

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

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**May 8, 2022**

**8:30 AM**

**The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor**

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## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

### WELCOME

### MINISTRY IN ACTION

✠ Women's Retreat - May 14, 2022

### 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

*He Leadeth Me* inspired by R. Schumann, Arr. Cindy Berry  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake! Rise up!

**There is much to be done in the Lord's Name today.**

Get ready to worship and to serve God.

**We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.**

Open your hearts to God's will this day.

**Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us.**

### + OPENING HYMN

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, we thank you for all the surprising gifts you have given us. May your Holy Spirit work in us to see our gifts as your assignments, to see our blessings as responsibilities. Help us to see the needs of others around us as opportunities to show forth your reign as we minister in your name. Thanks for enabling us to be part of your work in the world. In Christ's name we pray,

**Amen.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Like a nursing mother who cannot forget her child, like a father who welcomes the prodigal son home, so God cannot turn away from us. Though we come, week after week, admitting we have turned from God's ways and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, God is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Therefore, knowing we are beloved children of God, we can admit our failings before God and one another in order to be forgiven, receive new life, and begin again. Let us now confess our sin before God praying together. . .

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, we know that you have called us to be your people and that you love us with an everlasting love. We thank you that you guide us through all of life. But God, life can sometimes be very discouraging. We do not always recognize your presence or accept your power. We often wallow in discouragement and doubt, weakening our ability to live as your people in the world. Please forgive us. Help us to trust you more fully, for the sake of Christ. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

While we are a people with incomplete love, a people with selective compassion, Christ is always ready to take the fragments of our love and use them to make the world whole. Christ does not call us to be perfect in our love, only willing-willing to grow in love for God and others. The message of the gospel is that when we come to Christ with willing hearts, they are transformed into God's heart.

Hearing this, know that we 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

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 9:36-43 NRSV

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.<sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.<sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."<sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.<sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.<sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.<sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.<sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### ANTHEM

*No Greater Gift*  
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Schram

### SERMON

An Astonishing Imitation

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**      *O Jesus, I Have Promised*      724

### **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

*Footprints of Jesus*  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

FOOTSTEPS, Arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

- + **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**

From you comes every gift we need, every blessing we have. May we not hoard them for ourselves, but offer them back to you, that the poor might be fed, the lonely befriended, and the despairing be filled with hope. This we pray in Jesus' name,  
Amen.

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

- + **HYMN**      *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*      757
- + **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

¡Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo y paz!  
Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.  
Dios de la justicia, mándanos tu luz,  
luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.  
Oremos por la paz,  
cantemos de tu amor.  
Luchemos por la paz,  
fieles a ti, Señor.

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

+ **POSTLUDE**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

ASSAM, 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:** Michael Slayter (8:30)  
Richard Bennett (11:00)
- \* **FLOWERS** are given by Lois Walker in honor of her son, Nicholas Walker.

# 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.

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- ✚ **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

- ✝ **PRAYER/CONNECT CARDS:** If you have a prayer request or praise, or you need to update your information (address, phone, email address, etc.), please fill out a Prayer/Connect Card. The cards are located in the Friendship Registers and at the Prayer Request Box in the Welcome Center.
- ✝ **BENEFIT CONCERT:** There will be a concert at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 12351 All Saints Place, in Woodbridge, in support of Good Shepherd Housing **TODAY, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.**
- ✝ **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY:** Our study is about the five women mentioned in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. **We meet the second Monday of the month at 9:30 AM; May 9<sup>th</sup>** is our next meeting, in-person and via Zoom. Contact Sara Porter, [saraporter@comcast.net](mailto:saraporter@comcast.net) or 703-670-8737 for more information.
- ✝ **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Join us for a half-day retreat on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM to 12 PM.** (A light breakfast will be served from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM.) We will consider the ways spiritual practices can ground us in living faithfully and nurture our relationship with the Creator/Creative God, and our families and neighbors. The Keynote speaker is Rev. Kate Fiedler, Associate Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA. **Register by May 10<sup>th</sup>, [www.fupcdc.org](http://www.fupcdc.org).**
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us for the Wednesday Night Meal at **6 PM.** On **May 11<sup>th</sup>** the meal is **Stuffed Shells.** Please contact Gaylene Guest at 703-398-7449 with any questions.
- ✝ **NO PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** There will be **no** Pastor's Bible study on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please join us next Wednesday, as we study the gospel of Matthew at **7:00 PM** in **Room 22** or Zoom.
- ✝ **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.
- \* **BIBLE BUDDIES LADIES' BIBLE STUDY:** Our new study, Beatitudes from the Back Side is a different take on what it means to be blessed, by J. Ellsworth Kala. Using his method of approaching Bible passages from an unusual angle or a unique starting point, J. Ellsworth Kala presents new insight into the beatitudes, Jesus' blessings from the Sermon on the Mount. We meet **every Monday at 7:00 PM in Room 22 and Zoom.** Please contact Betty Matthews for more information, [bettysmatthews1@verizon.net](mailto:bettysmatthews1@verizon.net).



- \* **CHILDREN’S EDUCATION:** Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 AM on Sundays. For more information contact Erin Bowling at [erinkbowling@gmail.com](mailto:erinkbowling@gmail.com). In May, our preschoolers will go on a **Scavenger Hunt** as we explore the story of creation. Preschoolers ask questions countless times as they get to know the world around them. This is the perfect opportunity for us to not only tell them what they are looking at, but who made it as well. That’s why we are going to add another question to their inquisitive minds. Who made everything? We want preschoolers to know that God made everything. We want them to think of God as they explore and get to know this wonderful, colorful world we live in. And even more, we want them to know that the same God who made everything made them and loves them.

Our kindergarten through sixth grade students will learn to **Bounce Back** as we study **resilience** in May. We will examine Bible stories of times when God is strong and faithful, and remember that God is always working in our lives. We might get knocked down from time to time, but when we put our trust in God, we find the strength we need to get back up again. Jesus showed us how to face life with resilience. No matter what happened, Jesus relied on God to help Him accomplish the mission set before Him. Because of Jesus, we can trust God no matter what. We can bounce back from whatever knocks us down and complete the mission God has for us.

## *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.

### 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

# Joys and Concerns

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

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

\* Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and all those affected by this tragedy.

✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Justin Streletz and family at the death of Justin's grandmother, Marion Streletz, on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Prayers for comfort and peace during this time of grief and a reminder of God's promises. Please lift Justin and family up in prayer during this time.

✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Craig Layton at the death of Craig's friend, Joe Curry, who passed away from his courageous battle with cancer earlier this week. Please lift Craig and the friends and family of Joe up in prayer during this time.

✝ Dear Ones, Bob and I cannot thank you enough for your thoughtfulness at the sudden loss of our nephew Cory. Your kind words, prayers, and cards were comforting during this difficult time. Love to our church family and friends, Ellen Nuernberger

\* Prayers of Praise to God for the Invictus games and safe return of the participants, including my son, Douglas Godfrey, Jr. and his family who arrived home last Saturday night. Also Ukraine, which some were trained and traveled with the USA team. - Sandy Godfrey

## 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:

- ✝ The United Korean Presbyterian Church - Bethesda, MD
- ✝ United Christian Parish of Reston - Reston, VA

## SESSION

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## DEACONS

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Debbie Cornelius	Bob Albrecht	Agnes Fokwa
Liz Goolgasian	Sandy Chamberlin	Deborah Folly
Anne Green	Claudia Cunningham	Helen Franchois
Charlotte Stultz	Pam Emert	Nne Kalu
	Ellen Nuernberger	Kathy McNeely
	Tracy Stevens	

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

# Calendar

## May 8 - 15, 2022

### SUNDAY, May 8

#### Mother's Day

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:30 AM Children's Education
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
- 9:45 AM Ephesians Bible Study (Adult)
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 1:00 PM Peace Church \* (habla español)
- 1:15 PM Property Ministry Team
- 4:00 PM Benefit Concert  
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

### MONDAY, May 9

- 9:30 AM Horizons Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club
- 6:30 PM BSA Troop 964 B
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Service Unit 80-5
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

### TUESDAY, May 10

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 3:00 PM Fellowship Ministry Team
- 6:00 PM BSA Troop 964 Merit Badge Class
- 6:30 PM Task Force Glue Stick
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
- 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, May 11

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
- 6:00 PM Elder Training
- 6:25 PM Young People's Choir
- 7:00 PM Peace Church Prayer Meeting \*
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- 8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

### THURSDAY, May 12

- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 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, May 13

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 7:00 PM BSA Troop 964 B

### SATURDAY, May 14

- 8:30 AM Women's Retreat Light Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Women's Retreat

### SUNDAY, May 15

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:30 AM Children's Education
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
- 9:45 AM Ephesians Bible Study (Adult)
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 12:15 PM Discover First United Lunch/Program
- 1:00 PM Peace Church \* (habla español)
- 2:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 Planning Meeting
- 3:00 PM Deacon Training

\* La iglesia de La Paz (Peace Church) es nuestra iglesia anidada de habla hispana.

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