

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19, 2023

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

MINISTRY IN ACTION

✝ Bible Camp

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

Morning Prayer
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Matt Schinske

+ CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Ruth 1, Mark 12)*

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

for all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

for love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

for God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

+ OPENING HYMN

God Welcomes All

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Note: This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, you welcome all people to share in your grace. You welcome every child and every child of God to share in your loving embrace. Thank you for extending that welcome to us. Help us to accept this gift of your infinite love. Help us to become better instruments of your love toward others, never interfering or preventing them from turning to you. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us confess the ways we have fallen short, by praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.

God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.

Receive the forgiving love of God.

Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

+ RESPONSE

Let Us Build a House (verse 5 and refrain)

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Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

+ **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

Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 8:26-39 NRSV

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Move That Mountain Lord

Clatterbuck

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42 NRSV

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Welcoming All

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 right outside 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

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

For Everyone Born

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**1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,**

Refrain:

**and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

**2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)**

**3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)**

**4 For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace, (Refrain)**

**5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)**

PRAYERS 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

Take Up Your Cross
Justin Streletz, Pianist

BOURBON, Arr. William Ringham

+ DOXOLOGY

***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.***

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+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, let our congregation be a witness to you: immersed in scripture, constant in prayer, joyful in worship, and generous in giving. A loving, supportive community reaching out to those in need and welcoming all. Accept these gifts we offer, in Jesus' name,
Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **SENDING HYMN** *Go to the World!* 295

+ **OUR VISION**

Here at First United Presbyterian we are
Welcoming All, Growing Together, Serving with Joy!

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *God Welcomes All* 399

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+ **POSTLUDE** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY, Arr. Lloyd Larson
Justin Streletz, Pianist

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

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:** Rick Mitchell 8:30 AM
Betsy Gilbert 11:00 AM

* **FLOWERS** are given by Claudia Cunningham in loving memory of my sister Anne Woodfin.

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

- ✝ **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** The Ash Wednesday service will be on **February 22nd** at **7 PM** with imposition of ashes and celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- * **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SOUP SUPPER:** Please join us for Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Supper, **February 22nd** at **6:00 PM** in the Triple Room. This simple meal will consist of soup and bread followed by a Lenten service at **7:00 PM** in the sanctuary. If you would like to participate by making a soup or bringing bread or rolls please contact Betsy Gilbert, 703-343-3921 (text or call) or betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com.
- * **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on Sundays at **9:45 AM** for the Bible study, "The Lord's Prayer" by Adam Hamilton. Contact Curt Hoagland, choagieva@yahoo.com for questions.
- * **252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** We meet at **8:45 AM** and **11:15 AM** after Time for Children. The 252 Kids Club meets at **9:45 AM**. Contact Erin Bowling at erinkbowling@gmail.com for more information.

Student Ministry News

- ✝ BREAD SUNDAY: TODAY, February 19th, 5:00 PM, Pat Manalio's house, 3643 Secret Grove Court, Dumfries, VA 22025, join us for Bread Sunday.
- ✝ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are working hard to rebuild the FUPCDC Youth program after COVID. We need Bread Sunday Bible Study Hosts, Chaperones, Bible Study Leaders, Cooks, and More! Sign up here to volunteer: [First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA: Help with FUPCDC Youth Group - 2023 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com) or go to the Volunteer sign up on the Thursday News. Thank you!
- ✝ GAME NIGHT!: February 26th, 5:00 PM
- * **NEW 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:

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| ✝ Gretchen Snyder | * Bill and Laura Parris | * Amanda | * Leigh Anderson |
| ✝ Leslie | * Amanda Peck | * Baby Raphael | * Linda Ford |
| * George Riling | * Pat Greenhalgh | * Tanya | * Norman Cox |
| * Charlie Ashton | * Debbie Niederriter | * Karen Gundel | * Nate Johnson |
| * Nathan Johnson, III | * Sandra D'Imperio | * Doug Godfrey | * Rick Bockes |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Ann Randles | * Norman Cobb |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Andrea Judy | * Deborah Folly | * Jeannine Menzie |
| * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | | * Nancy Hoagland | |

- ✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to the Galaini family, at the death of William's grandfather, Ross Montgomery, on February 15, 2023. Please lift William, Ginger, Liam, and the entire family up in prayer at this time.

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:

- ✚ The National Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC
- ✚ New Hope Presbyterian Church - Derwood, MD

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DEACONS

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Bob Albrecht	Agnes Fokwa	Debbie Cornelius
Sandy Chamberlin	Helen Franchois	Claire Hoagland
Claudia Cunningham	Nne Kalu	Mary Jones
Pam Emert	Kathy McNeely	Mike Slayter
Ellen Nuernberger		
Donna Seckar		
Tracy Stevens		

Mike Slayter, Ministry Team Leader..... 703-670-4648

Calendar

February 19 - 26, 2023

SUNDAY, February 19

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 9:45 AM Adult/Youth Bible Study
 9:45 AM 252 Kids Club
 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 5:00 PM Youth - Bread Sunday

MONDAY, February 20

Presidents' Day
Church Office Closed
 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Tiger Den
 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
 8:30 PM Production Meeting - Google Meet

TUESDAY, February 21

8:30 AM TOPS
 1:00 PM Al-Anon
 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Wolf Den
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
 7:30 PM AA
 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

WEDNESDAY, February 22

Ash Wednesday
 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Supper
 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship - Communion
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir
 8:30 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, February 23

3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
 6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 Merit Badge Meeting
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 Train Show Meeting
 7:00 PM Session Meeting
 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, February 24

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

SATURDAY, February 25

8:00 AM Emmaus Team E-195

SUNDAY, February 26

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 9:45 AM Bible Study (Adult/Youth)
 9:45 AM 252 Kids Club
 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 12:15 PM More Light Presbyterians Meeting
 2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA
 5:00 PM Youth - Game Night!

Report on Offering: January 2023

	JAN 2023 Actual	JAN 2023 Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Offering Pledged	40,915	32,970	40,915	32,970
Offering Unpledged	7,864	6,387	7,864	6,387
Total Offering	48,779	39,357	48,779	39,357

February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Dinner 6:00 PM
 Lenten Worship with Communion 7:00 PM
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
 Praise Team Rehearsal 8:30 PM

April 2, 2023 Palm-Passion Sunday
 One worship service - Communion 10 AM
 Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45 AM
 252 Kids Children's Ministry 10:15 AM

April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday service 7:00 PM
April 7, 2023 Good Friday - Prayer Vigil 10 AM - 2:30 PM

April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday Worship
 Traditional Worship service 8:30 AM
 252 Kids Children's Ministry 8:45 AM
 Adult/Youth Bible Study 9:45 AM
 252 Kids Club 9:45 AM
 Contemporary Worship service 11:00 AM
 252 Kids Children's Ministry 11:15 AM

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Ministers.....People of the Church
 Pastor.....Rev. Adam C. Bowling
 Parish Assistant..... Pastor Michael Slayter
 Chancel Choir Director..... Dana Van Slyke
 Interim Contemporary Worship Leader..... Theresa Arnold
 Pianist/Organist.....Justin Streletz
 Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
 Sexton..... Homer Detrich
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