

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

11:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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828.448.8914

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

At Your Name

Phil Wickham, Tim Hughes (CCLI# 5942543)

WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Elizabeth Glyer

+ GATHERING WORDS

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

Build My Life

Yunker, Martin, Kaple, Redman, Barrett (CCLI# 7070345)

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

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. . .

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE *(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

Death Was Arrested

Adam Kersh Brandon Coker Heath Balltzglier Paul Taylor Smith (CCLI# 7046448)

+ **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.)

PROCLAIMING

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. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He 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." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so 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, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

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 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!)

RESPONDING

+ SONG OF RESPONSE

This is Our God

Lake, Barrett, Wickham, Futick (CCLI #7211413)

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

Great Things

Jonas Myrin, Phil Wickham (CCLI #711321)

+ 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.

SENDING

+ SENDING SONG

Love the Lord

Lincoln Brewster (CCLI #4572938)

+ OUR VISION

Here at First United Presbyterian we are

Welcoming All, Growing Together, Serving with Joy!

+ CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Adam C. Bowling

+ BLESSING RESPONSE

Love the Lord

Lincoln Brewster (CCLI #4572938)

+ *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:**

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.
- * **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, 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 7th or 8th grader or high school student that has not been confirmed, Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, October 1st at 9:45 AM. There will be an informational meeting TODAY, September 24th 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. 27th 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. 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 27th 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.
- ✝ **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** Bring your feathered and furry companions to be blessed on Sunday, October 1st, 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, 4:00 to 6:00 PM.**
- ✝ **DINNER WITH FRIENDS:** Dinner will be at Brittany's in Dillingham Square on Saturday, Sept. 30th 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. Please contact Marti Hall at 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.
- * **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 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 24th**. 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 19th. 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. 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. 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:

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| ✚ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC) | ✚ Zach Lauster (Aaron Lauster's son) |
| ✚ Elizabeth Batista (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter) | ✚ Ryan Bruner (Carol and Ross Schwalm's son-in-law) |
| ✚ David Cornelius, Jr. (Debbie Cornelius' son) | |

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

✠ Chesterbrook Taiwanese Presbyterian Church - Falls Church, VA

✠ Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

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 1st, for World Communion Sunday.**



SCAN TO GIVE

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA

- 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