

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

14391 Minnieville Road Woodbridge, VA 22193

703.670.7834 fupcdc.org LIKE us on Facebook Find us on Instagram @fupcdc

<https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC>



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

April 24, 2022

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

[Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org)

828.448.8914

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

### 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

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>, Arr. John Innes

### + CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 150*)

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in the sanctuary.**

Praise God in the vault of heaven.

**Praise God in the earth and skies.**

Sing praises to the Lord.

**Shout and sing praises to God.**

We have witnessed God’s mighty acts.

**We have seen the Lord’s greatness.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

**Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!**

### + OPENING HYMN

*Thine Is the Glory*

238

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Surprising God, you have an uncomfortable habit of showing up where we least expect you: in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy, in a livestock feed trough, on a rough wooden cross. Turn our lives upside down with your radical love. Help us fully embrace your surprises, even as we revel in the joy of being fully embraced by your all-encompassing grace and mercy. We pray in the name of your most amazing surprise of all: your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray together saying. . .

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love. Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down. And still we don't understand the radical nature of your grace. We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means excluding those we are called to love and defend. In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust. God, help us remember that you give us all the tools we need; that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Surprise us again, O God. Surprise us again.

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

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

## **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*

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.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.*

*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**

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 5:27-32 NRSV

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **ANTHEM**

*In Love Christ Came Among Us*  
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Martin

#### **SERMON**

A Surprising Turnaround

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 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 RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE**      *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*      240

### **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

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

TRADITIONAL FOLK MELODY, Arr. Larry Shackley

Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ **DOXOLOGY**      606

*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**

O God of our Salvation, we are witnesses to your amazing deeds! By the resurrection of your Son Jesus, you have opened the gate to eternal life. We are grateful for your gifts of forgiveness and a new start. Let the obedience of Christ, the righteous one, become the chief cornerstone of our lives. Help us to use our spiritual gifts and monetary blessings as a testimony to your glory. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings through Christ our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **HYMN** *Christ Is Alive!* 246

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Be Not Afraid* 243

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia!  
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia!*

*Note: Intended for repeated singing like other chants from the Taizé Community, this text began in Czech as “Nebojte se.” The English version uses the language of the angel’s greeting to Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary,” who went to Jesus’ tomb on Easter morning (Matthew 28:5-6).*

+ **POSTLUDE** *Lift High the Lord Our Banner with Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*  
Justin Streletz, Pianist Arr. Mark Hayes

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



*The sunflowers in the sanctuary are a visual reminder to pray for the people of Ukraine.*

## 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](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org).

\* **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** Carol Miller (8:30)  
Pam Cox (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.

+++++

- ✚ **LIVE STREAM:** We live stream the worship services for those who are uncomfortable returning to in-person worship, or for those who are unable to join us in person at this time. Due to our Live Stream cameras, we ask that you use the side aisles once the worship service begins if you need to enter or exit the sanctuary, so that we keep an optimal camera view of the worship service for our at-home viewers. Thank you!

# Ministry in Action

- ✚ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us for the Wednesday Night Meal at **6 PM**. On April 27<sup>th</sup> the meal is Pizza. Please contact Gaylene Guest at 703-398-7449 with any questions.
- ✚ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Please join us on **Wednesdays**, as we study the gospel of Matthew at **7:00 PM** in **Room 22** or join us by Zoom.
- ✚ **NEW SERMON SERIES, "Surprise! The Unexpected ACTS of God":** This series, beginning **TODAY, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, focuses on surprising acts of God in the book of Acts. We all know the excitement and disquiet that come with the sudden reversal of our expectations. The early Christians whose stories are told in the book of Acts have no shortage of surprises. The resurrection sets off a host of unexpected events and changes for Jesus' followers, even changes within themselves. If our own spiritual lives have come to see humdrum and everyday, these stories will awaken in us a new desire for God's work in the lives of unsuspecting, ordinary people

like ourselves. As we explore the journey of surprises in these texts, we will learn the spiritual habit of welcoming an unpredictable God and coming to expect the unexpected.

- ✠ **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED LUNCH (Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:10 PM, Room 22):** This event is designed to introduce you and your family to the church and is open to anyone interested in learning more about our church and/or membership. Child care and lunch will be provided for your entire family. Please let us know if there are any food allergies or restrictions when you register for the event. Reservations are required to plan for childcare and food. Register by calling the Church Office at 703-670-7834.
- \* **PRAYER/CONNECT CARDS:** Prayer/ Connect Cards are located in the Friendship Registers and at the Prayer Request Box in the Welcome Center.
- \* **EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO UKRAINE WAR:** As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

You can give to the Emergency Response to the Ukraine War by mailing your check to the church. Please indicate “Ukraine War” 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 “Ukraine War”).

## *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 to 81010.



## SESSION

Cathy Albrecht ('23) ..... 703-670-8369  
Bill Ediage ('24) ..... 571-477-9306  
Morelle Fokwa ('24) ..... 571-409-9435  
Jon Guest ('22) ..... 703-491-4006  
Marti Hall ('22) ..... 703-626-2269  
Pat Manalio ('23) ..... 703-283-2948  
Chris Martin ('23) ..... 585-455-8423  
Sam Parris ('24) ..... 703-946-7226  
Linda Wolstenholme ('23) ..... 703-878-3697

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

## MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Pat Manalio (Interim).....*Administration*..... 703-283-2948  
Ellen Nuernberger .....*Congregational Care* ..... 703-878-0009  
Deborah Folly ..... *Congregational Care* ..... 703-606-5532  
Charlotte Stultz.....*Evangelism & Outreach*..... 703-494-8367  
Betsy Gilbert.....*Fellowship* ..... 703-670-4949  
Curt Hoagland.....*Growing in Faith*..... 703-380-3819  
Pam Cox .....*Mission* ..... 703-441-6319  
Mike Gundel ..... *Property*..... 301-767-5030  
Dennis Dingle .....*Stewardship & Finance* ..... 703-583-9689  
Martin Andrews .....*Worship*..... 703-967-4358

Rev. Adam C. Bowling..... *Moderator*..... 828-448-8914

## DEACONS

### Class of 2022

Debbie Cornelius  
Liz Goolgasian  
Anne Green  
Charlotte Stultz

### Class of 2023

Bob Albrecht  
Sandy Chamberlin  
Claudia Cunningham  
Pam Emert  
Ellen Nuernberger  
Tracy Stevens

### Class of 2024

Agnes Fokwa  
Deborah Folly  
Helen Franchois  
Nne Kalu  
Kathy McNeely

Ellen Nuernberger, Ministry Team Leader..... 703-878-0009  
Deborah Folly, Ministry Team Leader .....703-606-5532

# Joys and Concerns

## All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

- |                      |                                  |                 |                    |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| ✝ Charlie Ashton     | * Bill and Laura Parris          | * Amy Smith     | * Jeannine Menzie  |
| ✝ Martha Ashton      | * David and Melissa Behrens      | * Michael Moore | * Leigh Anderson   |
| ✝ Rev. Bill Clark    | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin | * Tanya         | * Linda Ford       |
| ✝ Douglas Godfrey    | * Gary and Keith Albrecht        | * Amanda        | * Norman Cox       |
| * Majorie Lawrence   | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh     | * Susan Bennett | * Nate Johnson     |
| * Kay Hinegardner    | * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme       | * Thomas Prinz  | * Grace Ofosu-Addo |
| * Nancy McDermott    | * Jeanette Barbee                | * Cherie Sankey | * Shirley Westveer |
| * Sandra D'Imperio   | * Jim Patterson                  | * Baby Raphael  | * Ann Randles      |
| * Debbie Niederriter |                                  |                 |                    |

- \* Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and all those affected by this tragedy.
- \* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Ellen and Bob Nuernberger and family at the unexpected death of Bob's brother's (John Nuernberger) son, Cory, on Monday, April 11, 2022 in St. Louis, Missouri, from a machine accident at work. Please lift Cory's wife, Codi, and the entire family up in prayer at this time.
- ✝ Heartfelt thanks! The Seder dinner held at FUPCDC could not have been the well-attended success it was without the help of the army of all volunteers involved! Because I don't want to leave anyone out by attempting to name everyone, let me just say thank you, one and all (you know who you are)! It could not have happened without you! To God be the Glory!  
- Cathy Smith

## 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)

## The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ St. Matthew Presbyterian Church - Silver Spring, MD
- ✝ Taiwanese Presbyterian Church - Derwood, MD

# Calendar

## April 24 - May 1, 2022

### SUNDAY, April 24

#### Earth Care Sunday

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:30 AM Children's Education
- 9:45 AM Ephesians Bible Study (Adult)
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion
- 1:00 PM Peace Church
- 1:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 Leaders Meeting
- 3:00 PM Bereaved Parents of USA

### MONDAY, April 25

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club
- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

### TUESDAY, April 26

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 6:30 PM Task Force Glue Stick
- 7:00 PM BSA Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM BSA Troop 964 G
- 7:30 PM AA 101
- 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

### WEDNESDAY, April 27

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 11:00 AM Little Hands Preschool Field Day
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
- 6:25 PM Young People's Choir
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Peace Church Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- 8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

### THURSDAY, April 28

- 11:00 AM Little Hands Preschool Field Day
- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM Girl Scout Service Unit 80-5 Juliettes
- 7:00 PM Session/Deacons Joint Meeting
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

### FRIDAY, April 29

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 2:00 PM Larry Menzie Graveside Service

### SATURDAY, April 30

- 9:30 AM New Elder Training

### SUNDAY, May 1

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

\*\*\*\*\*

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 Streletz
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