

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

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

September 3, 2023

10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

### **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**

*Song Without Words*  
Aaron Saha, Pianist

*op. 102, No. 6, Felix Mendelssohn*

### **WELCOME**

Pastor Michael Slayter

### **MINISTRY IN ACTION**

✠ Great Day of Service

Pam Cox

✠ More Light Presbyterians

Claire Hoagland

### + **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 5:1-7*)

Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing.

**Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.**

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

**For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you.**

The boastful will not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

**You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.**

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house,  
**I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.**

### + **OPENING HYMN**

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Dear Heavenly Father, in our troubled nation, we hear of death and illness all around us. Help us to trust in your grace and your infinite wisdom. You have shown us that death is not the end; that because of you, we have nothing to fear. We thank you for the salvation you have given us through Jesus. Help us to see what wonderful love He showed when He gave his life for us. We know that whatever we ask in your name is granted. And so, we ask that you help us to be a blessing to others in their time of need. Keep us ever mindful of your presence because without you we are nothing. Give us wisdom to care for those who are distressed and afraid. You made all things in your wisdom and through your love and grace, you save us for a new life with you. Let us feel your guiding hands and find the faith to trust and follow you. In Christ's name we pray,

**Amen.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We gather as God's people, believing the promises fulfilled in Christ. We do not need to confess out of dread or fear, but in trust that God is faithful to forgive us and make us new. Join me as we pray together responsively. . .

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we have betrayed you by following our own ways.

**We have denied you by fearing to follow yours.**

We have mocked you by not taking your death seriously.

**Lord, we are lost; let your forgiveness find us.**

Hold us in your strong arms and give us new life.

**Live in us and be with us day by day, that together we may make a world that is new.**

Hear us now as we silently lift up to you our private confession of all the shortcomings we have allowed to happen. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Overlooking our weaknesses, God is steadfast in His love for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospels, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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**

Pastor Michael Slayter

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Dear Lord, since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven.

**Amen.**

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 16:21-28 NRSV

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.<sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."<sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

*Dilemma of Perspectives*

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 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**     *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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## **SERVICE OF GIVING**

Music at the Offering

*Mighty to Save*  
Aaron Saha, Pianist

Reuben Morgan, Ben Fielding

## + **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Merciful God, we come with grateful hearts for all the blessings we have from you. Help us to recognize unseen blessings that we take for granted and to use them as gifts to better serve you and your kingdom. We pray that what we offer back to you this day will be acceptable in your sight and that we will use it to be better stewards in your world.

**Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Instructions:** *Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates to receive communion. All the bread is gluten free. Please partake of the elements when you receive them, and dispose of your cups in the baskets provided. You may return to your seats by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward please notify an usher, and a server will bring communion to you in your row, or you may pick up a prefilled communion cup in the Welcome Center. Know that all are welcome to the Table of the Lord.*

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .**

Let us join together in the prayer our Savior taught us, as we say. . .

**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

+ **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Music during Communion *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

+ **SENDING SONG**

*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**

Pastor Michael Slayter

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *We Will Go Out with Joy (Reprise)*

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+ **POSTLUDE**

*Baptism*  
Aaron Saha, Pianist

Crawford Gates

+ *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 ASSISTANT:** Alessandro Trujillo

# 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

- † **GREAT DAY OF SERVICE:** Sign up to participate in our Great Day of Service on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM - noon**. We will gather in the sanctuary at 9:00 AM to pray, sing a song, and split into groups to go into the community to serve! All ages are welcome to sign up and participate in projects that include: packing lunches for the homeless, gardening at Prince William Forest Park, gardening at FUPCDC, joining Project Mend-A-House as they perform yardwork for a local senior resident, or staying at church and making cards for folks who could use some love and cheer and making placemats for Kairos prison ministries. Sign up in the Welcome Center **TODAY** or on the link in the Thursday News.
- † **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY:** Kairos Prison ministry has made a major impact in the lives of 1000's of inmates and this congregation. FUPCDC has been involved with this ministry for more than 15 years in a variety of means in men and women's prisons in the state of Virginia. At least six inmates have given their testimonies here at FUPCDC as to the impact of this program on their lives. They are forever grateful to this congregation and the KAIROS ministry. They have given

their lives to Christ, have transitioned back into society, and been blessed with jobs.

There are several ways in which you can be a part of this ministry:

1. Join the Inside Team for Sussex 1 State Prison. (Sam Parris, Bob Albrecht, Scott Robb, Zeb Zeberlein are members of the inside team.)
2. Join the Outside Team assisting with meals, prayers, and supporting the Inside Team. (Cathy Albrecht and Denise Parris will be with the Outside Team.)
3. Sign up to pray for the team and inmates (look for signups in the future).
4. Sign up to bake homemade cookies that will be brought into the prison and distributed to the inmates and prison staff.
5. Sign up to make placemats (drawings and scripture).

A member of our team will be in the Welcome Center **TODAY and September 10<sup>th</sup>** for signups or to answer any questions or you may contact Sam Parris at [SamJParris@aol.com](mailto:SamJParris@aol.com) or 703-946-7226.

- ✠ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:** Wednesday Night Alive (WNA) is back! Please join your siblings-in-Christ as we fellowship around the dinner table. The first WNA will be on **Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**. Lasagna, salad, and dessert will be served. 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, the Discover First United Program, and a Bible study by Pastor Mike will follow the Wednesday Night meal.
- ✠ **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED PROGRAM:** We invite you to prayerfully consider attending our Discover First United program on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023** in Room 22 after the Wednesday Night meal. 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. 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 on the link in the Thursday News or email Pastor Adam at [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org).
- ✠ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Join us at **7:00 PM in the Triple Room on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** for a Bible study, “A Question of Faith”, with Pastor Mike. The scripture will be Hebrews 11:1-6. Bring your questions, doubts, and comments.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **HELLO FALL!** Here is another opportunity to serve your siblings in Christ. COFFEE! We plan to serve coffee after each service **beginning Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers are needed to set up so the coffee is brewing during the 8:30 service and clean up about 11:20 following the 11:00 service. This means 2 volunteers each Sunday. If you are willing to help, please contact Marti Hall at [martihall@comcast.net](mailto:martihall@comcast.net) or 703-626-2269, and a Signup Genius can be sent to you.
- \* **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM**. Feel free to bring a friend! Contact Sam Parris at 703-946-7266 or [samjparris@aol.com](mailto:samjparris@aol.com).



- \* **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Our book for the fall will be Anxious-Bible Study Book with video Access: Fighting Anxiety With The Word Of God by Scarlet Hiltibidal. This is an eight-week study. We will begin on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm in Room 22 for in-person and by zoom. Please purchase your book. Contact Betty Matthews, [bettysmatthews1@verizon.net](mailto:bettysmatthews1@verizon.net) or Cathy Albrecht, [albrennan3@aol.com](mailto:albrennan3@aol.com) for more information.
- \* **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY:** The 2023-2024 Horizons Bible Study will begin on **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Our study this year is “Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts.” We will together discover what these books of the Bible tell us about Jesus and his message for the church then and now. We meet at **9:30-11:00 AM** in Room 22 from September through June. All are welcome; please join us in opening God's Word together. Contact Sara Porter at [saraporter@comcast.net](mailto:saraporter@comcast.net) or 703-819-5044 for more details.
- \* **NEW SMALL GROUP:** Our new adult study, Adam Hamilton’s Half-Truths is on **Sundays at 9:00 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 **10:15 AM**. Contact Curt Hoagland at [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com) for more information.

## *Student Ministry News*

- ✚ **FALL YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are now available online and in the Welcome Center.
- ✚ **YOUTH DINNER & BIBLE STUDY:** September 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 to 7:30 PM. For more information email or text Youth Director Briana Stewart: [Briana.Stewart@fupcdc.org](mailto:Briana.Stewart@fupcdc.org) or 540-967-7347.
- \* **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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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| ✚ Lee Watenpaugh               | * Debbie Niederriter  | * Karen Gundel    | * Linda Ford     |
| * Amy Smith                    | * Baby Raphael        | * Jeannine Menzie | * Rick Bockes    |
| * Mike Gundel                  | * Tanya               | * Lee Watenpaugh  | * Ann Randles    |
| * Steve and Mary Jane Shervais | * Amanda              | * Doug Godfrey    | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme     | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Nate Johnson   |
| * Bill and Laura Parris        | * Amanda Peck         | * Mikon Jones     | * Sue Johnson    |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin  | * Theresa Arnold      | * Deborah Folly   |                  |

- ✝ Thank you to the Garden Angel who trimmed and cleaned up *The Tom Elliott Memorial Garden*. We are truly grateful for your kindness, love, and hard work. - Becky Elliott and family
- \* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Liz and Kenny Boddye at the death of their son, Cyrus, on August 22, 2023. Please lift the entire family up in prayer at this time.
- \* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Sofie Garrett and family at the death of her granddaughter, Hailey Anne Oristian, on August 10, 2023. Please lift Sofie 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:**

- ✝ Bush Hill Presbyterian Church - Alexandria, VA
- ✝ Calvary Presbyterian Church - Alexandria, VA

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# Calendar

## September 3 -10, 2023

**SUNDAY, September 3**

9:00 AM Adult Small Group  
 10:00 AM Worship - One Service  
 10:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry  
 11:15 AM Spread the Bread Ministry  
 NO PM Youth

**MONDAY, September 4**

**Labor Day**  
**Church Office Closed**  
 10:30 AM Holy Fitness  
 7:00 PM NCA Emmaus Board Meeting  
 8:30 PM Production Meeting - Google Meet

**TUESDAY, September 5**

8:30 AM TOPS  
 9:30 AM Woodbridge Christian Women's Connection  
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B  
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G  
 7:00 PM Growing in Faith Ministry Team  
 7:00 PM Mission Ministry Team  
 7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours  
 7:30 PM AA 101

**WEDNESDAY, September 6**

10:30 AM Holy Fitness  
 8:15 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

**THURSDAY, September 7**

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

**FRIDAY, September 8**

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

**SATURDAY, September 9**

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

**SUNDAY, September 10**

9:00 AM The Church Has Left the Building Mission and Service Sunday  
 1:15 PM Property Ministry Team  
 5:00 PM Youth Dinner & Bible Study

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### DEACONS

**Class of 2024**  
 Agnes Fokwa  
 Nne Kalu  
 Kathy McNeely  
 Donna Seckar

**Class of 2025**  
 Debbie Cornelius  
 Gaylene Guest  
 Claire Hoagland  
 Mary Jones  
 Mike Slayter

**Class of 2026**  
 Grace Asafu-Adjaye  
 Sandy Chamberlin  
 Connie Cox  
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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.....	Vacant
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!



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