

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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November 22, 2020  
Christ the King Sunday  
10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor  
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## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

### + *GATHERING SONG*

#### *My Savior My God*

Aaron Shust, Dorothy Greenwell (CCLI# 4592255)

#### Verse 1

I am not skilled to understand  
What God has willed what God has planned  
I only know at His right hand  
Stands One who is my Savior

#### Verse 2

I take Him at His word and deed  
Christ died to save me this I read  
And in my heart I find a need  
Of Him to be my Savior

#### Pre-Chorus

That He would leave His place on high  
And come for sinful man to die  
You count it strange so once did I  
Before I knew my Savior

#### Chorus

My Savior loves my Savior lives  
My Savior's always there for me  
My God He was my God He is  
My God is always gonna be  
(REPEAT)

#### Verse 3

Yes living dying let me bring  
My strength my solace from this spring  
That He who lives to be my King  
Once died to be my Savior

#### Ending

My Savior lives my Savior loves  
My Savior lives my Savior loves my Savior lives

## WELCOME

### + *CALL TO WORSHIP* (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

**Worship God with gladness.**

Come into God's presence with singing.

**We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,

**for God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.**

### + *OPENING HYMN*

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

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1 Called as partners in Christ's service,  
called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment  
fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring  
to fulfill God's chosen end.

2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering,  
reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer,  
all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together  
gracious gifts from God unfold.

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens,  
breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action,  
make us colleagues, free and fair.

4 So God grant us for tomorrow  
ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow  
with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving  
hope and confidence and peace.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

Tori Guest

God of the lost and lonely, God of the secure and confident, gather us into your fold that we may be healed and transformed. Guide us in your world that we may be part of ministries of healing and hope, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name.

Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION***

Tori Guest

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another praying together. . .

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

Tori Guest

Merciful God, we get so caught up in our own lives and needs that we fail to see others for whom we might provide some help and relief. You challenge us to feed those who are hungry and to quench the thirst of those who are parched. You ask us to bring clothing to those who have none or for whom the clothing is inadequate for the weather; to visit people who are sick, alone, alienated, who are imprisoned either in cells with bars or in conditions of hopelessness and poverty that they see no way out; to welcome the stranger and reach out to those who are marginalized; to always bring your words of healing and redeeming love. We have failed in these tasks - we ignore the opportunities and claim that we are too busy to help, too busy to care. How this attitude must sadden you, O Lord. You lavish your gifts upon us that we might use them for the betterment of your kingdom, and we treat them as inconveniences. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us and heal our wounds of greed and selfishness. Hear us now, as we continue to silently confess the ways we have fallen short. . .

*(Silence is Kept)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Romans 8:38-39*)

In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope to us,  
we are forgiven, healed, and enabled to be part of the ministries  
of compassion in God's world.

Rejoice! You are chosen and loved!

Thanks be to God!

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

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*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*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Katelyn Page

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Ezekiel 34:11-24 NRSV

Katelyn Page

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

<sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>17</sup> As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: <sup>18</sup> Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? <sup>19</sup> And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet?

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup> I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Here We Stand, Lord!*  
FUPCDC Music Team

Nancy Price, Don Besig

### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**      Matthew 25:31-46 NRSV

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, <sup>[a]</sup> you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick

or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## MESSAGE

## Goats in Sheep's Clothing

Rev. Adam C. Bowling and Rev. Joseph W. Taber, IV

## 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* *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

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1 Today we all are called to be  
disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free,  
make plowshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first,  
our ease and comfort last.

2 God made the world and at its birth  
ordained our human race  
to live as stewards of the earth,  
responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud;  
we sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud  
that threatens all of life.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down  
as in a mighty stream,  
with righteousness in field and town  
to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore  
an earth where conflicts cease,  
a world that was created for  
a harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God  
act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod  
till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we  
give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be  
disciples of the Lord.

***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

*Jesus, Be with Us*

David Gambrell, Phillip Morgan

+ ***DOXOLOGY***

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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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***

Alex B.

Good Shepherd, who leads and guides us through all the trials and tribulations of  
our lives, we bring these gifts to celebrate the ministries of justice and hope in which  
our church is involved. Be with us and cause us to grow in our faith and our service.  
Amen.

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

+ ***CLOSING SONG***

*Forever*

Chris Tomlin (CCLI#: 3148428)

**Verse 1**

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise



### Verse 2

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

### Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

### Chorus

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

### Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+ **POSTLUDE**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Justin Streletz, Pianist

DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>, Arr. John Innes

+ *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](mailto:office@fupcdc.org) or call at 703-670-7834.
- \* **FLOWERS** are given by the Elliotts in memory of Mark W. Elliott.

# 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>.
- \* **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

- \* **GIVING:** Thank you to those who have already turned in their 2021 Pledge Cards. Thank you for supporting First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA, as we are **IMPACTING LIVES** with and for the Gospel of Jesus Christ! God bless you and your family.  
There are 2 ways to give: You can mail your gift to FUPCDC, 14391 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193. You can also give online by going to the church website, <https://fupcdc.org/give-online>. Thank you for giving to the Lord.
- \* **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION:** Every **Sunday, 8:45 - 9:30 AM**, we will be joining 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).
- \* **ISAIAH THE PROPHET:** This class is taught by Larry Greenslit and Bob Porter via Zoom at **8:30 AM to 9:30 AM** every Sunday morning. For more information, please contact Bob at [bob.porter@fupcdc.org](mailto:bob.porter@fupcdc.org).
- \* **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Are you feeling anxious? Calm My Anxious Heart by Linda Dillow is the Bible study, every **Monday at 7:00 PM** via Zoom for any Ladies or friends of FUPCDC. This study will help discover what the Bible says about contentment and ways to apply to your daily life. This book may be purchased online from christianbook.com, Amazon or e-bay. Please contact Betty Matthews, [bettysmatthews1@verizon.net](mailto:bettysmatthews1@verizon.net), or 703-618-9127 for more information and to be added the Zoom group.
- \* **PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** We are studying the Gospel of Matthew every **Wednesday at 7:00 PM** via Zoom. Contact Pastor Adam for the instructions to join via computer or phone. All are welcome. **There will be no Wednesday Night Bible Study on November 25<sup>th</sup>.**

- \* **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](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 scheduled for 11/14, 12/5. 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](mailto: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](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).
- \* **SEWING FACE MASKS:** In keeping with FUPCDC's commitment to serve the needs of the community, the Mission and Outreach Committee is launching a campaign to make face masks and distribute them where they are needed within the local community. We are committed to donate masks to the Greater Prince William Community Health Center and to Westminster at Lake Ridge for both staff and residents. If you have any questions about the Face Mask Ministry please call Pat Manalio (703-283-2948) or Lora Nedimyer (703-680-5526).

\* NOVEMBER/DECEMBER WORSHIP:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, November 29<sup>th</sup> - Online Live Stream at 10 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Online Live Stream at 10 AM

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 13<sup>th</sup> - Online Live Stream at 10 AM

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 20<sup>th</sup> A Service of Lessons and Carols - Online Live Stream at 10 AM

Christmas Eve Family Service, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Online Live Stream at 4 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Online Live Stream at 7 PM

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas, December 27<sup>th</sup> - Online Live Stream at 10 AM

## *Student Ministry News*

✝ Join us for the upcoming events. For more information, please contact Afton Schwalm, [bulldogz89@yahoo.com](mailto:bulldogz89@yahoo.com), 571-221-0778.

- Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> - Bible Study 7:00 - 8:30 PM via Zoom
- Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - No Youth (Thanksgiving Break)

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

## *Joys and Concerns*

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

✝ Jim Randles	* Tim Elliott	* Patrick Cobb	* Marti Glycer
✝ Jerolyn Randles	* Bob Robinson	* Baby Louisa Wolstenholme	* Jeannine Menzie
✝ Charlie Ashton	* Grace Bockes	* Baby Dean Moy	* Larry Menzie
✝ Bethany, Josh Gregor	* Alicia	* Giselle Watenpaugh	* Linda Ford
✝ Faith, Caleb Gregor	* Megan Moore	* Dan McGill	* Lee Watenpaugh
✝ Emily	* Amanda Peck	* Sam Parris' Dad	* Lynn Wilson
* Gary Albrecht	* Waddell	* Bill and Laura Parris	* Grace Ofosu-Addo
* S. Ryan	* Catherine	* Marjorie Lawrence	* Leigh Anderson
* Liz Goolgasian	* Steven	* Debbie Niederriter	* Norman Cox
* Virginia McPherson	* Barb McGill	* Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin	* Ashleigh and Dan
* Hunter Martin	* Verne Evans	* Jeanette Gregory	

Celebrations of joy with thanksgiving to God:

✝ Praise God that my mother, Mildred Shenk, celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Thursday.  
~ Sandy Godfrey

✝ My mom, Marjorie Lawrence, celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday last Friday. ~ Linda Wolstenholme

✝ Praise God that Bethany Gregor and family are recovering from COVID-19!

\* Giving thanks to God for His unending mercy. Psalm 136:1-3, 26  
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For his mercy endures forever.  
Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For his mercy endures forever.  
Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For his mercy endures forever.  
Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For his mercy endures forever. Amen.  
~ Sue and Nate Johnson

\* Thank God for successful eye surgery and for all your prayers. ~ Sara Porter

**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:**

✝ Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church - Waldorf, MD

✝ Grace Presbyterian Church - Lanham, MD

# *Calendar*

## *November 22 - 29, 2020*

### **SUNDAY, November 22**

8:30 AM Isaiah the Prophet Study via Zoom  
8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom  
10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream  
7:00 PM Youth Bible Study via Zoom

### **MONDAY, November 23**

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom  
7:00 PM Bible Buddies via Zoom  
7:00 PM A/V Task Force Meeting via Zoom  
8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

### **TUESDAY, November 24**

7:00 PM Session via Zoom

### **WEDNESDAY, November 25**

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

### **THURSDAY, November 26**

Thanksgiving Day  
Church Office Closed

### **FRIDAY, November 27**

Church Office Closed

### **SATURDAY, November 28**

### **SUNDAY, November 29**

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM Isaiah the Prophet Study via Zoom  
8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom  
10:00 AM Worship - 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.<sup>1</sup>

### 2020 BOARD OF DEACONS

#### Class of 2021

Agnes Fokwa  
Deborah Folly  
Lisa Fortner  
Kathy McNeely  
Carol Schwalm  
Celine Sonkwa

#### Class of 2022

Amy Bean  
Karen Elliott  
Liz Goolgasian  
Peggy Heins  
Therese Same  
Charlotte Stultz

#### Class of 2023

Bob Albrecht  
Sandy Chamberlin  
Claudia Cunningham  
Pam Emert  
Ellen Nuernberger  
Tracy Stevens

Ellen Nuernberger, *Co-Moderator*..... 703-878-0009

Carol Schwalm, *Co-Moderator*..... 703-680-7673

## 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 16 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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Ministers..... People of the Church  
 Pastor..... Rev. Adam C. Bowling  
 Chancel Choir Director ..... Dana Van Slyke  
 Pianist/Organist ..... Justin Stretetz  
 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  
 Little Hands Preschool Director ..... Tiffany Ramsey  
 Sexton..... Homer Detrich  
 Office Manager..... Kim Parker

**2020 SESSION**

Peter Glycer ('21) .....*Adult Christian Education*..... 703-590-0856  
 Mike Gundel ('22) .....*Building & Grounds* ..... 301-767-5030  
 Ruth Washburg ('22) .....*Children’s Ministry*..... 703-407-3976  
 Cathy Albrecht ('23) .....*Communications* .....703-670-8369  
 Betsy Gilbert ('23) .....*Congregational Connections*..... 703-670-4949  
 Jon Guest ('21) .....*Finance & Administration* .....703-491-4006  
 Chris Martin ('23) ..... *Information Technology*..... 585-455-8423  
 Dave Stokes ('22) .....*Little Hands Preschool* ..... 703-583-9287  
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 Linda Wolstenholme ('23) .....*Nominating* ..... 703-878-3697  
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 Jon Guest ('21) .....*Safety & Security* ..... 703-491-4006  
 Pat Manalio ('23) ..... *Stewardship*.....703-680-5058  
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