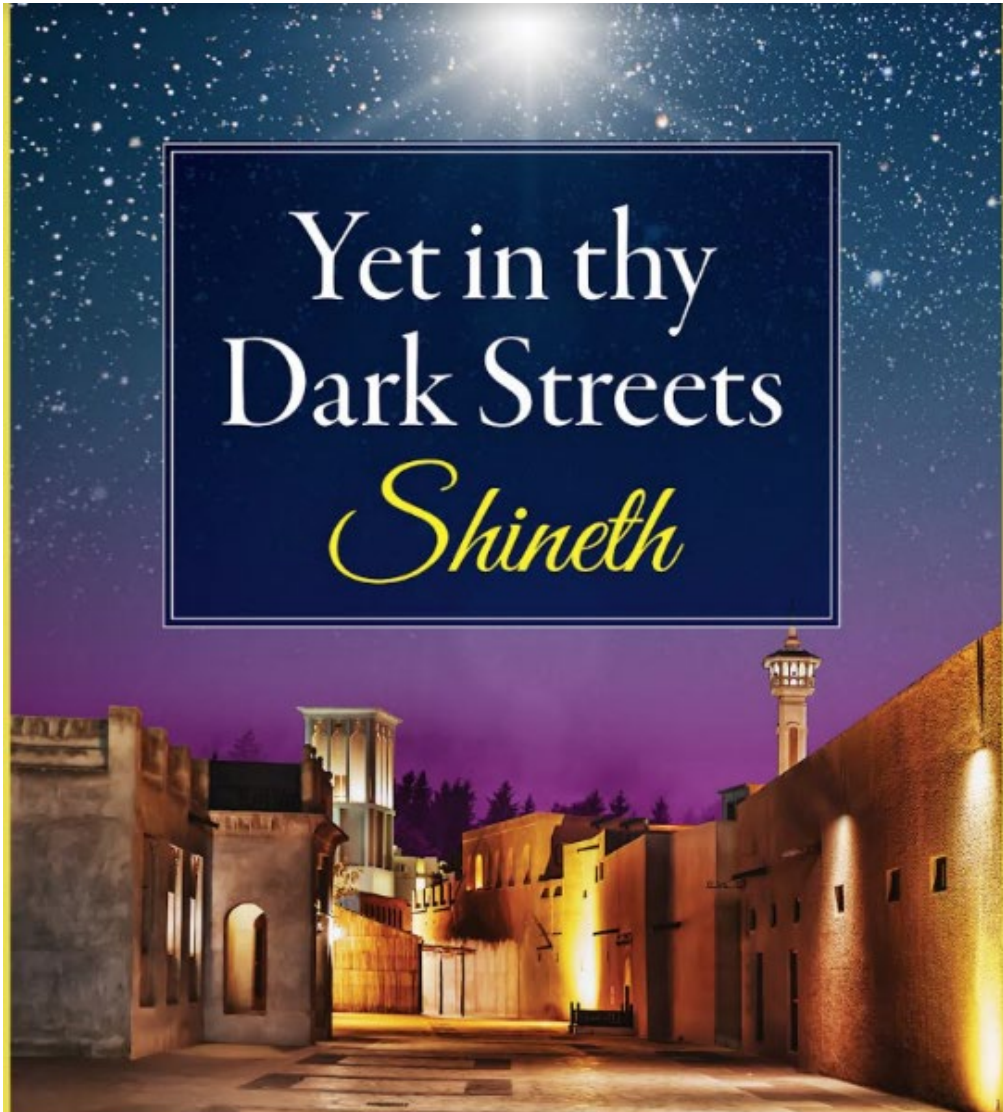


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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

11:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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828.448.8914

GATHERING

AS WE GATHER. . .

Today we conclude our Advent worship series, Yet in Thy Dark Streets Shineth. In this last service, we travel with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem to the place where the imminence of God's presence, the hopefulness of God's coming, and the faithfulness of God's promises are so wonderfully clear. Our time in this place reminds us that Jesus is the fulfillment of our faith and the beginning of new life for us.

+ **GATHERING SONG** *Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

Chirs Tomlin, Ed Cash, George Friederic Handel, Isaac Watts, Matt Gilder (CCLI# 5607039)

WELCOME

+ **GATHERING WORDS**

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.

Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God.

+ **OPENING SONG**

Away in a Manger

James Ramsey Murray, John Thomas McFarland, Martin Luther (CCLI# 38583)

+ **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE**

Holy Fitness

Today we light the third Advent candle, the candle of joy. In Luke 2:10 the angel told the shepherds,

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord.”

Jesus' birth brings us great joy.

(Holy Fitness conducts in-person and Zoom classes to help aging adults with exercises designed to improve strength, endurance, coordination, and balance. Contact Cathy Albrecht.)

+ **ADVENT PRAYER**

+ **ADVENT RESPONSE** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Verse 1)*

Charles Wesley, Rowland Hugh Prichard (CCLI#: 31999)

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

God of Joy, you invite your creation to live in goodness and gladness, but we often choose the paths of greed and grievances. Instead of lifting up one another and celebrating our diversity, we grumble against one another in our arrogance and avarice. Forgive us for those moments when we stubbornly refuse your way. Help us to embrace the joy that you intend for us, the joy that executes justice, gives food to the hungry, lifts up those who are bowed down, and watches over the stranger. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rejoice! You who once lived in darkness—on you a new light is shining and the light of God's glory shall brighten your path.

You are healed, loved, and forgiven. Be at peace!

Live in God's love, and bring hope and justice to all God's people.

Hearing this, 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.

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

PROCLAIMING

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Emma Monique Cunningham

**Raindrops, oceans, lakes, and rivers;
welcome, child of God.**

**Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters;
welcome, child of God.**

**When the world feels wide around you,
when the dark of night surrounds you,
We are here to tend and guide you.
Welcome, child of God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, lover of humanity, joy of creation: pour out your Spirit on us that we may hear your ancient words in a new key. Inspire us to sing your praise in every land and with every generation, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 16:1, 10-13, 21-22 NRSV

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”

¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

²¹ And David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer. ²² Saul sent to Jesse, saying, “Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 7:37-44 NRSV

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ”³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰ When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, “This is really the prophet.”⁴¹ Others said, “This is the Messiah.” But some asked, “Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he?”⁴² Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?”⁴³ So there was a division in the crowd because of him.⁴⁴ Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DIALOGUE SERMON Yet in thy Dark Streets Shineth: Bethlehem

Past: Pastor Michael Slayter

Present: Rev. Adam C. Bowling

Future: Martin Andrews

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!

RESPONDING

+ SONG OF RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lewis Henry Redner, Phillips Brooks (CCLI#: 27879)

SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

Your Name (Christmas Version)

Glenn Packiam, Paul Baloche (CCLI# 7005511)

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in joy, and we give with joy. Joy for all you have given us; joy because of your sacred promises. Receive these generous offerings, and use them to spread your joy in our world.

Amen.

SENDING

+ SENDING SONG

Go Tell It On the Mountain

John W. Work Jr. (CCLI# 29080)

+ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

+ **RESPONSE**

Go Tell It On the Mountain - Reprise

John W. Work Jr. (CCLI# 29080)

+ *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)
Morelle Fokwa	(11:00)
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Nate and Sue Johnson with thanks to God for Pastor Adam's (and family) four year anniversary at FUPCDC from his loving congregation.

Connect with Us

- * **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK:** If you use Facebook, become a Facebook friend, and become a fan of First United Presbyterian. Make friends with others from the church.
- * **WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM:** Find us on Instagram @fupcdc.
- * **FUPCDC WEBSITE:** For detailed news and information, visit the church website at <https://fupcdc.org>.
- * **FUPCDC YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** To view worship services and videos, visit the FUPCDC Youtube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC>. You can also find our channel by searching for "FUPCDC Video".
- * **TEXT ALERTS:** Remind is a free text messaging service that will help our church communicate quickly and efficiently. On your cell phone, start a new message to 81010. In the message, type @fupcdc and send. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Ministry in Action

- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL/JINGLE JAM CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Come to the Wednesday Night Meal on December 14th at 6:00 PM for Dinner (Pizza) and Jingle Jam Christmas Party (fun, games, music, and lights!) Please contact Betsy Gilbert at betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com if you have questions. There will be no Pastor's Bible Study.
- ✝ **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!
- ✝ **CHILI COOKOFF/TALENT SHOW:** All are welcome! TONIGHT, Sunday, December 11th, come make a pot of chili or soup at 5:30 PM, and vote for your favorite with donations to the Youth Mission Fund to support our 2023 summer youth mission trip to Charleston, SC. At 7:00 PM After dinner, enjoy the show, or be in the show!
- ✝ **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY:** We will meet on Monday, December 12th at 9:30 AM in Room 22. We are using the book, Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight. Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net, for more information.
- ✝ **BREAKFAST:** Please join us on December 18th, 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM for breakfast in the Triple Room prior to the 10 AM Christmas Cantata service. Coffee, juice, and finger food will be served.
- ✝ **PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG:** Are you looking for unique/nontraditional gifts for those special people in your life? The Mission team suggests you consider thumbing through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog and make a gift in someone's honor. Your gifts are signs of gratitude: feeding the hungry, comforting the brokenhearted and sharing our faith with young and old. Copies of the Giving Catalog are in the Welcome Center.
- * **CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING:** These gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color and assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs. Offering envelopes will be available on Christmas Eve. You can donate to the Christmas Joy offering in two other ways: (1) You can mail a check to the church with "Christmas Joy" or "Joy Offering" on the memo line. (2) You can go to our website, www.fupcdc.org, and click "online collection plate" and use the "designated giving" to give - putting "Christmas Joy" or "Joy Offering" in the note field. If you would like to know even more about this special offering, check out this website: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/> . Thank you for your continued support of this important cause!

- * **252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** We meet on Sundays at 9:45 AM. For more information contact Erin Bowling at erinkbowling@gmail.com.
- * **BLANKET AND SLEEPING BAG DRIVE:** The Mission team is collecting blankets and sleeping bags for the houseless. We are asking for heavy duty outdoor blankets and adult cold weather sleeping bags (20 degrees and below). To participate in this drive, simply put new or gently used and clean items in the decorated collection box in the Welcome center **before Christmas Day**. These items will be distributed to the local houseless community who we serve each Sunday through our Spread the Bread ministry. Thank you so much!
- * **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Come join us on **Mondays at 7:00 PM** in **Room 22** for the Bible study, The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent by Susan Robb.
- * **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Please join at **9:45 AM** in **Rooms 23, 25 and 27 (Triple Room)** for our Bible study using the book, "Prepare The Way For The Lord" by Adam Hamilton.

Student Ministry News

- * **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**.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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

✝ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Bob and Cathy Albrecht and family, at the death of Bob's brother, Keith Albrecht on Wednesday, November 30, 2022. Keith 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:

- ✝ Grace Presbyterian Church - Lanham, MD
- ✝ Grace Presbyterian Church - Springfield, VA

Calendar

December 11 - 18, 2022

SUNDAY, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

- 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
- 1:15 PM Property Ministry Team
- 5:30 PM Chili Cookoff
- 7:00 PM Talent Show

MONDAY, December 12

- 9:30 AM Horizons Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 1:00 PM Personnel Committee
- 6:00 PM Girl Scout Unit 80-5
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting - Google Meet

TUESDAY, December 13

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 2:00 PM Fellowship Ministry Team
- 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, December 14

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
- 7:00 PM Jingle Jam Christmas Party
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- 8:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, December 15

- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts - 5th Grade
- 7:00 PM ASM Troop 964
- 7:00 PM Earth Care Committee
- 7:00 PM Ministry Team Leaders Meeting
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, December 16

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 5:00 PM Youth - Chopped Cooking Competition

SATURDAY, December 17

- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Cantata - "Joy to the World!"

- 8:30 AM Breakfast
- 8:45 AM Bible Study (Adult/Youth)
- 8:45 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 10:00 AM Worship - one service

SESSION

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DEACONS

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Bob Albrecht	Agnes Fokwa	Debbie Cornelius
Sandy Chamberlin	Helen Franchois	Claire Hoagland
Claudia Cunningham	Nne Kalu	Mary Jones
Pam Emert	Kathy McNeely	Donna Seckar
Ellen Nuernberger		Mike Slayter
Tracy Stevens		
Mike Slayter, Ministry Team Leader		703-670-4648

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES

Please join us as we celebrate Christmas.

- **December 11: 3rd Sunday of Advent - 8:30 AM, Traditional, 11 AM Contemporary**
- **December 18: 4th Sunday of Advent - Christmas Cantata, 10 AM one service**
- **December 24: Christmas Eve Services**
 - 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
 - 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
- **December 25: Christmas Day - Carol Sing, 10 AM one service**
- **January 1: Epiphany Sunday, 10 AM one service - Star Words**

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