

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2024

8:30 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

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

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Dr. Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

WINCHESTER NEW

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

We are marked as God's beloved ones.

What have we done to deserve God's love?

God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

God's love never vanishes from us.

Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us!

+ OPENING HYMN

Take Me to the Water

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Broken? God promises to make us whole. Lost? God promises to come and find us, gather us up, and bring us home. Confused about tomorrow? God promises our future is grounded in love. Let us confess that, though we have heard the promises over and over, we have trouble believing them, as we pray together saying. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who delivers and redeems, we have failed to live into the promise of new life offered at Baptism. We have been afraid to enter troubled waters to help the poor and downtrodden. We have been afraid to walk with those burned by the system of sin and oppression. We have sought ease and comfort in exchange for ignoring the hungry and sick in our world. Forgive us when we have seen our faith in such narrowness, thinking of only our own salvation. Forgive us when we have not lived for others, when we have not been willing to risk ourselves for the sake of others. Call us into new life, a life that is lived in the promise of your love for the whole world. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for you and for all.
Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do,
whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not:

You are accepted, you are welcomed.

You are washed clean, you are raised up.

You are forgiven, you are set free.

In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.

**In the waters of baptism we are set free to let go of what is old and broken,
to live a new life in the resurrection,
and to follow together a joyful way,
after Jesus Christ, our loving Savior.
Thanks be to God!**

+ RESPONSE

Baptized in Water (verses 1,2)

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**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

+ 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

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As water splashed across our face awakens us in the morn, may your Word awaken us to your presence. Wash us in your wisdom, bathe us in your goodness, refresh us with your grace, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:1-2 NRSV

But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.

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

ANTHEM

Into the Waters
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

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GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:4-11 NRSV

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

OUR MISSION

Here at First United Presbyterian we are
 "Following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, we are a compassionate and accepting community responding to the world with action, hope, and love for all of humanity and creation. We impact lives by sharing the good news of God's transforming love and grace."

SERMON

We Are the Church: From the Waters

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 right outside the sanctuary. For those worshipping online, please email Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERVICE OF GIVING

+ Hymn of Response

My Life Flows On

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+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Through the power of your Spirit, bless these gifts that they might be used to the glory of your name.

Seal us in our baptismal waters to put them to faithful work that they might support the missions of our calling.

This we pray in your abundant name.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Father which 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.

Worship Notes

- * **WELCOME!** Whether new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting, we are delighted you joined us in worship. Please come to the Welcome Table right outside the sanctuary after the service to fill out an info card and to receive a special gift. To find out more about this church, please call the Church Office at 703-670-7834 or speak with Pastor Adam.
- * **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:**

Alessandro Trujillo	(8:30)
Pam Cox	(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.
- * **THURSDAY NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED:** To read about all the great things that are happening at FUPCDC, you can receive a weekly email. To sign up for the Thursday News, go to <https://fupcdc.org> and click on the church email signups button or email the church office at office@fupcdc.org.
- * **CONNECT CARD/PRAYER CARD:** If you are new to FUPCDC or you need to update your information, please fill out a Connect Card. On the back side is the Prayer Card. It would be our honor to pray for your joys and concerns. Please drop the card in the Prayer Request box in the Welcome Center.

Ministry in Action

- ✚ **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL/PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** There will be NO Wednesday Night Meal and NO Pastor's Bible Study in January. Wonderful Wednesdays will begin again on Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday.
- ✚ **RISE AGAINST HUNGER: SAVE THE DATE!** On April 20th at 9:00 AM, we will host the seventh Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event at FUPCDC. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting event.
- * **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** We are studying from The Parables of Jesus by Gladys Hunt. Join us today at 9:45 AM in the Triple Room. Contact Curt Hoagland for more information at choagieva@yahoo.com.
- * **252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** We will meet today at 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM. The 252 Kids Club will meet at 9:30 AM. Contact Kim Brown at kim.brown@fupcdc.org for more information.

Student Ministry News

- ✚ **BOWLING:** Please join us TODAY at 5 PM for bowling. The cost is \$10. Bring socks and a friend. Contact Briana Stewart for more information.
- ✚ **CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** Students that have been in confirmation this year or were in the previous confirmation class are invited to a weekend confirmation retreat at Massanetta Springs February 2nd - 4th. We will meet at the church Friday after school and travel to Massanetta Springs as a group. Registration will cost \$50/ student but need-based scholarships are available! Contact Briana Stewart at (540) 967-7347 or briana.stewart@fupcdc.org to register or with any questions.
- * **SPRING YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are now available online and in the Welcome Center.
- * **STUDENT MINISTRY EMAILS:** Sign up to receive Student Ministry emails. Ask Briana Stewart how to do this, or go to the FUPCDC website.
- * **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text [@youthfupc](https://www.instagram.com/youthfupc) to 81010.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:


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| ✝ Bill Bowling | * Debbie Niederriter | * Karen Gundel | * Linda Ford |
| * Charlie and Martha Ashton | * Baby Raphael | * Jeannine Menzie | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Mike Moore | * Tanya | * Doug Godfrey | * Nate Johnson |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Amanda | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Sue Johnson |
| * Bill and Laura Parris | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Mikon Jones | * Dave Stokes |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Steve Glycer | * Lee Watenpaugh | * Marti Hall |
| * Sarpong Amakao | * Pat Greenhalgh | * Linda | * Shirley |
| | | | * Mike Gundel |

All those serving in our military who are stationed away from home, including from our church:

- ✝ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC)
- ✝ Elizabeth Batista (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter)
- ✝ David Cornelius, Jr. (Debbie Cornelius' son)
- ✝ Zach Lauster (Aaron Lauster's son)
- ✝ Ryan Bruner (Carol and Ross Schwalm's son-in-law)

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Grace Presbyterian Church - Springfield, VA
- ✝ Greenwich Presbyterian Church - Nokesville, VA



MISSION STATEMENT:

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS CHRIST. WE ARE A
COMPASSIONATE AND ACCEPTING COMMUNITY RESPONDING TO THE
WORLD WITH ACTION. HOPE. AND LOVE FOR ALL OF HUMANITY AND
CREATION. WE IMPACT LIVES BY SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S
TRANSFORMING LOVE AND GRACE.

Calendar

January 7 - 14, 2024

SUNDAY, January 7

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion
 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 9:30 AM 252 Kids Club
 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class
 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion
 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 12:15 PM Spread the Bread Ministry
 12:15 PM More Light Presbyterians Meeting
 1:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion
 5:00 PM Youth - Bowling

MONDAY, January 8

9:30 AM Horizons Bible Study
 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
 11:00 AM Bel Air Woman's Club Board Meeting
 1:00 PM Personnel Committee
 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Tiger Den
 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Wolf Den
 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
 7:00 PM Girl Scout Service Unit 80-5

TUESDAY, January 9

8:30 AM TOPS
 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 226
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964
 7:00 PM Congregational Care Ministry Team
 7:00 PM Evangelism & Outreach Ministry Team
 7:00 PM Worship Ministry Team
 7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours
 8:00 PM Building Fund Re-designation Task Force

WEDNESDAY, January 10

10:30 AM Holy Fitness
 7:00 PM FUPCDC Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, January 11

10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
 7:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team
 7:00 PM Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team
 7:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion
 8:00 PM AA for Beginners

FRIDAY, January 12

10:30 AM Holy Fitness
 8:00 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion

SATURDAY, January 13

SUNDAY, January 14

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 9:30 AM 252 Kids Club
 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class
 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
 11:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
 12:15 PM Spread the Bread Ministry
 1:15 PM Property Ministry Team
 1:30 PM Iglesia Pentecostal De Restauracion
 NO PM Youth

SESSION

Cathy Albrecht ('26)	703-670-8369
Amy Bean ('25)	703-670-3790
Debbie Cornelius ('24)	703-646-4297
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Ginger Galaini ('25)	571-408-1228
Jon Guest ('25)	703-586-7718
Pat Manalio ('26)	703-283-2948
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Rev. Adam C. Bowling	<i>Moderator</i> 828-448-8914
Sara Porter	<i>Clerk of Session</i> 703-670-8737

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Amy Bean (Interim)	<i>Administration</i>	703-670-3790
Mike Slayter	<i>Congregational Care</i>	703-670-4648
Sam Parris (Interim)	<i>Evangelism & Outreach</i>	703-946-7226
Marti Hall	<i>Fellowship</i>	703-626-2269
Curt Hoagland	<i>Growing in Faith</i>	703-380-3819
Pam Cox	<i>Mission</i>	703-441-6319
Mike Gundel	<i>Property</i>	301-767-5030
Dennis Dingle	<i>Stewardship & Finance</i>	703-583-9689
Martin Andrews	<i>Worship</i>	703-967-4358
Rev. Adam C. Bowling	<i>Moderator</i>	828-448-8914

DEACONS

Class of 2024

Agnes Fokwa
Nne Kalu
Kathy McNeely
Donna Seckar
Wilbur Snyder

Class of 2025

Debbie Cornelius
Gaylene Guest
Claire Hoagland
Mary Jones
Mike Slayter

Class of 2026

Grace Asafu-Adjaye
Sandy Chamberlin
Connie Cox
Ellen Nuernberger
Deborah Folly

Mike Slayter, Ministry Team Leader 703-670-4648

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Ministers.....People of the Church
 Pastor.....Rev. Adam C. Bowling
 Parish Assistant..... Pastor Michael Slayter
 Nursery Supervisor..... Taylor Woods
 Children’s Ministry Director Kim Brown
 Youth Director.....Briana Stewart
 Chancel Choir Director..... Dana Van Slyke
 Contemporary Worship Leader..... Rachel Bradley
 Pianist/Organist..... Dr. Nadia Carmichael
 Sexton..... Homer Detrich
 Office Manager..... Kim Parker



SCAN TO GIVE



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA is a PC(USA) Congregation. We are a Matthew 25 church that is Earth Care Certified and part of the More Light Presbyterians—ALL are welcome and wanted!



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