# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021 10:00 AM

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# WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

#### + GATHERING SONG

Every Move I Make

Davis Ruis (CCLI# 1595726)

#### Verse

Every move I make I make in You
You make me move Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You
Every step I take I take in You
You are my way Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You

#### **Bridge**

La la

#### Chorus

Waves of mercy waves of grace Everywhere I look I see Your face Your love has captured me Oh my God this love how can it be

# Ending

Jesus

#### WELCOME

#### + CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome this day to the second step on our Lenten Journey.

We come with great hope and expectation as we walk the way of Christ.

Today's journey will demand much of us.

Lord, make us ready to offer ourselves to you.

Come, let us begin again the wondrous excursion.

Let us place our lives in God's abiding love.

Let us worship God!

1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Cathy Albrecht

To find you, Jesus, we must lose ourselves. We don't often comprehend what this means. We are frightened when we hear you say this hard thing. Pour into us your courage, your faithfulness, and your hope that losing ourselves leads us into the resurrection path.

Amen.

Often the first step to change is listening.

We have to listen to those we've hurt.

We have to listen to creation as she cries.

We have to listen to the voice of the oppressed,

If we ever hope to make things right.

So today as we begin our prayer of confession,

We will start with a moment of silence—

A moment to listen.

And then we will pray together trusting that God is always listening to us,

And that God's ears listen with love.

So let us confess, silently and then together. . .

(Silence is Kept)

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cathy Albrecht

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Listening God,

Take what is closed in us and open it.

Take what is distracted in us and settle it.

Take what is hurting in us and hold it.

Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you.

For we are like Peter, O God.

We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see.

And we almost always speak sooner than we listen.

So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us.

We long to hear you more clearly.

We long to know you more fully.

With hope we pray,

And with gratitude we confess.

Amen.

**KYRIE** 

Lord, Have Mercy

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Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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Siblings in Christ,

We confess with gratitude because we know that God already has heard and forgiven us. No matter what we have done or left undone, we are held in God's hand.

So rest in this good news:

God invites us in.

God meets us where we are.

God hears our prayers.

God forgives us.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

+ RESPONSE We Are Forgiven 447

We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.

#### + PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

# WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Adam C. Bowling

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debbie Boisvert

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31-38 NRSV

Debbie Boisvert

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**ANTHEM** 

Disciples of Christ FUPCDC Music Team

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MESSAGE

Again & Again We Are Called to Listen

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 email Pastor Adam, <a href="mailto:Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org">Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org</a>.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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1 Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

2 God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream, with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem. For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease, a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

#### 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

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Martin Andrews, Soloist
Kaleb Brasee, Accompanist

Stuart Townend

+ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

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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

Parker B.

God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, and in the peace you give which passes understanding. Having received so much, we offer all we have, our time, talents, and treasure for your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church.

Amen.

### WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

#### + CLOSING SONG

Shout to the North

Martin Smith (CCLI#:1562261)

#### Verse 1

Men of faith rise up and sing Of the great and glorious King You are strong when you feel weak In your brokenness complete

#### Chorus

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

#### Verse 2

Rise up women of the truth Stand and sing to broken hearts Who can know the healing pow'r Of our awesome King of love

#### Verse 3

Rise up church with broken wings Fill this place with songs again Of our God who reigns on high By His grace again we'll fly

## Bridge

We've been through fire
We've been through rain
We've been refined
By the pow'r of His name
We've fallen deeper
In love with You
You've burned
The truth on our lips

# **Ending**

Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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As you leave this space,

May your mouth speak of God's goodness.

May your arms hold those in need.

May your feet walk toward justice.

May your heart trust its worth.

May your soul dance in God's grace.

And may this be your rhythm-

Again and again,

Until God's promised day.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Go with courage, go with heart, go in peace.

Amen.

+ POSTLUDE

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Robert Lowry, Arr. Marianne Kim

+ Please stand, in body or in spirit.

# **Worship Notes**

\* WELCOME! Whether you are new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting the FUPCDC website, we are delighted you joined us in worship online. Please fill out the online attendance and please let us know if you have any prayer concerns or needs. To find out more about this church, please email the Church Office at office@fupcdc.org or call at 703-670-7834.

# 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 <a href="https://fupcdc.org">https://fupcdc.org</a>.

- \* FUPCDC YOUTUBE CHANNEL: To view worship services and videos, visit the FUPCDC Youtube channel, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC">https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC</a>. 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.

# Ministry in Action

- \* LENTEN DEVOTIONAL: Again & Again, A Lenten Refrain, a devotional will be emailed to you until Easter (about three times each week). Please look for the devotional in your email mailbox.
- \* LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES: A short Lenten scripture and prayer service will be available online each Wednesday at 7:00 PM through March 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - On Thursday, April 1st, we will celebrate Maundy Thursday online at 7:00 PM with virtual communion. You will be able to view these services the same way you view Sunday services on our YouTube channel "FUPCDC Video". The link is <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC">https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC</a>.
  - Chancel Choir will meet at 7:30 PM immediately following each Wednesday prayer service. Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume after Easter on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- \* NEW FLOWER SIGN UP: We have a new way to sign up for flowers! We now have a sign up genius that is quickly filling up. When signing up, please indicate who the flowers are in honor or memory of in the comment section. In addition, after the service the flowers are typically given to a congregational member who is in need of feeling some love from the congregation. If you wish to keep the flowers instead, just indicate this in the comment section or email me. The cost for purchasing flowers continues to be \$40.00. You may pay for them by sending a check into the office made out to FUPCDC. Please write flowers and the Sunday you signed up for in the memo section.
  - Thanks for your patience and flexibility as we switch to this new method. If you have any trouble signing up, please email me at gailzcobb@gmail.com and I will be happy to help you!
- \* FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: This year, we will once again be flowering the large wooden cross for Easter, but due to the pandemic, it will be done a bit differently. We need lots of flowers to make this happen. Here is how you can help. On Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, please bring some home-grown or store bought flowers and place them in one of the large buckets of water that will be placed by the church door. Please remember to wear your mask and socially distance when dropping off your flowers. Members of the worship team will decorate the cross early on Easter morning. The cross will be placed by Minnieville Road so that we can share Easter joy with our neighbors. The Worship team thanks you for your help!

- \* LENTEN STUDY: On Sundays, 8:30 9:30 AM on Zoom, join us for <u>FORGIVENESS</u>: A <u>Lenten Study</u>. This is a Lenten study by Marjorie Thompson, a Presbyterian pastor. She wished to explore the way we practice our approach to our Christian duty. Everyone has experienced or is experiencing forgiveness in some form. Is forgiving the best path to healing for the injured? Are there emotional barriers involved with forgiveness? With lively discussion, and much scripture throughout our 6-week journey, we will create a livable and meaningful definition of forgiveness. While Forgiveness is a Christ taught virtue, we were never given instructions on application!
- \* BIBLE BUDDIES: Zoom Along with the Monday Night Ladies Bible Buddies every Monday at 7:00 PM for Bible Study and Fellowship. Please contact Betty Matthews, 703-618-9127 or <a href="mailto:bettysmatthews1@verizon.net">bettysmatthews1@verizon.net</a> for more information. The Bible Buddies' new study is <a href="mailto:Choose Joy: Because Happiness Isn't Enough">Choose Joy: Because Happiness Isn't Enough</a> by Kay Warren. Illness, financial worries, relational problems, loneliness, anxiety—we all deal with challenging issues. But Warren says that a joy-filled life is within reach, no matter what your circumstances!
- \* PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: We are studying the Gospel of Matthew every Wednesday at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Contact Pastor Adam for the instructions to join via computer or phone. All are welcome. This Bible study will take a short break during Lent. Pastor's Bible study will resume on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- \* CHILDREN'S EDUCATION: Every Sunday, 8:45 9:30 AM, we join King's Grant Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, VA, via Zoom, for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org.
- \* HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY: "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament" is the title of the 2020 2021 women's Bible study. We will meet via Zoom on the second Monday of each month, at 9:30 AM. This is a study on the hope we can find in the scriptures. Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net, or 703-670-8737 for more information.
- \* FUPCDC CONTEMPLATIVE YOGA CLASS VIA ZOOM: Join us for a time to prayerfully release your cares and recharge physically, spiritually, and emotionally. The Contemplative Yoga group has a spot just for you on Saturdays from 8:30-9:10 AM on Zoom. Classes are always free, just click this link to sign up: CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SIGNUP.
- \* SPREAD THE WARMTH: Are you looking for a worthwhile project to do while staying at home? Do you knit or crochet? If so, we have the perfect project for you. Our group makes hats and scarves for our friends in the community who are in need of something warm to wear during the winter. We also make hats for those suffering from cancer. If you would like to help or to find out more information about our group, please contact Elizabeth Glyer at <a href="mailto:lizglyer@gmail.com">lizglyer@gmail.com</a>.
- \* MEN'S GROUP: In lieu of our monthly Men's Breakfast, we now have several small groups of men that meet weekly for 30 minutes for devotion and prayer time. This is a phone-in conference call. We have slots available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Please contact Sam Parris for your slot: 703-946-7266 or email at <a href="mailto:samparris@aol.com">samparris@aol.com</a>.

- \* SPREAD THE BREAD: Spread the Bread is our ministry for people experiencing homelessness. We currently provide a meal each Sunday at 12:20 PM for around 50 people in Prince William County. Volunteer opportunities include making sandwiches, donating drinks and chips, prayer, and more! If you would like to help in any way, please email Jon Guest, <a href="mailto:jon.a.guest@gmail.com">jon.a.guest@gmail.com</a>.
- \* SPREAD THE LOVE: We need volunteers to write cards/notes to those in quarantine or to folks who are experiencing isolation due to COVID-19. Other volunteer opportunities include making phone calls to check in with people who may need socialization. If you would like to volunteer for Spread the Love or suggest people to receive cards or calls, please email Sam Parris, <a href="mailto:samiparris@aol.com">samiparris@aol.com</a>.
- \* EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN: We need volunteers to receive one to two emails a week with prayer requests...and pray! If you would like to volunteer to pray, please contact the Church Office, office@fupcdc.org.

# Student Ministry News

- TONIGHT, February 28th, 7:00 8:30 PM Virtual Game Night on Zoom
- Sunday, March 21st, 7:00 8:30 PM Virtual Game Night on Zoom
- \* TEXT MESSAGES: Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

# Joys and Concerns

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

Ť	Larry Joynt	*	Ann Hoagland	*	Emmanuel Dankyi-Ankoma	*	Jeannine Menzie
Ť	Sandy Godfrey	*	Dana Schnebelt	*	Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh	*	Larry Menzie
Ť	Mike Gundel	*	Derrick Schnebelt	*	Grace Ofosu-Addo	*	Norman Cox
*	David Behrens	*	Kathryn Avery	*	Baby Louisa Wostenholme	*	Lynn Wilson
*	Melissa Behrens	*	Amanda Peck	*	Savannah Simmerman	*	Leigh Anderson
*	James Kent	*	Mary Jackson	*	Jim and Jerolyn Randles	*	Linda Ford
*	Sue	*	Virginia McPherson	*	Sam Parris' Dad	*	Nate Johnson
*	Barb McGill	*	Debbie Niederriter	*	Bill and Laura Parris	*	Joanne Willis
*	Dan McGill	*	Lili Avity	*	Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin	*	Phil Albrecht
*	Mildred Shenk	*	Kym Havens	*	Hunter and Annette Martin	*	Gary Albrecht
*	Becca Whitfield	*	Larry Hodges	*	Jennifer Kerr Shye	*	Tim Elliott
*	Marti Glyer	*	Waddell	*	Marjorie Lawrence	*	Patrick Cobb
*	Jim Lawson	*	Gordon MacDonald	*	Ann * Amanda * Brady	*	Dineen
*	Graceann Case	*	David Glyer				
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- \* Prayers for the residents and staff of Potamac Place. Linda Wolstenholme
- \* Prayers for Anne Labaire, who suddenly lost her husband, Ron. Peter and Liz Glyer

### Celebrations of joy with thanksgiving to God:

- I would like thank all those who sent kind words, prayers for my family and cards following the death of my sister, Anne Woodfin. Your support during this difficult time makes me realize how fortunate I am to be a member of such a caring church family. God bless you all. Claudia Cunningham
- For God to bless and strengthen the Congregational Connections team. They visited me on a chilly, breezy afternoon and made me feel loved. Grace Ofosu-Addo
- The Moy family is very grateful for all the prayers for Baby Dean.

## All those serving abroad in our military, including from our church:

- **†** Kelsey Gibson
- 🗘 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Sam Presley, just deployed to Middle East Mike and Ruth Washburg's nephew

# The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- Oaklands Presbyterian Church Laurel, MD
- 🕈 Old Presbyterian Meeting House Alexandria, VA

# Calendar February 28 - March 7, 2021

#### SUNDAY, February 28

8:30 AM Forgiveness: A Lenten Study via Zoom

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream

7:00 PM Youth - Virtual Game Night via Zoom

#### MONDAY, March 1

10:00 AM Personnel Committee via Zoom

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom 7:00 PM Bible Buddies via Zoom

7:00 PM Electronic Sign Task Force via Zoom 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

#### TUESDAY, March 2

3:00 PM Congregational Connections Committee via Zoom

6:00 PM Mission and Outreach Committee via Zoom
7:00 PM Adult Christian Education Committee via Zoom

#### WEDNESDAY, March 3

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

7:00 PM Lenten Worship service via Zoom

#### THURSDAY, March 4

# FRIDAY, March 5

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

#### SATURDAY, March 6

8:30 AM Contemplative Yoga via Zoom

#### SUNDAY, March 7

8:30 AM Forgiveness: A Lenten Study via Zoom

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream

#### DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.<sup>1</sup>

### 2021 BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Agnes Fokwa	Debbie Cornelius	Bob Albrecht
Deborah Folly	Liz Goolgasian	Sandy Chamberlin
Lisa C. Fortner	Charlotte Stultz	Claudia Cunningham
Kathy McNeely		Pam Emert
Carol Schwalm		Ellen Nuernberger
Celine Sonkwa		Tracy Stevens
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### RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office.<sup>2</sup>

See current ruling elders of FUPCDC on page 16 of bulletin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Part II, Book of Order: 2013/2015, 2013. Published by The Office of the General Assembly, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, p. 26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ibid., p. 60.

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