

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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Unstoppable Kingdom

AN EASTER SERIES

4th Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

WELCOME

Pastor Michael Slayter

MINISTRY IN ACTION

✝ Kairos Prison Ministry Testimony

Scott Robb

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name
Justin Streletz, Pianist

CORONATION, Arr. Janet Vogt

+ CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 47:1-2,5-7)*

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

For the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

+ OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, we stand before you today in your omnipotent presence to ask that you grant us strength to power through all of the tasks of today, whether little or big. It is by your will that we live, O Lord. And we know it is also by your will that we shall not grow weak. With your help, we shall not fail to do all things set before us because you strengthen us. Thank you for your everlasting presence Lord and in Jesus’ name, we pray.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

When the Lord comes,

He will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,

and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins. Let us pray together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are loved and forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

+ **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

Pastor Michael Slayter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 7:9-17 NRSV

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

ANTHEM

Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Wolfe

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 3:1-12 NRSV

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in

Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

SERMON

God's Human Project

Pastor Michael Slayter

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** *The Church's One Foundation* 321

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

And Can It Be
Justin Streletz, Pianist

SAGINA, Arr. Joshua Evanovich

+ **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**

Generous Father, thank you that all things were created through you and for you, you are before all things, and in you, all things exist. The Bible says that we should bring our tithes and offerings into your storehouse and that you will respond by opening the windows of heaven and sending down blessing upon blessing. Accept the gifts we place before you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **HYMN** *Guide My Feet* 741

+ **OUR VISION**

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

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Pastor Michael Slayter

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Guide My Feet (verses 1,5)* 741

+ **POSTLUDE** *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE, Arr. Barbara Boertje
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:**

Wilbur Snyder	8:30 AM
Pam Cox	11:00 AM
- * **FLOWERS** are given by the Lauster family in loving memory of Ronald (Ron) Lauster.

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.
- * **THURSDAY NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED:** To read about all the great things that are happening at FUPCDC, you can receive a weekly email. To sign up for the Thursday News, go to <https://fupcdc.org> and click on the church email signups button or email the church office at office@fupcdc.org.
- * **CONNECT CARD/PRAYER CARD:** If you are new to FUPCDC or you need to update your information, please fill out a Connect Card. On the back side is the Prayer Card. It would be our honor to pray for your joys and concerns. Please drop the card in the Prayer Request box in the Welcome Center.

Ministry in Action

- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** On **Wednesdays at 7 PM** come to the Bible study Heaven: The Official Study Guide by Randy Alcorn. Discover what the Bible says about the eternal home God has prepared for God's children. Designed to accompany Randy Alcorn's book, Heaven, these teachings will bring peace and hope to those grieving the loss of a loved one or who are curious about what Heaven will be like. On **May 3rd**, our first session will be "What is Heaven?"
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us on **May 3rd at 6:00 PM** for our Wednesday Night Alive dinner. You will make part of your own meal at our Sandwich Bar. We'll have lots of sandwich choices for you as well as other goodies. Pastor Adam's Bible Study will follow at 7:00 pm. Hope we'll see you there!
- ✝ **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED PROGRAM AND LUNCH:** We invite you to prayerfully consider attending our Discover First United lunch and program on **Sunday, May 7, 2023** in Room 27 from **12:10 PM until 1:30 PM**. This event is designed to introduce you and your family to the church and is open to anyone interested in learning more about our worshiping community and/or membership. We also promise to honor your time and end the program by 1:30 PM. If you are new to FUPCDC, are interested in possibly joining the church, or becoming an official "Friend of the Church," the Discover First United Program is for you! Please register for this event on the link in the Thursday News. Email the church office at office@fupcdc.org if you have questions.
- ✝ **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday, May 6th at 8:00 AM**. Feel free to bring a friend! For additional information, please contact Sam Parris at 703-946-7266 or samjparris@aol.com.
- ✝ **HORIZONS LADIES' BIBLE STUDY:** Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight is our Bible study. **Our next meeting is on Monday, May 8th at 9:30 AM in Room 22**. Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net, for more information.
- ✝ **ADULT/YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** Join us at **9:45 PM** on Sundays for the Bible study, "Reckless Love, Jesus' Call to Love our Neighbor" by Tom Berlin. The book is available on Amazon. For more information, contact Curt Hoagland at choagieva@yahoo.com.
- ✝ **252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** We will meet today at **8:45 AM and 11:15 AM after Time for Children**. Contact Erin Bowling at erinkbowling@gmail.com for more information. **252 KIDS Club meets at 9:30 AM**.
- ✝ **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Come to our new Bible study on **Mondays at 7 PM**, "John the Gospel of Light and Life" by Adam Hamilton. Please purchase your book. If you have questions contact Betty Matthews at bettysmatthews1@verizon.net.
- ✝ **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Our Women's Retreat "Discernment: Listening for God" with Associate Pastor Kate Fiedler will be on **Saturday, May 20th**. A light breakfast will be available at **8:30 AM**, and the retreat will be from **9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**. If you have any questions, please email Betsy Gilbert at betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com. See the Thursday News for the link to sign up.

✝ **JOSEPH TRIP:** You won't want to miss this carpool trip **Sunday afternoon, June 11th**. Come with us to the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts in Fredericksburg to see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. We have **reserved 40 seats**. Tickets are **\$55 each**. And...Ellie Bowling will be part of the "Children's Ensemble." See the Thursday News to order tickets.

Student Ministry News

- * **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!
- * **SPRING 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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| ✝ Sharon Barnhardt | * Pat Greenhalgh | * Karen Gundel | * Deborah Folly |
| * Norman Cobb | * Debbie Niederriter | * Gretchen Snyder | * Linda Ford |
| * Sofie Garrett | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Rick Bockes |
| * Nate Johnson | * Tanya | * Lee Watenpaugh | * Ann Randles |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Amanda | * Doug Godfrey | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Nancy Hoagland | * Amanda Peck | |
| * Bill and Laura Parris | * Nathan Johnson, III | | |

✝ Prayers for people with mental health issues. May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Dolly Cox and family at the death of her husband, Norman Cox on April 22, 2023. He went from the land of dying to the land of living. Please lift the entire Cox family up in prayer at this time.

Friends and family are welcome at Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home, 4143 Dale Boulevard, Dale City, VA for a visitation on Wednesday, May 3rd from 6 PM to 8 PM. The service will be on Thursday, May 4th at 11 AM. Norman will be laid to rest at Quantico National Cemetery at 12:30 PM on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

✝ The Guest family would like to thank all of you that have reached out to us upon the recent death of our mom, grandma, and great grandma Marie Guest. Your cards, texts, and notes are always an integral part of the healing process and it is truly appreciated. Amen and thanks to all the blessings in our lives.

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:

- ✝ Rockville Presbyterian Church - Rockville, MD
- ✝ Rockville United Church - Rockville, MD

Calendar

April 30 - May 7, 2023

SUNDAY, April 30

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

NO PM Youth

MONDAY, May 1

10:30 AM Holy Fitness
 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
 7:00 PM NCE Board Meeting
 8:30 PM Production Meeting-Google Meet

TUESDAY, May 2

8:30 AM TOPS
 9:30 AM Woodbridge Christian
 Women's Connection
 1:00 PM Al-Anon
 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
 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, May 3

10:30 AM Holy Fitness
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 80115
 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
 8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, May 4

10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
 7:00 PM Safety & Security Team
 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, May 5

10:30 AM Holy Fitness
 4:00 PM New Dominion Choraliers Practice

SATURDAY, May 6

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
 5:00 PM New Dominion Choraliers Practice

SUNDAY, May 7

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion
 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 - Communion
 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 12:15 PM Discover First United Lunch/Program
 2:00 PM New Dominion Choraliers
 of Prince William County Concert
 5:00 PM Youth - Dinner & Summer Mission
 Trip Meeting

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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
Contemporary Worship Leader.....Theresa Arnold
Pianist/Organist.....Justin Streletz
Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
Sexton..... Homer Detrich
Office Manager..... Kim Parker



SCAN TO GIVE



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA is a PC(USA) Congregation. We are a Matthew 25 church that is Earth Care Certified and part of the More Light Presbyterians—ALL are welcome and wanted!



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