

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

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

We Three Kings

John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Arr. Patti Drennan
Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ CALL TO WORSHIP *(Isaiah 60)*

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us praise the Lord together.

**The sun shall no longer be our light by day,
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,**

For the Lord will be our light,
and our God will be our glory.

**The Lord will be our everlasting light,
and our days of sorrow will end.**

Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

+ OPENING HYMN

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

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PRAYER OF THE DAY *(based on Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12)*

God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence. A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem—Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child. A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION *(John 3:19-21)*

Jesus calls us to confess our sin with these words: "Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. All who do evil hate the light, and will not come to the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what each one has done has been done through God." Let us now confess our sins before God and one another, praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Christ. The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure. We do not come simply to worship: we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, and wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions for not-so-important requests that we heap before him. But the Magi sought first the kingdom. Help us, God, to follow their example, putting our own need in perspective, worshiping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the midst of our darkness and ignorance,

the bright light of God's love shines through, healing our anguished souls.

Rejoice, beloved of God, for God's love and forgiveness are given to you this day.

Thanks be to God!

+ **RESPONSE** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (verse 1)* 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.

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our minds to understand the wisdom of your Word, O God. Open our ears to hear the good news your scripture shares with us. Open our lips to declare your righteousness and open our hearts to receive the gift of your salvation in the birth of Jesus.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6 NRSV

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Tell It on the Mountain
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Raney, Hogan

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

SERMON

Star Words

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please speak with Pastor Adam or someone at the Welcome Table in the back of the sanctuary. For those worshiping online, please email Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* 151

SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

What Child Is This
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Arr. David Lanz

+ **DOXOLOGY** 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**

Living God, your radiance shines in the beauty of creation. In Christ your Son, you have given the world eternal light that burns brightly in the midst of darkness. Like the magi, when you draw us near, we are overwhelmed with joy! Lead us by your Spirit to share your warmth and grace with our neighbors. Let our lives in this new year be an offering. We pray through Christ, the light of the world.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Instructions: Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates to pick up your new 2022 Star Word from the basket. Then, proceed to the table to receive the bread and partake, and then receive the small cup of juice and partake. Empty cups can be placed in the baskets on your way back to your seat using the outside aisle. If you cannot come forward, a server will bring communion to you in your row.

Individual prefilled communion cups (including gluten-free) can also be picked up as you enter the sanctuary.

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. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

Albert Hay Malotte

. . . 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 *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

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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

+ **HYMN** *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* 152

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *As with Gladness Men of Old (verses 1, 2)* 150

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

+ **POSTLUDE**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Justin Stretetz, Pianist

GO, TELL IT, 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, we are delighted you joined us in worship. Please come to the Welcome Table at the rear of 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, adam.bowling@fupcdc.org.
- * **BELL RINGER:** Ike Evans (8:30)
- * **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** Douglas Randles (8:30)
Richard Bennett (11:00)

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

- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** There will be no Wednesday Night Alive Meal on January 5th. Please join us on January 12th for Tuscan Chicken at 6:00 PM for Food, Fellowship, and Faith. Drinks and dessert will be provided and there is no charge, but donations will be taken to cover the cost of the food. Please contact Gaylene Guest at 703-398-7449 with any questions.
- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** There will be no Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study on January 5th. Join us on January 12th at 7:00 PM in Room 22 or join us by Zoom.
- * **2021 CONTRIBUTIONS:** The Stewardship and Finance Team want to thank you for all of your support of the church in 2021. We sent out November 30 Contribution Statements on 12/3/2021. It is hard to believe that the end of 2021 is here, so we wanted to remind you of some key year end deadlines. Any checks received in the offering of January 2, 2022 with a 2021 date will be included in your 2021 year end statement (to be issued on 1/6/2022). Please note that items received via USPS after 12/31/2021 will slip into 2022 no matter what date is given. If any you have any questions, please send them to treasurer@fupcdc.org.

Student Ministry News

- * **YOUTH ADVISORS (ADULT VOLUNTEERS):** We are looking for Youth Advisors (Adult Volunteers). Please contact Pastor Adam if you are interested in helping with Student Ministry.
- * **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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| ✚ Arianna Moy | * Betty Little | * Sharon Patrick Dryden | * Jeannine Menzie |
| ✚ Teagan Quigley | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | * Larry Menzie |
| ✚ Jackson Judy | * Tanya | * Grace Ofosu-Addo | * Sandy Godfrey |
| ✚ Connie Fee | * Gary Albrecht | * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Lynn Wilson |
| * Jean Peterman | * Keith Albrecht | * Savannah Simmerman | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Curt Hoagland | * Ashleigh and Dan | * Sam Parris' Dad | * Linda Ford |
| * Gretchen Snyder | * Sandra D'Imperio | * Bill and Laura Parris | * Marti Hall |
| * David Behrens | * Mark and Angelica | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbir | * David Stokes |
| * Melissa Behrens | * Scott Peterman | * Hunter and Annette Martin | * Norman Cox |
| * Andrea Tootell | * Martha Manning | * Ann and Dineen Hoagland | * Nate Johnson |
| * Baby Raphael | * Sam Draper | * Jennifer Wenzel Austin's Mother-In-Law | |
| * Melissa Stewart | * Phillip Ford | * Theodore | * Amanda |
| * Andy Stewart | | | |

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

- ✚ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC)
- ✚ Elizabeth Batista, Lackland Air Force in Tech School (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter)

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✚ Lewinsville Presbyterian Church - McLean, VA
- ✚ Litchfield Presbyterian Church - Remington, VA

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Calendar

January 2 - 9, 2022

SUNDAY, January 2

Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion
9:30 AM Children's Education
9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion
1:00 PM Peace Church

MONDAY, January 3

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, January 4

8:30 AM TOPS
1:00 PM Al-Anon
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
7:00 PM Growing in Faith Ministry Team
7:30 PM AA 101

WEDNESDAY, January 5

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289
7:00 PM Peace Church Prayer Meeting
No Wednesday Night Alive Meal
No Pastor's Bible Study

THURSDAY, January 6

Epiphany

3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
5:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Webelos
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2279
7:00 PM Administration Ministry Team
8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, January 7

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, January 8

9:00 AM Worship Ministry Team
Remove Decorations

SUNDAY, January 9

Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
9:30 AM Children's Education
9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
1:00 PM Peace Church
1:15 PM Property Ministry Team

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2022
 Debbie Cornelius
 Liz Goolgasian
 Anne Green
 Charlotte Stultz

Class of 2023
 Bob Albrecht
 Sandy Chamberlin
 Claudia Cunningham
 Pam Emert
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 Children's/Youth Choir Directors..... Becca and Chris Anderson
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 Little Hands Preschool Director..... Tiffany Ramsey
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Attendance and Prayer Requests

Since we have temporarily suspended passing the friendship register, we request that those who attend worship in person sign in at one of the new attendance stations. If you are worshipping from home, or don't feel comfortable signing in at a station, you can register your attendance and prayer requests using the online form, which is located on our website at fupcdc.org/attend or by scanning this QR Code with your mobile device.



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

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Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366