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National Capital

P R E S B Y T E R Y

MISSIONAL · PASTORAL · PROPHECIC

National Capital Presbytery Worship

March 6, 2022

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

WELCOME

MINISTRY IN ACTION

✝ Andrew Butler - Eagle Scout Project

SPECIAL PRESBYTERY WELCOME

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 the Beauty of the Earth
Justin Streletz, Pianist

DIX, Arr. Joel Raney

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

As Abraham welcomed the strangers

So God welcomes us.

Christ is in our midst! How will we bid him welcome?

We will throw open the doors to our hearts. We will delight in Christ's presence.

When God shows up, surprising things can happen.

We will make ourselves ready. We will lay down our burdens and set aside our distractions.

So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

Let us rest in this holy place where there is shade and water, food, and laughter.

+ OPENING HYMN

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may be first, and the humble and the mighty trade places. Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity; let us greet strangers as angels you have sent! Send your Spirit now so that we may find a place at your table and welcome others with radical hospitality. In the name of Jesus, a guest at all our tables, we pray.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

No one likes to be a stranger. We long for a place to be at home. We don't want to be estranged from other people, or from God. Selfish words, actions, and thoughts can drive a wedge between us and the people we love. Unconfessed sin can distance us from God. For all who seek reconciliation, God offers his Son, Jesus Christ, to stand in the gap between us and God. Therefore, let us confess our sins, as we pray together saying. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, you call us into obedience to the ways of life and holiness, to honor your image in all whom we meet.

When we ration your welcome to a very few:

Lord have mercy.

God of abundance, you call us to stop clinging to things, to trust in your goodness to provide all we need.

When we grasp and hoard and do not share,

Christ have mercy.

God of hope, you call us to imagine a future "kin-dom" where all find a place at the table, a safe and joyful welcome to neighbors, children, creation.

When we stop short of your vision of your world of mercy and justice for all,

Lord have mercy.

Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

551

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for you and for all. Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do, whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not: You are accepted, you are welcomed. You are washed clean, you are raised up. You are forgiven, you are set free.

In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever. In the waters of baptism we are set free to let go of what is old and broken, to live a new life in the resurrection, and to follow together a joyful way, after Jesus Christ, our loving Savior. Hearing this good news, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

+ **RESPONSE** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (verse 1)* 582

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mother of all wisdom, and Father of surprise, your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways. Where we are closed, open us with your Word, that we might recognize the Christ and follow. In your Son's strong name, we pray.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 18:1-10a NRSV

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf

that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.”

¹⁰Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Wayfaring Stranger
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Arr. Gilpin

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 13:1-3,15-16 NRSV

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Radical Welcome

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 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**

For Everyone Born

769

SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

Musango Ma Longe

Abel Nen

Chris and Becca Anderson, Martin Andrews, and Morelle Fokwa

*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 blessing, we rejoice that you are present with us by your faithful word and Spirit. At times you speak in unexpected ways, in the voice of a friend, neighbor, or stranger. May we come to know you so well that we discern your message of blessing in others' words. May our congregation and Presbytery become more like Abraham and Sarah. May we receive strangers and provide hospitality with no expectation of reward. Receive the offering of our hands and the gratitude of our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray.

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 invited to come forward, by way of the center aisle, to receive the elements when an usher indicates. Gluten-free prefilled communion cups are located in the center of the tray. Please take the elements back to your seat by way of the outside aisles.*

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 *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

505

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

Praise God, All You Nations (Da n'ase)

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Praise God, all you nations.
People of God, sing praise!
Praise God, all you nations.
People of God, sing praise:
God's love is great and endures forever.
Praise God, all you nations.
People of God, sing praise!

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Praise God, all you nations.
People of God, sing praise:
God's love is great and endures forever.
Praise God, all you nations.
People of God, sing praise!

Da n'ase! Da n'ase! Da Onyame ase!
Da n'ase! Da n'ase! Da Onyame ase!
Efiase oye n'a n'adoe doe so.
Da n'ase! Da n'ase! Da Onyame ase!

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Notes: This paraphrase of Psalm 117 comes from Ghana and was originally created in the Twi language. Paradoxically, this shortest of all psalms is universal in scope, which makes it especially appropriate to sing in the words and music of people from another part of the world.

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

I charge you to go into the world and welcome the stranger!

For by doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Also remember, that you are not a stranger to God.

God loves us, God knows us, God forgives us!

For you were made in God's image.

We are God's beloved children.

You always have a place here, in the community of faith.

Everyone has a place here!

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *We Will Walk with God (Sizohamba naye)*

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**Sizohamba naye, wo wo wo,
sizohamba naye.**

**Sizohamba naye, wo wo wo,
sizohamba naye.**

Ngomhla wenjabula, sizohambe naye.

Ngomhla wenjabula, sizohambe naye.

**We will walk with God, my brothers;
we will walk with God.**

**We will walk with God, my sisters;
we will walk with God.**

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

+ **POSTLUDE**

Be Thou My Vision
Justin Streletz, Pianist

SLANE, Arr. Joshua Evanovich

+ *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.
- * **BELL RINGER:** Ike Evans (8:30)
- * **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** Carol Miller (8:30)
Becca Anderson (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

- ✝ **LENTEN SERVICES:** Please join us at 7 PM on Wednesday evenings through April 6th for Lenten Worship. Communion will be on all dates except March 16th.
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us for the Wednesday Night Meal at 6 PM. On March 9th the meal is **Italian Wedding Soup**. Please contact Gaylene Guest at 703-398-7449 with any questions.

- ✝ **DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME:** Spring Forward! Daylight Saving Time begins **next Sunday, March 13th**. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.
- * **95th BIRTHDAY:** Rev. Bill Clark's 95th birthday is **March 11, 2022**. Let's shower him with cards for his birthday. Rev. Clark is FUPCDC's Pastor Emeritus. If you do not know Rev. Clark, you can send him a card to let him know what FUPCDC means to you. Thank you!

Rev. William Clark, Jr.
122 Anderson Trail
Farmville, VA 23901

- * **FUPCDC'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: 2022.** . .marks 50 years for FUPCDC! We will celebrate throughout the year with various activities. Please send a picture of yourself and/or your family from the year you joined. This picture will be featured on a timeline in the hallway. Please send it via email or place in Cathy's mailbox. If you have questions call Cathy Albrecht or email at albrennan3@aol.com.
- Save the dates! **April 16th, 11 AM - 1 PM** and **April 17th**
 - Save the dates! **September 17th and 18th**
- * **SUPPLY DRIVE FOR ENIC SCHOOL IN CAMEROON:** There will be a booth in the Welcome Center **today and March 20th**. This Eagle Scout project is being run by FUPCDC member, Andrew Butler. We are trying to raise \$1,550 to help pay for shipping four barrels of supplies to the ENIC school. The students at Porter Traditional School in Woodbridge are donating the supplies. Any money raised above and beyond expenses for this project will be donated to the ENIC Foundation. Checks can be made out to FUPCDC: on the memo line of your check write (Eagle Scout Project); or if you donate on www.fupcdc.org please type in amount in Designated Giving and type (Eagle Scout Project) on the notes. Thank you for your support. For more information on the ENIC school please visit www.enicschool.org and www.enicfoundation.org or talk to Bill Ediage and Therese Same, FUPCDC members and founders of the school.
- * **THESE DAYS:** The April, May, June 2022 devotional books are on the table in the Welcome Center.
- * **LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS:** The 2022 Lent devotional books, [In View of God's Mercy](#) by David Boyd are located on the table in front of the office in the Welcome Center.
- * **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** We will begin a new study of Ephesians today, March 6th and will be using the book: [A Scandalous People](#). Mike Slayter will be leading the class. The link to the class is <http://www.fupcdc.org/class>. This link is good for all Adult Education classes. For more information, contact Curt Hoagland at 703-380-3819 or choagieva@yahoo.com.

Student Ministry News

- * **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](https://text.youthfupc.com) to **81010**.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| ✝ Shirley Westveer | * Sandy Godfrey | * Bill and Laura Parris | * Jeannine Menzie |
| * Susan Bennett | * Amy Smith | * David and Melissa Behrens | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Sandra D'Imperio | * Ann Randles | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin | * Linda Ford |
| * Debbie Niederriter | * Amanda | * Gary and Keith Albrecht | * Norman Cox |
| * Majorie Lawrence | * Tanya | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | * Nate Johnson |
| * Kay Hinegardner | * Katie Johnston | * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Grace Ofosu-Addo |

- ✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Sofie Garrett and family at the unexpected death of her daughter, Cathy Milam, on Sunday, February 27, 2022 in Ashland, Kentucky. She suffered a heart attack while at her women's Bible study at her church. Please lift the entire family up in prayer at this time.
- ✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Marlo Stapleton and family at the death of her Aunt Pina. Please lift the entire family up in prayer at this time.
- ✝ The Menzie family wish to thank the congregation for their prayers, love, support, and condolences throughout dad's lengthy illness. We were so touched by the sympathy, understanding, and all the help everyone offered. It truly has been such a relief to have everyone by our side. The graveside service will be held at Quantico on April 29th at 2 PM.
<https://www.millerfuneralhome.net/obituaries/Larry-Menzie/>
- ✝ My sincere thanks to all for your thoughts, prayers, cards and expressions of caring following the death of my brother. Each and every one of you is a blessing and you are deeply appreciated. - Carol Miller

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)
- ✝ Matt DiVico, deployed to Germany

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Potomac Presbyterian Church - Potomac, MD
- ✝ Prince George's Community Presbyterian Church - Temple Hills, MD

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.



Calendar

March 6 -13, 2022

SUNDAY, March 6

Presbytery Worship Sunday with Communion
 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

MONDAY, March 7

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman Club
 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
 7:00 PM Emmaus Board Meeting
 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, March 8

8:30 AM TOPS
 1:00 PM Al-Anon
 3:00 PM Fellowship Ministry Team
 5:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Tigers
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
 7:00 PM Evangelism & Outreach Ministry Team
 7:00 PM Worship Ministry Team
 7:30 PM AA 101
 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

WEDNESDAY, March 9

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
 6:15 PM Girl Scout Troop 80115
 6:25 PM Young People's Choir
 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service
 7:00 PM Peace Church Prayer Meeting
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir
 8:30 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, March 10

3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2279
 7:00 PM Girl Scout Service Unit 80-5 Juliettes
 7:00 PM Mission Ministry Team
 7:00 PM Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team
 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, March 11

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, March 12

SUNDAY, March 13

Daylight-Saving Time Begins
 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
 9:30 AM Children's Education
 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
 1:00 PM Peace Church
 1:15 PM Property Ministry Team

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

Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366

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 Strolezt
 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