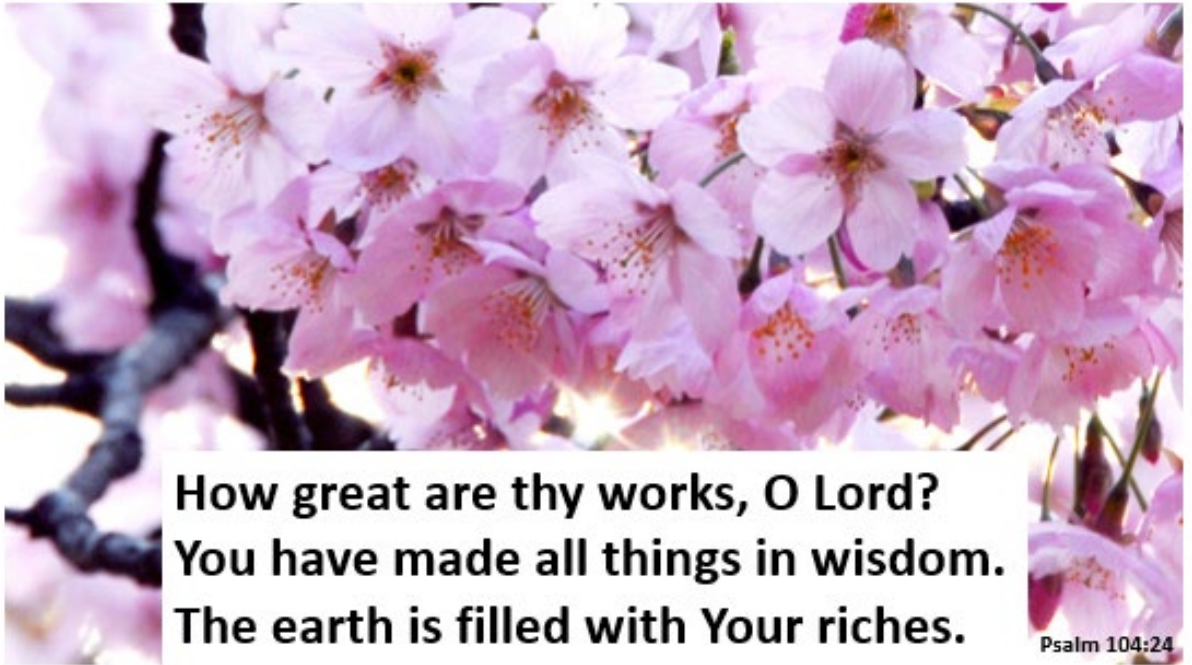


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**How great are thy works, O Lord?  
You have made all things in wisdom.  
The earth is filled with Your riches.**

Psalm 104:24

**Earth Care Sunday  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter  
April 18, 2021  
10:00 AM**

**The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor  
[Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org)  
828.448.8914**

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

### + *GATHERING SONG*

*God Of Wonders* Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong (CCLI#: 3118757)

#### Verse 1

Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

#### Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

#### Verse 2

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

#### Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
You are holy

#### Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me  
Father hold me hold me  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy holy holy

### Chorus 3

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me  
Father hold me hold me

### Ending

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

## WELCOME

### EARTH CARE CONGREGATION RECOGNITION

#### + CALL TO WORSHIP

How wonderful are the works of God!

**We give thanks and praise for the beauty of creation.**

God made all living things—animals, plants, and humans—and calls us to care for and protect them all.

**As people of faith, we strive to care for all of creation.**

God equips and empowers us to live as good stewards.

**Let us worship and praise God together!**

#### + OPENING HYMN

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

8

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid its rage did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
upon the chaos wild and rude,  
and bade its angry tumult cease,  
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,  
all travelers guard in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad praise from air and land and sea.

### ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

Elizabeth Glycer

Almighty God, who has created and is creating, we look around at the beauty of this earth and are amazed by your works. Spectacular sunsets, cheerful birds singing, and beloved pets are all reminders of the wonders of creation. For all of this, we give you thanks.

Bind us together as a community that we might care for one another, building each other up in faith. During this faith climate action week, O God, enliven in us a new energy to care for your creation. Teach us new ways to reduce our waste, and creative ways to reuse items. Empower us to be good stewards of this Earth that we love, and which you have entrusted to us. We pray all of this in Jesus' holy name.

**Amen.**

### ***CALL TO CONFESSION***

Elizabeth Glycer

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, saying. . .

### ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

Elizabeth Glycer

Holy God, you cause rain to fall on the just and unjust. Sometimes we are part of the just, and sometimes we are part of the unjust. You have given us incredible gifts of soil, water, and air that sustain our entire lives. When we are ungrateful, forgive us. When we forget to take care of those resources, forgive us. When we hoard these resources and keep them from others who need them, forgive us. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us to refresh us and renew us so that we can use the gifts you have given in us to care for each other and our earth. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(Silent is kept)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God creates and loves creation

**and God creates and loves us also.**

Just as surely as God makes creation new each morning

**God offers us a new beginning each new day.**

Hearing this good news, know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

+ **RESPONSE**      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (verse1)*

582

*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.**

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Nancy Hummer

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 104:1-25, 31-34 NRSV

Nancy Hummer

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

<sup>2</sup> wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

<sup>3</sup> you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

you make the clouds your chariot,

you ride on the wings of the wind,

<sup>4</sup> you make the winds your messengers,

fire and flame your ministers.

<sup>5</sup> You set the earth on its foundations,

so that it shall never be shaken.

<sup>6</sup> You cover it with the deep as with a garment;

the waters stood above the mountains.

- <sup>7</sup> At your rebuke they flee;  
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
- <sup>8</sup> They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys  
to the place that you appointed for them.
- <sup>9</sup> You set a boundary that they may not pass,  
so that they might not again cover the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills,
- <sup>11</sup> giving drink to every wild animal;  
the wild asses quench their thirst.
- <sup>12</sup> By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;  
they sing among the branches.
- <sup>13</sup> From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
- <sup>14</sup> You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to use,  
to bring forth food from the earth,
- <sup>15</sup> and wine to gladden the human heart,  
oil to make the face shine,  
and bread to strengthen the human heart.
- <sup>16</sup> The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
- <sup>17</sup> In them the birds build their nests;  
the stork has its home in the fir trees.
- <sup>18</sup> The high mountains are for the wild goats;  
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
- <sup>19</sup> You have made the moon to mark the seasons;  
the sun knows its time for setting.
- <sup>20</sup> You make darkness, and it is night,  
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
- <sup>21</sup> The young lions roar for their prey,  
seeking their food from God.
- <sup>22</sup> When the sun rises, they withdraw  
and lie down in their dens.
- <sup>23</sup> People go out to their work  
and to their labor until the evening.
- <sup>24</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works—

<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

839

Viclane Fokwa, Soloist

**MESSAGE**

Our Neighbor Earth

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, [Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org).*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Thine Is the Glory*

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1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

**Refrain:**

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting. **(Refrain)**

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. **(Refrain)**

**SERVICE OF GIVING**

Music at the Offering

*Ma Ding Wa A Tara Nti*  
Morelle Fokwa, Soloist

Joseph Marie Ambomo

*An offering prayer-song in Ewondo, a Cameroonian dialect*

**Translation:**

I love you, Father and Lord,  
It is why I have come to offer you  
baskets of food, product of my hard labor.  
This is my offering.  
Take it Father,  
I give out of love for you.

You are my creator,  
Lord of the universe.  
I give back to you what  
Your hands have made.



These baskets of food  
are the fruit of my labor,  
and I present them to you as an offering.  
Take it Father,  
I give out of love for you.

+ **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* 606

**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**

Clara A.

Lord, please bless these gifts which we have returned to you, to support the ministries and outreach of our congregation. Help us to remember that the earth is also a gift from you. We thank you for all of creation: the plants, animals, stars, lakes, rivers, mountains, fields, and beaches. Enable us to take care of the soil, water, and sky.

**Amen.**

## **CALL TO ORDER FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DALE CITY**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

Loving God, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Fill us with your grace as we make decisions that affect this community of faith. Continue to remind us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of your greater glory, and for the service of humanity.

We ask these things in your name.

**Amen.**

### **RECOGNITION OF CLERK, ELDER SARA PORTER**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR THE MEETING**

Elder Sara Porter

### **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Elder Sara Porter

Additional Nominating Committee Slate for 2021

**Deacon**

- 1) Agnes Fokwa (Class of 2024)
- 2) Nne Kalu (Class of 2024)
- 3) Anne Green (Class of 2022 - filling an unexpired term)

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ELECTRONIC VOTE**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

+ **CLOSING SONG** *You Shall Go Out with Joy/The Trees of the Field* 80

The Anderson Family, Musicians

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy.

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ **POSTLUDE** *They Will Know We Are Christians*

Peter Scholtes, Arr. Mark Hayes

Justin Streletz, Pianist

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

## Additional Nominating Committee Slate for 2021 DEACONS

### **Agnes Fokwa (Class of 2024)**

Agnes joined FUPCDC in 2011. She has served the church by participating in Bible Study, Prayers for the Pastor, Greeter, and special music with her family. Agnes is a CNA/ Medication Aide. She is married to Charles and they have five children: Guylaine, Viplane, Morelle, Hilary, and Joel.



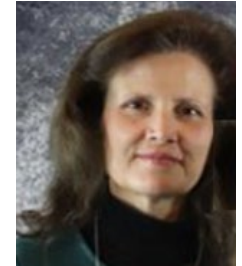
### **Nne Kalu (Class of 2024)**

Nne joined FUPCDC in 2011. She is from Nigeria, West Africa. Nne is married to Chief Obasi Kalu and has three step children. She is a nurse by profession and is working with Access Home Care.



### **Anne Green (Class of 2022 - filling an unexpired term)**

Anne and her husband, Dan, joined FUPCDC in 2000, soon after moving to Woodbridge. They have four children: John, Sherman, Elizabeth, and Mary. Anne was ordained as a Deacon at her childhood Presbyterian church before she and Dan were married. Also, she previously served as Deacon in Ohio and at FUPCDC. Anne works part time at Chinn Park Library and in her spare time loves to knit. She has been a member of Spread the Warmth since it began.



# *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](mailto:office@fupcdc.org) or call at 703-670-7834.
- \* **FLOWERS** are given by Charlotte Stultz in sympathy for those affected by COVID-19 and its many effects.

# *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*

- \* **SAFETY AND SECURITY:** The session has approved (with recommendation from the Safety and Security Committee) that the church will remain closed for all indoor activities until June 12, 2021. The committee remains committed to evaluate all information, statistics and CDC recommendations on a monthly basis. In addition, the committee approved outdoor service gatherings over the next 3 months, please watch for that information. Session has also formed a church reopening task force to identify those items we will need to do in order to reopen the facility. Please keep all of this in your prayers and if you have any questions, please contact Jon Guest - 703-586-7718 or [jon.guest@fupcdc.org](mailto:jon.guest@fupcdc.org).

- \* **FRIENDS ARE FLOWERS IN THE GARDEN OF LIFE!:** The gardens surrounding our church at FUPCDC are looking for some new friends to love them! A few of the areas only require periodic weeding and other areas are visible so others can enjoy the beauty of God's creation! Could you use some great fresh air and exercise? Please contact me at: [gretchenasnyder@aol.com](mailto:gretchenasnyder@aol.com)!
- \* **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 25<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM
  - Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM (Mother's Day)
  - Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 10 AM (Pentecost)
  - Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM (Installation and Ordination of Church Officers)
- \* **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 on **Mondays, at 7:00 PM** via Zoom. For more information, please contact Betty Matthews through the church office, [office@fupcdc.org](mailto:office@fupcdc.org) or 703-670-7834.
- \* **ROMANS STUDY:** Join us 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>
- \* **PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Adam's Bible Study on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**, via Zoom, is continuing the study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome. If you would like to join this study, please contact Pastor Adam at [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org).
- \* **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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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 [lizzglyer@gmail.com](mailto:lizzglyer@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@fupcdc.org).

## *Student Ministry News*

- \* **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

# Joys and Concerns

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

- ✚ Lenny Fennimore \* Ann Hoagland \* Emmanuel Dankyi-Ankoma \* Jeannine Menzie
- ✚ Giselle Fennimore \* Marjorie Lawrence \* Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh \* Larry Menzie
- ✚ Kath Purcell \* Graceann Case \* Grace Ofosu-Addo \* Jeanette Gregory
- \* Mike Gundel \* Marti Glycer \* Baby Louisa Wostenholme \* Lynn Wilson
- \* Faison Family \* Amanda Peck \* Savannah Simmerman \* Leigh Anderson
- \* Tanya \* Mary Jackson \* Sam Parris' Dad \* Linda Ford
- \* Andrea Tootell \* Mildred Shenk \* Bill and Laura Parris \* Nate Johnson
- \* David Behrens \* Debbie Niederriter \* Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin \* Sandy Godfrey
- \* Melissa Behrens \* Chuck Niederriter \* Hunter and Annette Martin \* Phil Albrecht
- \* Dale Clements \* Barb McGill \* Maureen \* Amanda \* Gary Albrecht
- \* Mini Moy \* Dan McGill \* Dineen \* Waddell \* Norman Cox
- \* Dale Clements \* Scott Peterman \* Charlie Ashton \* Tim Elliott

✚ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Mick Stamps and family at the death of Mick's wife, Sandy Stamps (FUPCDC Jubilation Bells ringer). Please lift Mick and the family up in prayer.

✚ Prayers for the family of James Hicks who passed last week.

\* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Linda Montgomery and the families of her sister, Joan Brown, and her aunt, Mary Garland Lunsford. Linda's sister and aunt passed on Good Friday, April 2, 2021. Please lift Linda and the families up in prayer during this time.

\* Prayers for Craig Layton and the family of Fred Evans of Arizona. Fred, a close friend of Craig Layton, went to be with the Lord on April 6, 2021. Please lift Craig and Fred's family up in prayer.

\* Prayers for Sonya Dunn's father, Bobby, and the family, at the death of his longtime partner. She passed on April 1, 2021.

## Celebrations of joy with thanksgiving to God:

✚ Prayer of praise that my heart procedure produced the regular rhythm that they were going for. And that just before Easter, I was able to hug my mother and hold her hand while visiting in Erie, PA. - Sandy Godfrey

✚ Thank you to my church family for their thoughts and prayers. - Leigh Anderson

✚ We are thankful that Jim and Jerolyn Randles are doing well and are back in their home with assistance. - Ann and Doug Randles

\* "Members of FUPCDC, words cannot express our thanks for all of your prayers and concerns these past yeas for Karen. She's with our Lord now after a long struggle with leukemia. Know you've made her journey easier. She had such a strong spirit and much faith. This Easter will bring many blessings and PEACE to our family and to yours. God's Blessings to all." - Nancy Bertocci

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:

✝ Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

✝ Silver Spring Presbyterian Church - Silver Spring, MD

# Calendar

## April 18 - 25, 2021

### SUNDAY, April 18

#### Earth Care Sunday

8:30 AM Romans Bible Study via Zoom

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

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

2:30 PM Music Team Recording Session

### MONDAY, April 19

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, April 20

7:00 PM Session

### WEDNESDAY, April 21

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

7:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom

8:00 PM Sound Training - Production Team

### THURSDAY, April 22

### FRIDAY, April 23

#### Earth Day

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

### SATURDAY, April 24

8:30 AM Contemplative Yoga via Zoom

### SUNDAY, April 25

8:30 AM Romans Bible Study via Zoom

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Outdoor/Lawn/Parking Lot - 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**  
Agnes Fokwa  
Deborah Folly  
Lisa C. Fortner  
Kathy McNeely  
Carol Schwalm  
Celine Sonkwa

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Liz Goolgasian  
Charlotte Stultz

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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 18 of bulletin.

<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>2</sup> *ibid.*, p. 60

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 Contemporary Worship Directors..... Becca and Chris Anderson  
 Children's/Youth Choir Directors..... Becca and Chris Anderson  
 Jubilation Handbell Director..... Ike Evans  
 Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige  
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