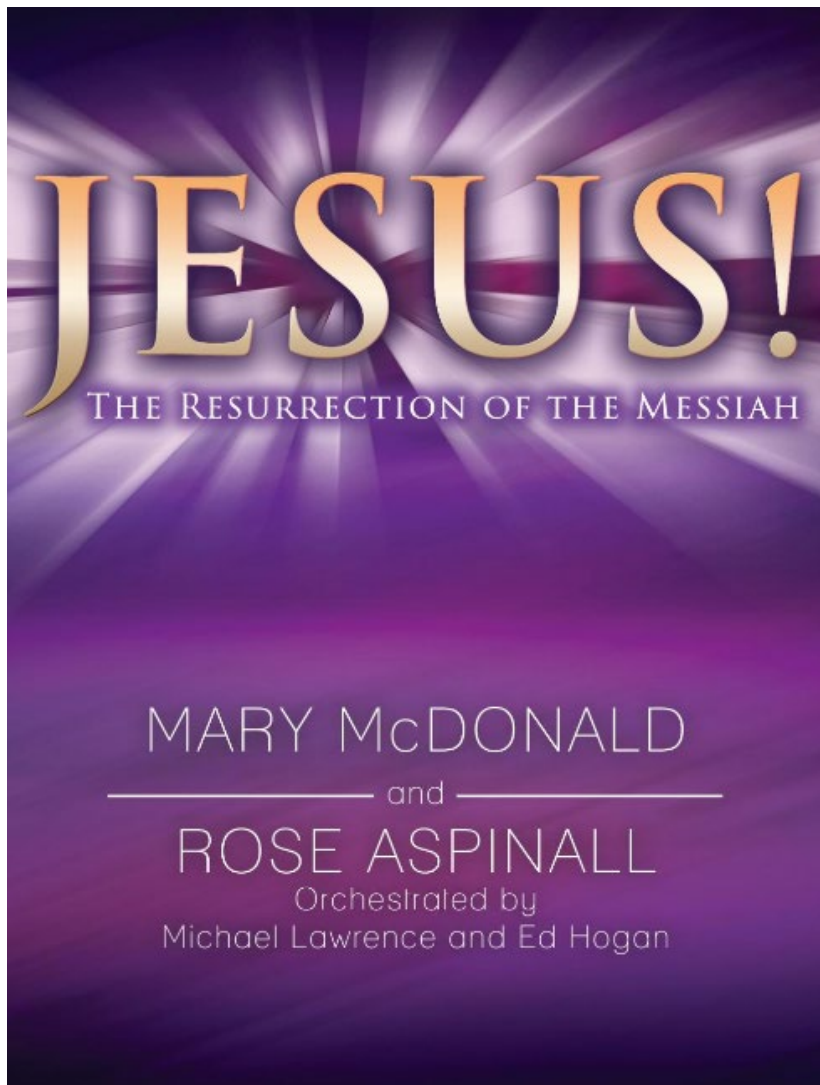


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Palm/Passion Sunday

Easter Cantata

March 28, 2021

10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org

828.448.8914

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

+ **GATHERING SONG**

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Michael O'Shields (CCLI#:11263)

Verse

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)
Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)
I will call upon the Lord

Chorus

The Lord liveth
And blessed be my Rock
Let the God of my salvation be exalted
(REPEAT)

WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

He comes with joy and hope.

He comes to set us free from fear.

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celine Sonkwa

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God's Name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift. Let the joy fill your hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day!

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Celine Sonkwa

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, and then later pronounced “Crucify Him,” we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week help us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, let us now confess our sins to God. . .praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Celine Sonkwa

Adapted from a Prayer of Confession by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

God of palm branches and hallelujahs:

We confess—we love a good Palm Sunday celebration.

We love the sound of a joyful parade.

We love shouting, “hallelujah!”

We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the corner.

We love good news.

However, if we slow down and pay attention,

We know that Palm Sunday was not a walk in the park for you.

There was risk. There was fear. There was the threat of violence.

You were leading a peaceful protest against an unjust empire,

And the whole world knew it.

Forgive us for glossing over the courage this day took.

Remind us that the story of faith is a story of courage,

And even we can do hard things.

Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A time of Silent Confession)

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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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Family of faith,
Even when we gloss over the truth,
Even when our courage fails us,
Even when we doubt that we can do hard things,
God believes in us. God loves us. God forgives us.

Hear and believe this truth:

We are known.

We are loved.

We are forgiven.

Again and again and again.

Thanks be to God!

+ **RESPONSE**

We Are Forgiven

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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**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

2021 Easter Cantata: *Jesus! The Resurrection of the Messiah*

By Mary MacDonald and Rose Aspinall

Accompanied by Justin Streletz

Featuring the FUPCDC Chancel Choir

With Narration by Cathy Albrecht, Bob Chamberlin,
Morelle Fokwa, Liz Glyer, Sara Porter, and Carole Hughes

Direction and Video Editing by Dana Van Slyke

Audio Editing by Conor Van Slyke

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The New Kingdom Overture with Rejoice!

The FUPCDC Choir

That's Where Love Will Find Me

Martin Andrews with Sonya Dunn, Marti Hall, Bob Porter and Ike Evans

Love's Great Price

Kay Evans, Morelle Fokwa, Lois Walker, Marti Hall, Bob Porter, Martin Andrews, Dave Stokes and Ike Evans

I Am He

The FUPCDC Choir

When Hope Fell Silent

Rebecca Anderson, Chris Anderson and Dana Van Slyke

For Love Alone

Chris Anderson, Percussion by Ethan Van Slyke

Resurrection Joy

The FUPCDC Choir

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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, Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

He is The Rock
FUPCDC Music Team

Michael Barrett

**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**

Emily G.

Blessed Lord, we surrender our lives to Your prophetic message of salvation. You have given us the gift of enduring steadfast love. Multiply these gifts, those given online or mailed, so that we may share the magnitude of Your joy-filled message throughout our community and world. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **CLOSING SONG**

My Redeemer Lives

Reuben Morgan (CCLI#: 2397964)

Verse

I know He rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe I believe
My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe

Pre-Chorus

I'll raise a banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

Chorus

My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives

Bridge

You lift my burdens
I'll rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountaintop
To see Your kingdom come

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Adapted from a Charge and Benediction by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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 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**

Triumphal Entry
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Arr. Joel Raney

+ *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 <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.

Ministry in Action

- ✝ **MAUNDY THURSDAY:** 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 <https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC>. Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume after Easter on Wednesday, April 14th.
- ✝ **GOOD FRIDAY - THE LAST WORDS SERVICE:** On Friday, April 2nd, at 2:00 PM on Zoom, eight of those who have served in the office of Moderator for the @pcusa will be sharing the 7 Last Words of Jesus on Good Friday this year.

DATE/TIME: Friday, April 2, 2021

TIME: 2:00 PM EST (open at 1:50 PM)

ZOOM LINK (No registration required): bit.ly/FPCPAGoodFriday

- ✝ **GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE (FRIDAY, April 2nd at 4:00 PM) :** This Good Friday Prayer Service will be hosted by the [Presbyterian Association of Musicians](#) (PAM) and organized by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s [Office of Theology & Worship](#).

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/discover-the-ancient-tradition-of-ordering-time-around-patterns-of-prayer/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Daily+News+from+the+Presbyterian+Church+%28U+S+A%29&utm_campaign=Daily+news+-+March+22%2C+2021

The service will also be livestreamed on the Presbyterian Association of Musicians’ [Facebook page](#).

Register Here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YOu5-tqnTx6vo3MAM1oQQ

- ✝ **CHILDREN’S EDUCATION VIA ZOOM:** There will be no meeting on Easter Sunday, April 4th.
- ✝ **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED PROGRAM:** Prospective members and friends of the church are invited to join us via Zoom at 7 PM on Sunday, April 11th. 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. Register by calling the church office at 703-670-7834, or emailing Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org.

- * **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** The day is here! If you would like to join other Presbyterians in sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world, you can give to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by mailing your check to the church. Please indicate “One Great Hour of Sharing” in the memo line. If you would like to give online, please go to <https://fupcdc.org/give-online> and click on Give Now, then Designated Giving (in the note field please indicate “One Great Hour of Sharing”). Thank you!
“You shall be called repairers of the breach.” - Isaiah 58:12
- * **OUTDOOR LAWN/PARKING LOT WORSHIP:** We look forward to Outdoor Lawn/Parking Lot Worship for the following Sundays (weather dependent). We will still live stream worship these Sundays for those unable to join us on the lawn or from their vehicles.
 - Sunday, April 25th - 10 AM
 - Sunday, May 9th - 10 AM (Mother’s Day)
 - Sunday, May 23rd - 10 AM (Pentecost)
 - Sunday, June 6th - 10 AM (Installation and Ordination of Church Officers)
- * **MINISTRY TEAM LEADS:** On Tuesday, March 16th our Session approved the following Ministry Team Leads for a 2-year term beginning June 6, 2021.

- Administration - Jim Stacy
- Congregational Care - Ellen Nuernberger (Deacon Moderator)
- Fellowship - Betsy Gilbert
- Mission - Pam Cox
- Property - Mike Gundel
- Stewardship - Dennis Dingle
- Worship - Martin Andrews

At this time, we are in the process of filling the two vacant positions (Growing in Faith and Evangelism & Outreach). If you would like to recommend someone or if you are interested in filling one of those positions, please contact Pat Manalio or Pam Cox.

- * **THESE DAYS:** “These Days” (Daily Devotions for Living by Faith) April/May/June 2021 are here! Please contact the Church Office at office@fupcdc.org or 703-670-7834, to receive your book.
- * **NEW BIBLE BUDDIES STUDY:** ANNA - MARY - LYDIA - DORCUS - MARY - MARTHA - MARY MAGDALENE - ELIZABETH: Can we connect with any of these brave, complex, ancient sisters in the faith? Can their stories of dedication remind us of our Christian Call? You are invited to join the Ladies’ Bible Study to learn more about their stories: **From Daughters to Disciples: Women’s Stories From the New Testament** by Lynn Japinga. This new Bible study begins on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. For more information, please contact Betty Matthews through the church office, office@fupcdc.org or 703-670-7834.

- * **ROMANS STUDY:** Join us **April 11th through June 6th** for a 9-week study on the book of Romans. With a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart, N.T. Wright (and FUPCDC leader Curtis Hoagland) will walk you through Romans with this guide designed especially with everyday folks in mind. Perfect for group use, this study uses the popular inductive method combined with Wright's thoughtful insights to bring contemporary application of Scripture to life. This course is designed to help you understand Scripture in fresh ways under the guidance of one of the world's leading New Testament scholars. Thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions, and useful background and cultural information will guide our group more deeply into God's Word. We will look at the early church of Rome and some of their struggles, and how they compare to our world today. Discover how you can participate more fully in God's kingdom. We hope you can join us each Sunday from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM on Zoom. **Class Link:** <http://www.fupcdc.org/class>
- * **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 3rd**, 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!
- * **PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor's Bible study will resume on **Wednesday, April 14th**.
- * **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 2nd grade to 6th grade. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. **There will be no meeting on Easter Sunday, April 4th**.
- * **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 Glycer at lizglyer@gmail.com.
- * **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 samjparris@aol.com.
- * **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, jon.a.guest@gmail.com.
- * **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, samjparris@aol.com.
- * **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

- * **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text [@youthfupc](https://www.facebook.com/youthfupc) to 81010.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

✝ Marla DuBois	* Ann Hoagland	* Emmanuel Dankyi-Ankoma	* Jeannine Menzie
✝ James Hicks	* Tim Elliott	* Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh	* Larry Menzie
* Mini Moyer	* Graceann Case	* Grace Ofosu-Addo	* Norman Cox
* Dale Clements	* Marti Glycer	* Baby Louisa Wostenholme	* Lynn Wilson
* Faison Family	* Amanda Peck	* Savannah Simmerman	* Leigh Anderson
* Tanya	* Mary Jackson	* Jim and Jerolyn Randles	* Linda Ford
* Andrea Tootell	* Mildred Shenk	* Sam Parris' Dad	* Nate Johnson
* David Behrens	* Debbie Niederriter	* Bill and Laura Parris	* Sandy Godfrey
* Melissa Behrens	* Chuck Niederriter	* Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin	* Phil Albrecht
* Sue	* Barb McGill	* Hunter and Annette Martin	* Gary Albrecht
* Waddell	* Dan McGill	* Marjorie Lawrence	* Mike Gundel
* S. Ryan	* Amanda	* Dineen	* Jeanette Gregory

✝ Please lift Charles Crawford, his 4-year old daughter, and his family up in prayer. His wife, Stephanie passed on March 20, 2021. Charles is currently an Army musician serving in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Charles rang with our youth bell choir, Celebration. Some of you will remember him and his family, who were long time members and very active in the church.

✝ Please keep Shari Crosby, daughter Lauren, and their family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of husband, father, and grandfather, Ken Crosby, who was involved in a fatal car accident last Thursday.

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

- ✝ Kelsey Gibson
- ✝ 2nd Lt. Sam Presley, just deployed to Middle East - Mike and Ruth Washburg's nephew

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Church of the Redeemer - Washington, DC
- ✝ Riverside Presbyterian Church - Sterling, VA

Calendar

March 28 - April 4, 2021

SUNDAY, March 28

Palm/Passion Sunday

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

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

MONDAY, March 29

Newsletter Deadline

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, March 30

WEDNESDAY, March 31

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

THURSDAY, April 1

Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM Worship with Communion - Online Live Stream

FRIDAY, April 2

Good Friday

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

2:00 PM *7 Last Words of Jesus* - Zoom Link

4:00 PM Good Friday Prayer Service (must register online)

SATURDAY, April 3

10 AM - 2 PM Flower Drop Off - Flowering of the Cross

SUNDAY, April 4

Easter Sunday

10:00 AM Worship - Communion - 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.¹

2021 BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2021

Agnes Fokwa
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Lisa C. Fortner
Kathy McNeely
Carol Schwalm
Celine Sonkwa

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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.²

See current ruling elders of FUPCDC on page 15 of bulletin.

¹ *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.

² *ibid.*, p. 60.

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About the Easter Cantata Jesus!: The Resurrection of the Messiah

The resurrection of Jesus changed the world and continues to change the world today. ***Jesus! The Resurrection of the Messiah*** tells the intimate story of the grief, the fear, the hope, the love, the tenderness, and the longing of God for his children expressed through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Mary McDonald and Rose Aspinall combined their talents to create a compelling musical that will take you through the emotions of the Triumphal Entry, the raising of Lazarus, the Last Supper, the moment in the garden when Jesus is arrested, the Crucifixion, and finally to the joyous Resurrection.

We hope that you will join us this Palm/Passion Sunday, March 28, for our 10 AM Live Stream of this Cantata. Go to www.fupcdc.org, or search for “FUPCDC Video” on YouTube. All are welcome for this online streaming Easter event!

ECO PALM SUNDAY

celebrate justice

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!"

John 12:12-13



Today in celebration of Palm Sunday, our congregation has partnered with the Presbyterian Hunger Program to use Eco-Palms — a branch truly worthy of celebration.

Meet Anna Sentana. Anna lives in the town of Carmelita, Guatemala, where she and her community rely on the harvesting, processing, and selling of palms for their livelihood. Much of what Anna's community harvests will eventually be used in churches across the U.S. for Palm Sunday celebrations.



Program coordinator Anna Sentana oversees the collection, sorting, and packaging of palms in her community.



Eco-Palms are harvested in a sustainable manner. Harvesters are trained to gather only quality palm fronds in a way that allows the plant to keep growing. The palms are then brought to a community processing building, where the palms are processed and packaged for export.

By contrast, in conventional harvesting, workers are paid based on volume. The more fronds they cut, the more income they generate, encouraging over-harvesting and threatening the rainforest. Middlemen then transport the palms out of communities for processing, where more than 50% of the palms are discarded because of poor quality.

Eco-Palm communities process the palms themselves, capturing more of the profits, improving local communities' standard of living, and ensuring that the money paid for the palms benefit those who labor. Anna's community has built



a processing building to improve working conditions, provided scholarships to students, paid a teacher's salary, and supported elderly members of the community.

As we raise our branches in celebration today, we play an important role in protecting forests, local jobs, and sustainable livelihoods in harvesting communities.



To learn more, visit pcusa.org/ecopalms

The Presbyterian Hunger Program is a proud partner of the Eco-Palms project.

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**A GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 2, 2021, 2 PM EST
LIVE ON ZOOM**