

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

8:30 AM

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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

On Jordan’s Stormy Banks
Justin Streletz, Pianist

M. Durham, Arr. Mark Hayes

+ 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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, in the waters of the Jordan you claimed Jesus as your beloved Son. Send your Holy Spirit to anoint us, that we may be filled with your grace and live as your beloved children; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 (verse 3)

482

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully 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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17 NRSV

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

As a Little Child
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Martin

SERMON

All Together

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 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

+ **SERVICE OF GIVING AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Instructions: *During the hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," for those who wish to do so, they are invited to come forward, by way of the center aisle, to the baptismal font. Dip your hand into the water, and place some on your own forehead as a reminder of your baptism. Remember that you are a beloved child of God. If you brought an offering, you can also place it in the offering boxes at this time. Please return to your seat by way of the outside aisle. Those worshiping at home are invited to go to a source of water in their own home and do the same thing.*

+ **REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

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

Amen.

+ **REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 475

+ **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**

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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Donna Seckar - Deacon (Class of 2023)

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

QUESTIONS TO THE OFFICER

Book of Order, W-4.4003

Regarding Personal Faith:

(1) Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **“I DO.”**

(2) Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you? **“I DO.”**

Regarding Doctrine:

(3) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **“I DO AND I WILL.”**

(4) Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **“I WILL.”**

Regarding Government:

(5) Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit? **“I WILL.”**

Regarding Discipline:

(6) Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **“I WILL.”**

(7) Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **“I DO.”**

Regarding the Duties of the Office:

(8) Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **“I WILL.”**

(9) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **"I WILL."**

Questions to the Congregation:

Book of Order, W-4.4004

(1) Do we, the members of the church, accept this individual as a deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, please say **"WE DO."**

(2) Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? If so, please say **"WE DO."**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

STATEMENT OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

- + **HYMN** *We Know That Christ Is Raised* 485
- + **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Adam C. Bowling
- + **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Baptized in Water (verses 1 and 3)* 482
- + **POSTLUDE** *Wade in the Water* SPIRITUAL, Arr. Paul Johnston
Justin Streletz, Pianist
- + *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

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:**

Douglas Randles	(8:30)
Michael Slayter	(11:00)
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Claire and Curt Hoagland in memory of Harry Hoagland and Ann Travers.

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

- ✝ **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED PROGRAM AND LUNCH:** We invite you to prayerfully consider attending our Discover First United lunch and program **TODAY, Sunday, January 8, 2023** in Room 27 from **12:15 PM until 1:30 PM**. 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 and/or membership. We also promise to honor your time and end the program by 1:30 PM. If you are new to FUPCDC, are interested in possibly joining the church, or becoming an official “Friend of the Church,” the Discover First United Program is for you! Please join us in Room 27, if you are interested.
- ✝ **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on Sundays beginning **TODAY, January 8th at 9:45 AM** for the Bible study, “The Lord’s Prayer” by Adam Hamilton. Contact Curt Hoagland, choagieva@yahoo.com for questions.
- ✝ **252 KIDS CHILDREN’S MINISTRY:** We meet at **9:45 AM in Rooms 1 and 2**. This month, our preschoolers are going to step into their own **Wonderful Workshop** as we discover some of the amazing things Jesus did. Our kindergarten through sixth grade students will learn about knowledge as they enter our **Think Tank**. God is the author of knowledge. Everything we know to be true about the world is because of God. And while we may never know all there is to know ABOUT God, there are lots of ways we can get to KNOW God. Contact Erin Bowling at erinkbowling@gmail.com for more information.
- ✝ **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Come join us for a new Bible study, beginning **Monday, January 16th at 7:00 PM**, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus*. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt, as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place? And what can Jesus’ grandmothers-of-the-faith teach us? By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is. We will meet on Mondays in Room 22 at 7:00 PM beginning January 16th. Please contact Betty Matthews, bettysmatthews1@verizon.net for more information.
- ✝ **WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE:** Beginning **Sunday, January 8th**, our church will be collecting winter clothing for students at Dale City Elementary School as part of our partnership with their school. State law requires students to participate in outdoor activities when the outside temperature is above 32 degrees. For students without appropriate clothing, this can be very cold. We would like to collect warm tops, warm bottoms, hats, gloves, and warm socks for the children. The school will be providing us with specific requests for sizes. These requests will be available in the Narthex on Sunday. The congregation was so very generous with the food supplies for the school. We hope we can be equally generous in assisting the students in need of warm clothing. **The winter clothing drive ends on Sunday, January 22nd.**

- * **FLOWER SIGN UP FOR 2023: New dates have been added to the Flower Sign Up Genius for 2023. It filled up quickly last year!** To sign up, you may click on the link on the FUPCDC Thursday News or if you have signed up in the past, an email may be sent to you. 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 used by the deacons for the Flower Ministry and are 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. You may also pay online on the church website. If you have any trouble signing up, please email me at gailzcobb@gmail.com and I will be happy to help you!

Student Ministry News

- ✝ **YOUTH LASER TAG TRIP (TODAY):** Check your email or talk to Pastor Adam for information.
- ✝ **YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT:** Sunday, January 15th
- * **YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are now available online and in the Welcome Center.
- * **STUDENT MINISTRY EMAILS:** Sign up to receive Student Ministry emails. Ask Pastor Adam how to do this, or go to the FUPCDC website.
- * **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

DEACONS

Class of 2023
 Bob Albrecht
 Sandy Chamberlin
 Claudia Cunningham
 Pam Emert
 Ellen Nuernberger
 Donna Seckar
 Tracy Stevens

Class of 2024
 Agnes Fokwa
 Helen Franchois
 Nne Kalu
 Kathy McNeely

Class of 2025
 Debbie Cornelius
 Claire Hoagland
 Mary Jones
 Mike Slayter

Mike Slayter, Ministry Team Leader..... 703-670-4648

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| ✝ Ann Randles | * Bill and Laura Parris | * Cherie Sankey | * Leigh Anderson |
| ✝ Allesandro Trujillo | * Amanda Peck | * Mark Stewart | * Linda Ford |
| ✝ Gary and Patti Goodrich | * Pat Greenhalgh | * Alex Martin | * Norman Cox |
| ✝ Nancy Hoagland | * Debbie Niederriter | * Nancy Lanza | * Nate Johnson |
| ✝ George Riling | * Tommy and Deb | * Amanda | * Rick Bockes |
| ✝ Kwabena | * Sandra D'Imperio | * Baby Raphael | * Norman Cobb |
| ✝ Charlie Ashton | * Frank Coniglio | * Tanya | * Jeannine Menzie |
| * Nathan Johnson, III | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Kath Purcell | * Deborah Folly |
| * Karen Gundel | * Doug Godfrey | * Jenny N. | |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * R. Rizzo | * Leslie | |
| * Jason, Azena, Mikhail Corbin | | | |
| * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | | | |

✝ Thanks to all who offered condolences and prayers for the loss of our brother Keith. We felt your support and kindness. We are blessed to have such a compassionate church family.
- Bob and Cathy Albrecht

* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Bob and Ellen Nuernberger and family, at the death of Bob's mother, Margaret, on December 20, 2022. Margaret went from the land of the dying to the land of the living. Please lift the entire family up in prayer at this time.

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)

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ John Calvin Presbyterian Church - Annandale, VA
- ✝ Kirkwood Presbyterian Church - Springfield, VA

Calendar

January 8 - 15, 2023

SUNDAY, January 8

Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:45 AM Bible Study (Adult/Youth)
- 9:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 12:10 PM Discover First United Lunch & Program
- 1:15 PM Property Ministry Team
- TBD Youth - Laser Tag

MONDAY, January 9

- 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 - Lion Den
- 6:00 PM Girl Scout Unit 80-5
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting - Google Meet

TUESDAY, January 10

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 2:00 PM Fellowship Ministry Team
- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289 - Wolf Den
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
- 7:00 PM Evangelism & Outreach Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Worship Ministry Team
- 7:30 PM AA
- 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

WEDNESDAY, January 11

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- 8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, January 12

- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM ASM Troop 964
- 7:00 PM Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, January 13

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- Boy Scout Troop 964 B Lock-In

SATURDAY, January 14

SUNDAY, January 15

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:45 AM Bible Study (Adult/Youth)
- 9:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- TBD Youth - Service Project

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

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Ministers.....	People of the Church
Pastor.....	Rev. Adam C. Bowling
Parish Assistant.....	Pastor Michael Slayter
Chancel Choir Director.....	Dana Van Slyke
Pianist/Organist.....	Justin Streletz
Nursery Supervisor.....	Joann Paige
Sexton.....	Homer Detrich
Office Manager.....	Kim Parker