
7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Growing in Faith Ministry Team	7:00 PM	Talent Show
7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mission Ministry Team		
7:30 PM	AA		

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

Bull Run Troubadours

7:30 PM

Ministers People of the Church Pastor Rev. Adam C. Bowling Parish Assistant Pastor Michael Slayter Chancel Choir Director Dana Van Slyke Pianist/Organist Justin Streletz Nursery Supervisor Joann Paige Sexton Homer Detrich Office Manager Kim Parker

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