

# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

September 24, 2023

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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828.448.8914

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

### WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

### MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Elizabeth Glyer

### 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

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Brian Doerksen, Arr. Joanne Brown LeDoux

Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

Open your hearts to God’s loving mercy.

**Lord, come into our hearts this day.**

Having received God’s mercy, bring that love to others.

**Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.**

Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

**Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives.**

Let us worship God!

### + OPENING SONG

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors, as we pray together saying. . .

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth, we have things that we believe that we have not carefully examined. We have things that we accept that are not part of your truth. We have attempted to make you in our own image, trusting our own opinions and half-truths more than the truth revealed by your Son. Send us your Holy Spirit to guide us as we hear your words. Give us comfort as we question our assumptions. Bless us with grace and forgive us for the times when our words have hurt others or you. And now, hear us as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Matthew 10:15-16)*

People of God, our sins are forgiven;

**we are reconciled to God.**

Let us therefore love one another

**with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.**

**Thanks be to God!**

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

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***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**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

### **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.**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 2:23-28 NRSV

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 22:34-40 NRSV

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

Half Truths: God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It?

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 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 RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)*

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**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

*Word of God Speak*  
Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

Bart Millard, Pete Kipley

**DOXOLOGY**

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*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**

Lord, let our congregation be a witness to you: immersed in scripture, constant in prayer, joyful in worship, and generous in giving. A loving, supportive community reaching out to those in need and welcoming all. Accept these gifts we offer, in Jesus' name,

Amen.

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

+ **CLOSING HYMN**

*We Will Go Out with Joy*

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+ **OUR VISION**

Here at First United Presbyterian we are

**Welcoming All, Growing Together, Serving with Joy!**

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ **POSTLUDE**

*Ode to Joy*

Beethoven, Arr. Michael Scott

Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

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



Dr. Nadia Carmichael

Born and raised in Bulgaria, Dr. Nadia Carmichael has been studying and performing piano since the age of six. She has appeared as a vocal and instrumental collaborator in recitals throughout the United States and Europe. She has performed in venues such as Carnegie Hall, the White House and the Library of Congress.

Nadia has been an active church pianist and organist since 2011. She has played for Oaklands Presbyterian Church in Laurel, MD and Burke Presbyterian Church in Burke, VA.

She has enjoyed working with numerous choirs throughout the years - Washington Saengerbund, Ars Musica Chorale and Brooklyn Youth Chorus to name a few.

Additionally, Nadia has been teaching piano for over 20 years, founding the Upper West Side piano school in NYC with her husband Sean, as well as the Montclair Piano Academy in Montclair, VA. Currently Nadia teaches most of her students virtually as @theonlinepianoprofessor and specializes in piano lessons for adults.

In her spare time, Nadia enjoys doing crafts, trying new recipes and walking in the park with her husband and their two sons Leo and Remy.

Nadia holds a Master's degree in Piano Performance and Chamber Music from the University of South Florida and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Collaborative Piano from the University of Maryland.

# 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:**

Douglas Randles	(8:30)
Sara Porter	(11:00)
- \* **FLOWERS** are given by Pam Cox in loving memory of Lisa Chrzan.

# 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](mailto: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

- ✝ **2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: SERVING WITH JOY!** Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign is underway. In the coming weeks, you will continue hearing from some of our church family as they share what **SERVING WITH JOY** means to them. BUT we don't want to hear from just a few, we also want to hear what **SERVING WITH JOY** means to you. Please take a few minutes and stop by the table in the Narthex/Welcome Center and answer this question, "What ministry event(s), program(s), and/or sermon(s) have brought you JOY?" Place your response in the basket on the table (filling in your name is optional). For those watching online, please go to the church web site, [www.fupcdc.org](http://www.fupcdc.org), scroll down and click on the **SERVING WITH JOY QUESTION**, and type in your response. Your responses will be shared during the campaign.
- ✝ **CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** If you are a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader or high school student that has not been confirmed, Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 AM. For those that can attend, we will have an informational meeting TODAY, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM in Room 22. This meeting will be for parents and students and will last until 10:45 AM.
- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:** Please join your siblings-in-Christ as we fellowship around the dinner table on Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The dinner will be Sloppy Joes, chips, salad, and dessert. If you are willing to help set up and/or help clean up, it certainly would be appreciated! Please contact Marti Hall at 703-626-2269 (call or text) or [martihall@comcast.net](mailto:martihall@comcast.net). Chancel choir rehearsal and Pastor's Bible study will follow the Wednesday Night meal.
- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join us at 7:00 PM in Room 22 on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> for a Bible study, Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes by Pastor Josh Scott. This six-week Bible study will consider stories many read as children. Our next story will be *The Binding of Isaac*.
- ✝ **FUPCDC NAME TAGS:** If you have lost your name tag or need a name tag, please contact Sara Porter at [saraporter@comcast.net](mailto:saraporter@comcast.net).
- ✝ **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** Bring your feathered and furry companions to be blessed on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 PM on the church lawn. Stuffed animals can also be blessed. If your animal(s) cannot be brought for some reason, you are welcome to bring an item, such as a collar/harness or photo to represent. There will also be an opportunity to remember special animals who have died recently. This event is open to the community.
- ✝ **SAVE THE DATE:** FUPCDC Fall Festival, Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 - 6:00 PM.
- ✝ **DINNER WITH FRIENDS:** Do you enjoy socializing with friends from the church? Do you enjoy cooking or dining out? Do you love a delicious meal? If any of these are the case, then Dinner with Friends is for you! We are a dinner group that has been a part of the church for over 30 years, but perhaps you are new and haven't yet heard of this opportunity for fellowship. Our first dinner of the year will be at Brittany's in Dillingham Square on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Dinner is \$20 (tax and tip included) per person in cash and includes a salad with your selection of dressing, your choice of dinner from a special menu, a soft drink, and cookies for dessert. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Marti Hall at [martihall@comcast.net](mailto:martihall@comcast.net) or 703-626-2269.

- \* **SMALL GROUP:** Our adult study, Adam Hamilton's Half-Truths is on Sundays at 9:45 AM. For more information, contact Curt Hoagland at [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com).
- \* **252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** We will meet today at 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM. The 252 Kids Club will meet at 9:30 AM. Contact Curt Hoagland at [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com) for more information.

## *Student Ministry News*

- ✚ **YOUTH TRIP TO HAUNT AT KINGS DOMINION:** Join your friends for a Student Ministries trip to Kings Dominion Halloween Haunt **TONIGHT, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet at 4 PM for pizza dinner and leave at 4:30 PM for Kings Dominion and return at midnight. See Briana Stewart for more information.
- ✚ **FALL YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are now available online and in the Welcome Center.
- \* **STUDENT MINISTRY EMAILS:** Sign up to receive Student Ministry emails. Ask Briana Stewart 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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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| ✝ Donna Davis                 | * Debbie Niederriter  | * Karen Gundel    | * Linda Ford     |
| ✝ Joel Hough                  | * Baby Raphael        | * Jeannine Menzie | * Rick Bockes    |
| * Marti Hall                  | * Tanya               | * Doug Godfrey    | * Ann Randles    |
| * Judy Stewart                | * Amanda              | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme    | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Mikon Jones     | * Nate Johnson   |
| * Bill and Laura Parris       | * Amanda Peck         | * Deborah Folly   | * Sue Johnson    |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Theresa Arnold      | * Mike Gundel     | * Amy Smith      |
|                               |                       | * Lee Watenpaugh  |                  |

✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh and family at the death their son-in-law, Cecil (CC) Wayne Corbin on September 19<sup>th</sup>. He went from the land of dying to the land of living. Please lift Lee and Giselle, Brigitte (Leigh and Giselle's daughter) and the entire family up in and prayer at this time.

✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Kathy Cobb and family at the death of her mother, Virginia May Irvin Hummel, on September 12, 2023. Virginia went from the land of dying to the land of living. Please lift Kathy and Jeff, and the entire family up in prayer at this time.

\* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Linda and Gene Montgomery and family at the death of their son-in-law, William Binzer on September 8, 2023. William went from the land of dying to the land of living. Please lift Linda and Gene and the entire family up 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)
- ✝ Zack Lauster (Aaron Lauster's son)
- ✝ Ryan Bruner (Carol and Ross Schwalm 's son-in-law)

## The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Chesterbrook Taiwanese Presbyterian Church - Falls Church, VA
- ✝ Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

## SESSION

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Amy Bean ('25)	703-670-3790
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Morelle Fokwa ('24)	571-409-9435
Ginger Galaini ('25)	571-408-1228
Jon Guest ('25)	703-586-7718
Pat Manalio ('26)	703-283-2948
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Rev. Adam C. Bowling	<i>Moderator</i> 828-448-8914
Sara Porter	<i>Clerk of Session</i> 703-670-8737

## MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

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Sam Parris (Interim)	<i>Evangelism &amp; Outreach</i>	703-946-7226
Marti Hall	<i>Fellowship</i>	703-626-2269
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Pam Cox	<i>Mission</i>	703-441-6319
Mike Gundel	<i>Property</i>	301-767-5030
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Martin Andrews	<i>Worship</i>	703-967-4358
Rev. Adam C. Bowling	<i>Moderator</i>	828-448-8914

## DEACONS

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Agnes Fokwa	Debbie Cornelius	Grace Asafu-Adjaye
Nne Kalu	Gaylene Guest	Sandy Chamberlin
Kathy McNeely	Claire Hoagland	Connie Cox
Donna Seckar	Mary Jones	Ellen Nuernberger
Wilbur Snyder	Mike Slayter	

Mike Slayter, Ministry Team Leader 703-670-4648

# Calendar

## September 24 - October 1, 2023

### SUNDAY, September 24

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional  
 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry  
 9:30 AM 252 Kids Club  
 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study  
 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary  
 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry  
 12:15 PM Spread the Bread Ministry  
 12:15 PM More Light Presbyterian Meeting  
 2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA  
 4:00 PM Youth - Pizza and Kings Dominion

### MONDAY, September 25

10:30 AM Holy Fitness  
 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club  
 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289  
 7:00 PM Bible Buddies

### TUESDAY, September 26

8:30 AM TOPS  
 5:00 PM National Capital Presbytery Meeting  
 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 Bull Run Troubadours  
 7:30 PM AA 101

### WEDNESDAY, September 27

10:30 AM Holy Fitness  
 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal  
 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study  
 7:00 PM FUPCDC Chancel Choir  
 8:15 PM FUPCDC Praise Team  
 8:30 PM Building Fund Re-designation Task Force

### THURSDAY, September 28

3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group  
 7:00 PM Session Meeting  
 8:00 PM AA for Beginners

### FRIDAY, September 29

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

### SATURDAY, September 30

6:00 PM Dinner with Friends

### SUNDAY, October 1

#### World Communion Sunday \*

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion  
 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry  
 9:30 AM 252 Kids Club  
 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study  
 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion  
 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry  
 12:15 PM Spread the Bread Ministry  
 2:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

**\*Wear traditional outfits from your country or culture on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, for World Communion Sunday.**

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Ministers.....	People of the Church
Pastor.....	Rev. Adam C. Bowling
Parish Assistant.....	Pastor Michael Slayter
Youth Director.....	Briana Stewart
Chancel Choir Director.....	Dana Van Slyke
Contemporary Worship Leader.....	Theresa Arnold
Pianist/Organist.....	Dr. Nadia Carmichael
Nursery Supervisor (Interim).....	Christine Willever
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!



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