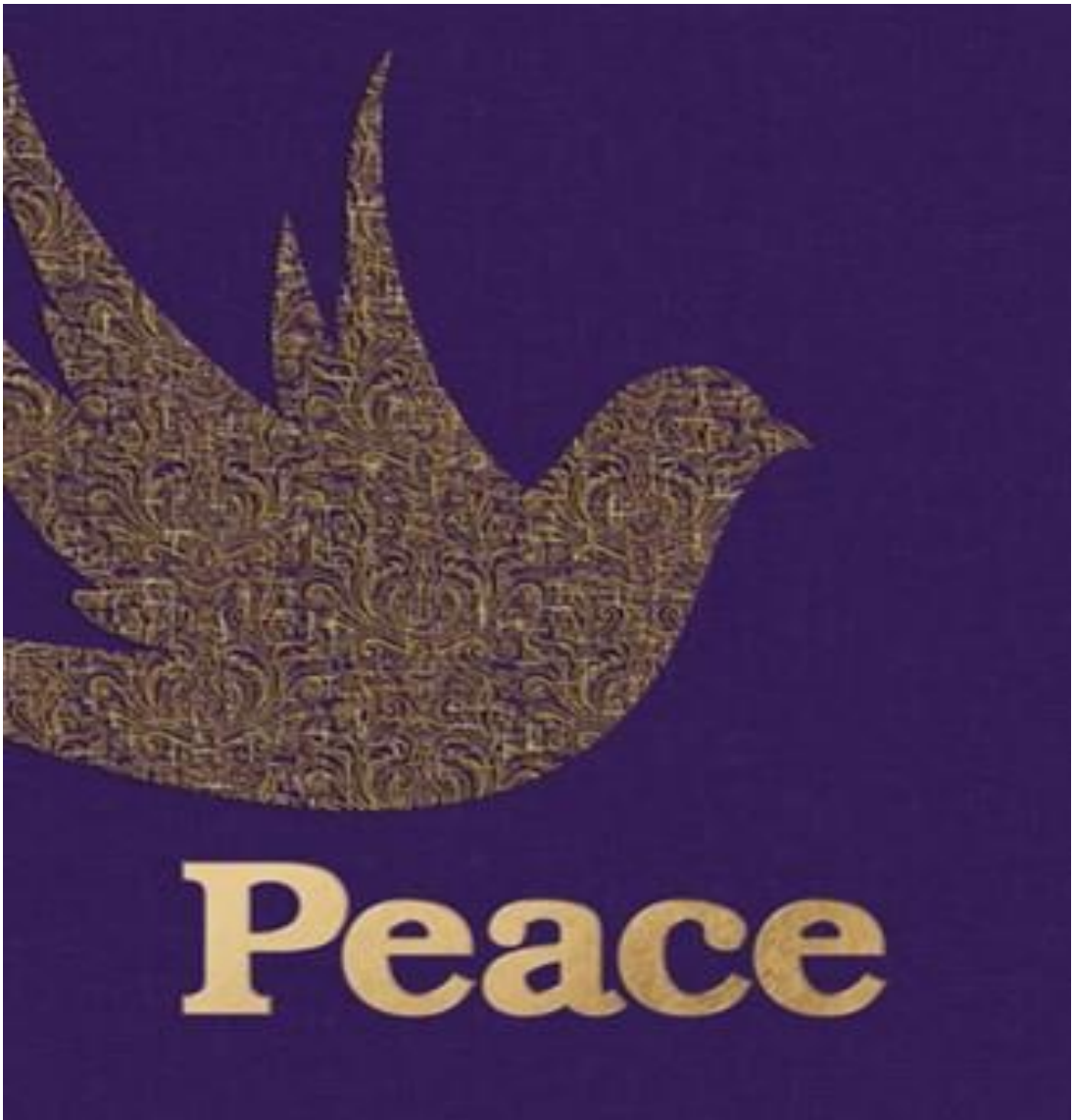


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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - PEACE**

**December 6, 2020**

**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

#### *What A Glorious Night*

Ben McDonald, Casey Brown, David Frey, Jonathan Smith (CCLI# 7002651)

#### Interlude

Oo oo

#### Verse 1

The shepherds came to see the baby  
Stood by His mother's side  
Here laid the Savior inside a manger  
Oh what a glorious night  
Oh what a glorious night

#### Chorus

I hear the angels singin' hallelujah  
Let the earth receive her King  
I know that love has come sing it out  
Jesus Christ is born  
(I heard that) Jesus Christ is born  
(Yeah yeah)

#### Verse 2

The shepherds wondered they couldn't hide it  
They told ev'ryone in sight  
All were amazed when they heard how God came  
Down on the glorious night  
God came down on this glorious night

#### Bridge

Glorious glorious what a glorious night  
Glorious glorious what a glorious night

#### Verse 3

All is calm now all is quiet  
A star shining in the sky  
Below in Bethlehem the King is sleeping  
Oh what a glorious night  
Oh what a glorious night

## WELCOME

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

Bill Ediage and Therese Same Family

For the second week in Advent, we focus on peace.

In John 14:27, Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

*Two blue candles are lit.*

#### SUNG RESPONSE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Verse 1)

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O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

#### PRAYER

Let us pray. . .Prince of Peace, reveal yourself to us today. We need peace in our lives, our homes, our families, our church, and our whole world. Help us to slow down and seek out the peace you provide, so we may become peacemakers for ourselves and others. In your name, Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

#### + ADVENT HYMN

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

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1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

#### Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. **(Refrain)**

3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. **(Refrain)**

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. **(Refrain)**

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

Gaylene Guest

In Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ, full of grace and truth. Trusting in God's unfailing grace, let us tell the truth about ourselves, joining in our prayer of confession, by praying together. . .

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gaylene Guest

Into the dark depths of our fear and anguish, you, O Lord, reach out to us. We need your guidance this day, for we have found it far too easy to stray into selfish pathways. We seek first our own comfort; we gather our toys and trinkets and proclaim that all is right with the world, yet our hearts feel strangely discomfited. Guide us and gather us, Lord. Teach us again to be people of peace and hope. Help us to cast off the mantle of greed and hatred. Forgive us for the many times when we have ignored the cries of those in need; when we have turned our backs on opportunities to help others. Forgive us, Lord. Touch our hearts and bring your bright light of salvation to them that we might turn again to you and in your love may be part of ministries of peace and justice. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(Silence is Kept)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The good news of Advent is Christ's love and forgiveness of sin.  
Thanks be to Christ who sets us free to love and to serve.  
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 (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.**

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

### **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries out:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"

<sup>10</sup> See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Advent Hymn*  
Dana Van Slyke, Soloist  
Ethan Van Slyke, Accompanist

Christy Nockels

**MESSAGE**

The Comfort of God's Peace

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**

*People, Look East*

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1 People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able;  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Bird, is on the way.

4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Star, is on the way.

5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## **SERVICE OF GIVING**

Music at the Offering

*Jesus Oh What A Wonderful Child*

Robert Elkins (CCLI#: 4206259)

### **Chorus**

Jesus Jesus  
Oh what a wonderful child  
Jesus Jesus  
So lowly meek and mild  
New life new hope  
New joy He brings  
Won't you listen to the angels sing  
Glory glory glory  
To the newborn King

### **Verse**

He was herald by the angels  
Born in a lowly manger  
The virgin Mary was His mother  
And Joseph was His earthly father  
Three wise men came from afar  
They were guided by a shining star  
Just to see King Jesus where He lay  
In a manger filled with hay

### **Bridge**

Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus  
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus  
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus



+ **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**

Rebecca Washburg

Giver of the most precious Gift of all, we return to you this day our thanks represented in these gifts and in the lives of all these dear people. Bless these gifts and all these people that they may be lights of your love and peace in our dark world. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**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 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*) Dana Van Slyke, Soloist

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**

## *The Table*

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Wayne Jolley (CCLI#: 7028956)

### **Verse 1**

I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore at His table

### **Chorus**

Come all you weary come and find  
His yoke is easy His burden is light  
He is able He will restore  
At the table of the Lord  
(At the table of the Lord)

### **Verse 2**

There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore at His table

### **Verse 3**

There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

### **Verse 4**

I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
He says come just as you are to His table

### **Bridge**

I know He has a place for me  
Oh what joy will fill my heart  
With the saints around the mercy seat of God

## **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**

### **+ CLOSING SONG**

*Behold The Savior*

Meredith Andrews, Mia Fieldes (CCLI#: 7023089)

#### **Verse 1**

Oh what innocence  
Sleeping in a manger under dreamless skies  
See the newborn King  
Trading every glory for a silent night

#### **Pre-Chorus**

Here is the promise we have waited for  
He will not leave us in the dark

#### **Chorus**

He will bear our weight He will wear our shame  
Come lift Him high behold the Savior  
Jesus Christ law of love and light  
Come lift Him high behold the Savior

#### **Verse 2**

Veiled deity  
Praise of every angel shepherds bowing low  
Sweet humility  
Mercy as a baby God in flesh and bone  
Interlude  
Behold the Savior  
Emmanuel Emmanuel

### Pre-Chorus

Here is the promise we have waited for  
He will not leave us in the dark  
He is the promise we have waited for  
The cry of every searching heart

### Ending

Come lift Him high behold the Savior  
Come lift Him high behold the Savior  
Behold the Savior

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### + *POSTLUDE*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

VENI EMMANUEL, Arr. Mary McDonald

+ *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.

## 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

- ✝ **UN-TRIM-A-TREE PROGRAM:** FUPCDC will be sponsoring 50 children in the Un-Trim-A-Tree Holiday Program, which provides gifts to families in need; the parents have the joy of wrapping gifts for their children and the children have the joy of opening gifts! Due to COVID restrictions, the program will be handled differently this year. Please refer to the church-wide email containing the link to our Sign Up Genius to choose a child and gift, and detailed instructions. **Please do not bring anything to the church.** We received the information a bit late this year; all gifts are due no later than **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Lora Nedimyer, 703-589-7320 or Verna Swift, 703-589-7320. Thank you!
- ✝ **ZOOM WITH SANTA (Tonight, 6:30 PM):** Santa is taking time out of his busy schedule to Zoom with the children, youth, and grandkids of First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA. He will talk with your children/youth, answer some of their questions (submitted ahead of time), and read Twas the Evening of Christmas by Glenys Nellist, which talks about the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ! **Grandchildren who might not live locally are welcome to attend!** **Note:** We suggest you try joining the Zoom call at 6:15 PM to be ready for Saint Nicholas! **Contact the Rev. Adam C. Bowling, who has connections with the North Pole, to register for the Zoom call or if you have questions.**
- \* **SHARING OUR CHRISTMAS MEMORIES:** Please mark your calendars for a virtual gathering on **December 20<sup>th</sup>** during the ZOOM Coffee Hour **following the 10 AM worship service.** We're asking you to share a Christmas memory, special ornament or Christmas decoration. Maybe you would just like to offer a Christmas greeting from you to your FUPCDC family. We don't know how many will join us, so please plan to talk no longer than 2-3 minutes each. We want to ensure that each family or individual has an opportunity to participate. We look forward to sharing memories with you. If you have questions, please contact Betsy Gilbert, 703-343-3921 or [betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com).
- \* **NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2021:** The 2021 flower chart is now hanging in the Narthex Welcome Center. If you would like to sign up, please contact Kim in the church office to check availability. The cost remains **\$40.00**. We need to know the week you would like them, who you would like them in honor or memory of, and if you would like to keep the flowers or donate them to the flower ministry. If you wish to donate them, they will be given to members of the congregation to share God's love and cheer them up. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Cobb at [gailzcobb@gmail.com](mailto:gailzcobb@gmail.com).
- \* **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).
- \* **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.
- \* **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 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).
- \* **DECEMBER WORSHIP:**
  - 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
  - Sharing Our Christmas Memories, December 20<sup>th</sup> - after 10 AM worship via Zoom Coffee Hour
  - 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.
  - Tonight, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM - Zoom with Santa
  - Tonight, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM - Youth Ugly Sweater/Game Night via Zoom
  - Sunday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 PM - Mystery Zoom Competition  
RSVP by TODAY to have supplies delivered to your porch before the Zoom Competition. Supplies cannot be opened until everyone is on Zoom, or you will be disqualified. What will happen? What will be in the box? Who will win? Do you have what it takes? Register today to find out.
- \* **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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|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| ✝ Shirley Westveer   | * Tim Elliott                    | * Patrick Cobb               | * Marti Glycer     |
| ✝ Joanne Willis      | * Bob Robinson                   | * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme   | * Jeannine Menzie  |
| ✝ Rose Bishop        | * Grace Bockes                   | * Baby Dean Moy              | * Larry Menzie     |
| * Jeanette Gregory   | * Alicia                         | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | * Linda Ford       |
| * S. Ryan            | * Dan McGill                     | * Jim and Jerolyn Randles    | * Charlie Ashton   |
| * Emily              | * Amanda Peck                    | * Sam Parris' Dad            | * Lynn Wilson      |
| * Gary Albrecht      | * Waddell                        | * Bill and Laura Parris      | * Grace Ofosu-Addo |
| * Ashleigh and Dan   | * Verne Evans                    | * Marjorie Lawrence          | * Leigh Anderson   |
| * Hunter Martin      | * Barb McGill                    | * Debbie Niederriter         | * Norman Cox       |
| * Virginia McPherson | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin |                              |                    |
- \* Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Jane Moyer and family at the death of her mother, Kathleen (Kathy), who went to be with our Lord on November 22, 2020. Please lift the entire family up in prayer at this time.

## Celebrations of joy with thanksgiving to God:

- ✝ Praise God for the birth of my grandson, Christopher Matthew Casey, born on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is healthy. ~ Jennifer Casey
- \* Thank you FUPCDC for the wonderful fruit baskets that were delivered to us this week. We are so thankful to be remembered and blessed by you. ~ The Residents of Lake Ridge Fellowship House
- \* Prayers and thanksgiving and gratitude for our military. We are blessed to have our unsurpassed, patriotic military to protect and defend us so selflessly. Recently, one soldier, when thanked for his service by a woman, replied: "You're worth it, ma'am." ~ Carol Miller

## 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:

- ✝ Heritage Presbyterian Church - Alexandria, VA
- ✝ Hermon Presbyterian Church - Bethesda, MD



# *Calendar*

## *December 6 - 13, 2020*

### **SUNDAY, December 6**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - PEACE**

- 8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom
- 10:00 AM Worship - Communion - Online Live Stream
- 6:30 PM Zoom with Santa
- 7:30 PM Youth Ugly Sweater/Game Night via Zoom

### **MONDAY, December 7**

- 10:00 AM Personnel Committee
- 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, December 8**

- 6:00 PM Safety and Security Committee via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Worship Committee via Zoom

### **WEDNESDAY, December 9**

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 5:30 PM Commission on Restructuring via Zoom
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom

### **THURSDAY, December 10**

- 7:00 PM Finance and Administration Committee via Zoom
- 7:00 PM LHP Advisory Board Meeting via Zoom

### **FRIDAY, December 11**

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

### **SATURDAY, December 12**

**Un-Trim-A-Tree Gifts Due**

### **SUNDAY, December 13**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - JOY**

- 8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom
- 10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream
- 1:15 PM Building and Grounds Committee via Zoom
- 6:30 PM Youth Zoom Mystery Competition

## 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 19 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 Streletz  
 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  
 Pam Cox ('21) .....*Mission & Outreach*.....703-441-6319  
 Linda Wolstenholme ('23) .....*Nominating* ..... 703-878-3697  
 Norman Cobb ('22) .....*Personnel* .....703-878-7317  
 Jon Guest ('21) .....*Safety & Security* ..... 703-491-4006  
 Pat Manalio ('23) ..... *Stewardship*.....703-680-5058  
 Marti Hall ('22) .....*Worship*.....703-626-2269  
 Afton Schwalm ('23) .....*Youth Ministry* .....571-221-0778

Rev. Adam C. Bowling .....*Moderator*.....828-448-8914  
 Sara Porter .....*Clerk of Session*..... 703-670-8737

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Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366