

**First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)**

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# Holy Week Cantata



Featuring the Tema Choir and the  
First United Presbyterian  
Chancel Choir

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

April 2, 2023

10:00 AM

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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.*

### **WELCOME**

#### + **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing for joy! The Master comes!

**Riding on a colt, he enters in victory!**

If all shouting stopped, the rocks would ring with joy.

**But there will be some who will not sing or shout.**

There will be some who will cling to their fear.

**Be ready, O Jerusalem, for your king truly is coming!**

Hosanna in the highest!

**Hosanna! Let us worship God!**

#### + **OPENING HYMN**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, and then later pronounced "Crucify Him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week help us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, let us now confess our sins to God...praying together. . .

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we confess that when we started this journey, it seemed like a fun idea. Walk the road with Jesus, we thought. But the journey has had many difficult times when our spirits have been challenged and tried. We have come to the time of entrance into the Holy City. We want everything to be wonderful; for you to conquer all those things that threaten us and our peace. We want you to do what we direct. Forgive us, Lord, when we place our fears and ignorance before your love. Help us to look again at the many ways in which we can be a blessing to others, through serving them and you. Release us from our panic and mistrust and help us to place our lives solely in your hands. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*



<sup>17</sup> So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. <sup>18</sup> It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. <sup>19</sup> The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

George Mensah Essilfie

*Stamford*  
(*What Means This Eager Anxious Throng*)

Music: S. Reay, Words: Etta Campbell

*Monto Hosanna (Sing Hosanna)*

Prof. J. Y. Sekyi - Baidoo

## **PART II: HIS CRUCIFIXION**

Scripture Reading: **Mark 15:25-39 (NRSV)**

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” <sup>27</sup> And with him they crucified two rebels, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup> Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup> save yourself, and come down from the cross!” <sup>31</sup> In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup> Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>33</sup> When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

<sup>34</sup> At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>35</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” <sup>36</sup> And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” <sup>37</sup> Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> Now when the centurion who stood facing him saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God's Son!”

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Rockingham*  
(When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)

Music: E. Miller  
Words: J. Stainer  
Fa- burden by Geoffrey Shaw

*Dead March In Saul*

George Frideric Handel, *Arr.* as funeral anthem by A. J. Foxwell  
Fante words by Rev. Gaddiel R. Acquaaah

### **PART III: HIS RESURRECTION**

#### **Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18 (NRSV)**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Yenma Yesu So  
(Lift Jesus Up)

George Mensah Essilfie

## **SERVICE OF GIVING**

Music at the Offering      *Jehovah Turns My Life Around*      Arr. George Mensah Essilfie

### **Combined Choirs - Tema Choir and FUPCDC Chancel Choir**

Christ Arose	Robert Lowry
<i>Then Shall Be Brought To Pass</i>	George Frideric Handel
Alto Solo	Georgina Morgan
Duet: <i>O Death Where Is Thy Sting</i>	George Frideric Handel
Alto	Georgina Morgan
Tenor	Ebenezer S. Allotey
Chorus: <i>But Thanks Be To God</i>	George Frideric Handel

## **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 someone at the Welcome Table right outside the sanctuary. For those worshipping online, please email Pastor Adam at [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org). Know that ALL are welcome in this place!)*

## **WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

### **+ OUR VISION**

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

### **+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

### **+ BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Chorus: Hallelujah*

George Frideric Handel

### **+ POSTLUDE**

*Near the Cross*  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

William H. Doane, Arr. Molly Ijames

+ *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 ASSISTANT:** Douglas Randles

## 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.

### April 2, 2023 - Palm-Passion Sunday

One worship service at 10 AM with TEMA Choir USA  
252 Kids Children's Ministry 10:15 AM

April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday service 7:00 PM

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

### April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday Worship

Traditional Worship service - Communion 8:30 AM

252 Kids Children's Ministry 8:45 AM

Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM

Contemporary Worship service - Communion 11:00 AM

252 Kids Children's Ministry 11:15 AM

Easter Egg Hunt (after 11:00 AM worship)

# Ministry in Action

- ✝ **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:** Please join us at **7:00 PM** on **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** for the Maundy Thursday worship service.
- ✝ **GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL:** The sanctuary will be open from **10 AM to 2:30 PM** on **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** for prayer. Prayer guides will be available on the table in the Welcome Center.
- ✝ **FLOWERING OF THE CROSS FOR EASTER:** On **Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**, please bring some home-grown or store-bought flowers and arrive five minutes earlier than you normally would to allow time to place them on the cross. After the second service, the cross will be moved to the lawn in the front of the church so that we can bring some joy to our neighbors. In lieu of purchasing Easter flowers for the sanctuary, please consider contributing to the One Great Hour of Sharing. If you have any questions, please ask any member of the Worship Ministry Team.
- ✝ **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** The season of Lent reminds us who we are, who we serve, and how we are called to live lives of faith. You can give to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by mailing your check to the church. Please indicate “One Great Hour of Sharing” in the memo line. If you would like to give online, please go to <https://fupcdc.org/give-now> and click on Give Now, then Designated Giving (in the note field please indicate “One Great Hour of Sharing”). Thank you! “You shall be called repairers of the breach.” - Isaiah 58:12
- ✝ **RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT:** On April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM FUPCDC will host a Rise Against Hunger (RAH) meal packaging event. We will package soy, rice, dehydrated vegetables, and a flavoring mix that includes essential vitamins and minerals for shipment throughout the world to support school feeding programs, orphanages, and crisis relief. Please see the Thursday News for the RAH sign-up link. Hope to see you there!
- ✝ **EARTH DAY COLLECTION AND RECYCLED ITEMS (April 16 - 23):** Advent and Lent Booklets, “These Days”, Calendars, Greeting Cards, Pill Bottles (label removed), Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids, Ink Cartridges, Plastic Bags, Shoes
- ✝ **APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> - “WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT CARING FOR CREATION?”:** Plan to join this informative session with **Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns with the Presbyterian Hunger Program**, via **Zoom on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**, as we reflect on what God says about caring for the Earth and share examples of what you can do to help!
- ✝ **April 23<sup>rd</sup> - EARTH DAY SUNDAY TRIP TO LEESYLVANIA PARK:** After worship on Earth Day Sunday, join us at **1:00 PM** as we enjoy the beauty of nature at Leesylvania Park. Come and enjoy fellowship, a picnic, the walking path along the water, playground, turtle pond, fishing pier, hiking trails, beautiful views and much more! Entrance fee for the park is \$10 per vehicle. For more information contact: Liz Glycer ([lizglyer@gmail.com](mailto:lizglyer@gmail.com)) or Amy Bean ([amy.bean@hotmail.com](mailto:amy.bean@hotmail.com)) if you are interested in carpooling.
- ✝ **NO ADULT/YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** There will be NO Adult/Youth Bible study today.
- \* **252 KIDS CHILDREN’S MINISTRY: We meet today at 10:15 AM after the Passing of the Peace.** Contact Erin Bowling at [erinkbowling@gmail.com](mailto:erinkbowling@gmail.com) for more information.



# Student Ministry News

- \* **SPRING YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are now available online and in the Welcome Center.
- \* **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** 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!
- \* **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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| * Rose Bishop                 | * Amanda Peck        | * Karen Gundel    | * Deborah Folly |
| * Mindy Lopez                 | * Pat Greenhalgh     | * Leigh Anderson  | * Linda Ford    |
| * Nathan Johnson, III         | * Debbie Niederriter | * Gretchen Snyder | * Norman Cox    |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme    | * Baby Raphael       | * Jeannine Menzie | * Nate Johnson  |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Tanya              | * Lee Watenpaugh  | * Rick Bockes   |
| * Bill and Laura Parris       | * Amanda             | * Liz Startin     | * Norman Cobb   |
| * Nancy Hoagland              | * Doug Godfrey       |                   | * Ann Randles   |

- \* Please pray for the people who were impacted by the tornado in the Delta of Mississippi.
- \* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Nancy and Mike Hummer and family at the death of Nancy's father, Neal Richard Fee on March 17. He was 101 years old, and an official Friend of FUPCDC. Please lift up Nancy and Mike and the entire family in prayer at this time.
- \* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Rick Bockes and family at the death of Rick's mother, Grace W. Bockes on March 19 in Savannah, GA. She was 94 years old. Please lift up Rick and the entire family in prayer at this time.
- \* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Linda Wolstenholme and family at the death of her mother, Marjorie Lawrence on March 21, 2023. Marjorie, grandmother to Alyssa Wolstenholme and great-grandmother to Kennedy Wolstenholme went from the land of dying to the land of living. Please lift up the entire family 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 Church of the Pilgrims - Washington, DC
- ✚ Poolesville Presbyterian Church - Poolesville, MD

# Calendar

## April 2 - 9, 2023

### SUNDAY, April 2

#### Palm/Passion Sunday

- 10:00 AM Worship - One Service with TEMA Choir
- 10:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 11:15 AM Youth - Easter Egg Hunt Prep
- 11:15 AM Music Staff Meeting

### MONDAY, April 3

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack 289 - Lion Den
- 7:00 PM NCE Board Meeting
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting - Google Meet

### TUESDAY, April 4

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 9:30 AM Woodbridge Christian Women's Connection
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
- 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
- 7:00 PM Growing in Faith Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Mission Ministry Team
- 7:30 PM AA
- 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

### WEDNESDAY, April 5

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 80115
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- 8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

### THURSDAY, April 6

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

### FRIDAY, April 7

#### GOOD FRIDAY

- 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM - Sanctuary Open for Prayer
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness

### SATURDAY, April 8

### SUNDAY, April 9

#### Easter Sunday

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion
- 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 9:30 AM Easter Breakfast
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion
- 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- Easter Egg Hunt after 11 AM Worship

**First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA**

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

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### **Tema Choir USA**

Tema Choir USA takes its roots from the famous Ghanaian choral music group, Tema Youth Choir. Following the relocation of the founder of Tema Youth Choir, Ebenezer A. Allotey, to the United States of America from Ghana, Tema Choir USA was founded to sustain and build upon its sister choir's praiseworthy feats. More info: <https://www.temachoirusa.org/>

#### **Ebenezer A. Allotey**

Internationally recognized musician, conductor and educator, Ebenezer A. Allotey, is well-known for his work as organist and Founder/Director of the Presbyterian Senior Secondary School Choir in Tema-Ghana, founded in June 1997, as well as the Founder and Artistic Director of the Tema Youth Choir, also based in Ghana. Founded in November 2001, the Tema Youth Choir is currently known as one of the top choirs in Ghana, and has been a recipient of the Ceval Gospel Award.



#### **Tema Choir USA**

Sopranos: Josephine A. Allotey, Joana Bartels, Mercy Baisel, Hilda E. Azariah, Matilda Quartey, Mary Anderson

Altos: Georgina Morgan, Nana Ama Kokumah

Tenors: Kelvin Prempeh, Godfred Baisel, Ebenezer S. Allotey

Basses: George Abankwa, John Dadzie, Victor E. Azariah, Richard K. Otoo, Albert Owusu Asare