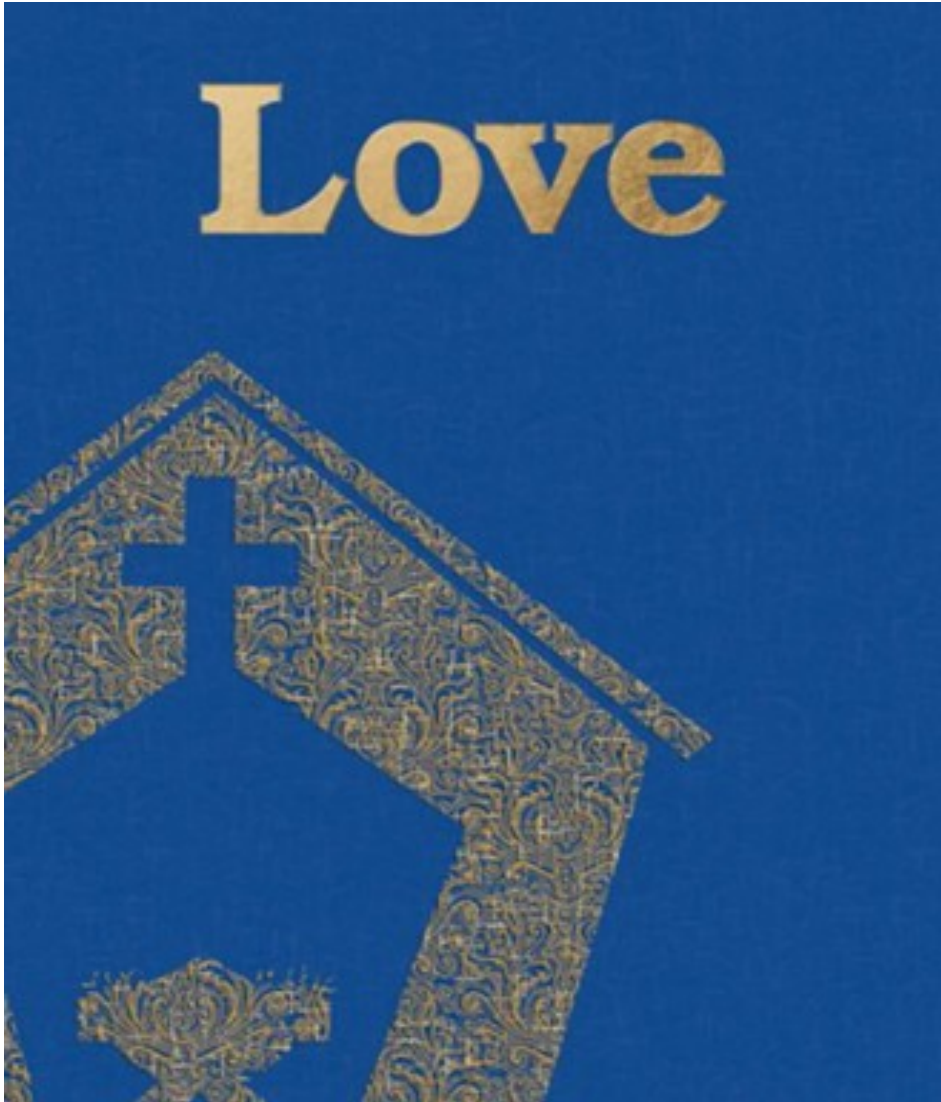


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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - LOVE  
A Service of Lessons and Carols  
December 20, 2020  
10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor  
[Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org)  
828.448.8914



**PRELUDE**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Felix Mendelssohn, Arr. Larry Shackley

Justin Streletz, Pianist

**WELCOME**

**SESSION NOTES**

Norman Cobb

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are waiting on you, God. We are still waiting.

The darkness is deeper, but look! The star is beginning to shine.

The everlasting light is creeping closer.

Hope is in the air. Peace is promised. Joy is on the tips of our tongues.

Love is coming. Love divine, all loves excelling.

We are waiting on love. And Love is waiting on us.

**+ OPENING HYMN**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

133

1 O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him,

born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him,

Christ, the Lord!

2 True God from true God,

Light from light eternal,

born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

very God, begotten, not created!

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him,

Christ, the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels;  
sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all  
glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

### ***ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY***

The Bean Family

In this final week of Advent, our attention is on love. The following Scripture verses may sound very familiar, so we will hear them twice. The first time is in the New Revised Standard Version. The second time we'll be reading from the Message. Listen for the call to love in these words.

Matthew 22:36-40 says, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

"Teacher, which command in God's Law is the most important?" Jesus said, "'Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them."

*Three blue candles and one pink candle are lit.*

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...God, we have learned to love from being loved by you. And so today, let us enact that love. Let us live that love. We know that what the world needs now is more love. We need to remember how much you love each one of us and we must share that love with others. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Mady L.

Adam and Eve disobey God's command  
 and disrupt the order and goodness of creation

**SPECIAL MUSIC***Aube Nouvelle*

Michel Scouarmec, Jo Akepsimac

Morelle Fokwa, Guylaine Nkamse, Singers

*(English Translation by Morelle Fokwa)*

There will be a new dawn in our night.  
 To save His people God is coming.  
 There will be joy for the poor  
 And It will be a day of feast.  
 Let us prepare the way of the Lord  
 Let us prepare the way of the Lord

There will be great news, cheers and songs  
 To save His people God is coming.  
 The voice cries out in the desert:  
 Let us prepare the way of the Lord  
 Let us prepare the way of the Lord

There will be a new earth, a new world.  
 To save his people God is coming,  
 Bringing peace on earth and heaven among us.  
 Let us prepare the way of the Lord  
 Let us prepare the way of the Lord

God promises that, through Abraham,  
all the peoples of the world will be blessed

## CAROL

*The First Nowell*

147

1 The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Refrain:**

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. **(Refrain)**

3 And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. **(Refrain)**

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay. **(Refrain)**

5 Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. **(Refrain)**

6 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought. **(Refrain)**

**THIRD LESSON**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Bob Porter

The people who walk in darkness  
receive the promise of the Messiah

**SOLO**

*Joseph's Song*  
Martin Andrews, Soloist

Michael Card (CCL# 70871)

**FOURTH LESSON**

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Sandy Chamberlin

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse  
to restore the peace of creation

**CAROL**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

121

1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king,  
and peace to all on earth.

3 How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

**FIFTH LESSON**

Luke 1:26-35,38

Therese Same

An angel appears to Mary and announces  
that she will bear a holy child

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*What Child Is This*  
Dana Van Slyke, Soloist  
Harpist, Emma Rood

William Dix

**SIXTH LESSON**

Luke 2:1-7

Ashley Cunningham

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem,  
where Mary gives birth to her child

**SERVICE OF GIVING**

*Behold The Savior*

Music at the Offering

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

**SEVENTH LESSON**

Luke 2:8-16

Debra Bowles-Wilson

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields  
and announce the birth of the Messiah

**CAROL**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

113

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*EIGHTH LESSON*

Matthew 2:1-11

Jon Guest

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah  
and offer gifts to the baby Jesus

*CAROL*

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

152

1 What star is this, with beams so bright,  
more lovely than the noonday light?  
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,  
glad tidings of our God to bring.

2 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,  
"From Jacob shall a star proceed";  
and lo! the eastern sages stand  
to read in heaven the Lord's command.

3 While outward signs the star displays,  
an inward light the Lord conveys  
and urges them, with tender might,  
to seek the giver of the light.

4 O Jesus, while the star of grace  
impels us on to seek your face,  
let not our slothful hearts refuse  
the guidance of your light to use

*NINTH LESSON*

John 1:1-14

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

The Word of God becomes flesh  
and lives among us, full of grace and truth

## ***BIDDING PRAYER 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.

## ***SPECIAL MUSIC***

### *Joy to the World*

Words by Isaac Watts, Music by George Frederic Handel, *Arr.* Lowell Mason  
Lois Walker, Marti Hall, Martin Andrews, Morelle Fokwa, Singers

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**    *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

136

**Refrain:**

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. **(Refrain)**

2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. **(Refrain)**

3 Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. **(Refrain)**

+ **POSTLUDE**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

inspired by Scarlatti, Arr. Mark Hayes

Justin Stretetz, Pianist

+ 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

- ✝ **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING:** Typically, we collect a special "Christmas Joy Offering" at the Christmas Eve worship services at FUPCDC. This offering assists current and retired PC(USA) church workers who are in need and supports developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

This year, since we will not gather in person for worship on Christmas Eve, there are two ways you can give to the Christmas Joy offering. (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](http://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!

✚ **HOLIDAY GREETING FROM YOUR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE:** Friendly reminder, this time of year, lends itself to "bad people" looking to find creative ways to acquire your money. If you receive a phone call (whether from a live person or recording), stating it is the IRS, government, or law enforcement, etc.; know that most law enforcement will not call your house and ask you for your personal information, e.g., social security, birth dates, addresses, and other personal information. If you receive a call from someone identifying themselves as law enforcement, look up the phone number and ask them for a call back number. Please know that these entities will NEVER ask you to buy gift cards to pay your debts. If it sounds suspicious, ask someone - use your intuition, it is usually right.

In addition, today's technology allows people to "spoof" identities. They can do this by "pretending" to be another person through email, social media, phone calls, etc. If one of your acquaintances is asking you for something that is unusual - please question it. If someone is contacting you through email, social media or an unusual phone number, pick up the phone (using their known number) and call them and talk to them to verify if they made the request. Usually, no one will call you and ask you to buy them gift cards, to wire money or money orders. Some potential scams are when a "bad person" talks about needing money to get some loved one out of jail, they may talk about losing their wallet/credit cards while on travel; they may talk about some temporary bind they are in. They will work on you being a good person and always willing to help someone in need. These people are also very persistent: ignore them until you verify. Sad to say, the holiday season is a perfect time for scam artists. Don't be fooled - be careful. The Safety and Security Committee will be holding an internet safety discussion at the beginning of 2021. More information will be coming soon.

- \* **GIVING:** Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2021. Your support of the programs and ministries of FUPCDC that are *IMPACTING LIVES* is greatly appreciated! If you have not already pledged, you can do so by completing a pledge card and mailing it to the church or by going to the church website and clicking on the 2021 Pledge Card button. Contributions can be made by a check mailed to FUPCDC, 14391 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193 or online by going to the church website, <https://fupcdc.org/give-online>. Thank you for giving to the Lord.
- \* **SHARING OUR CHRISTMAS MEMORIES:** Please mark your calendars for a virtual gathering **TODAY** 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).
- \* **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** Starting **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will look at **Simon Peter: the Flawed but Faithful Disciple**. He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. It doesn't even sound like the same man. This is a six-week study utilizing material developed by Adam Hamilton. Class will meet Sundays at **8:30 to 9:30 AM** via Zoom. All are invited to participate. Contact Peter Glyer, 703-590-0856 or [peterglyer@gmail.com](mailto:peterglyer@gmail.com) for additional information.

- \* **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Zoom Along with the Monday Night Ladies Bible Buddies every **Monday at 7:00 PM** for Bible Study and Fellowship. Please contact Betty Matthews, 703-618-9127 or [bettysmatthews1@verizon.net](mailto:bettysmatthews1@verizon.net) for more information. The Bible Buddies next study will be **Choose Joy: Because Happiness Isn't Enough** by Kay Warren beginning on **January 4<sup>th</sup>**. Illness, financial worries, relational problems, loneliness, anxiety—we all deal with challenging issues. But Warren says that a joy-filled life is within reach, no matter what your circumstances!
- \* **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. **We will not meet on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, December 30<sup>th</sup>, and January 6<sup>th</sup>.**
- \* **SEWING FACE MASKS:** In keeping with FUPCDC's commitment to serve the needs of the community, the Mission and Outreach Committee is accepting face masks made by members and friends of the congregation and distributing them where they are needed within the local community. To date, masks have been donated to GPW Health Center, Potomac Place Assisted Living, Westminster at Lake Ridge, Good Shepherd Housing Foundation, and ACTS. There is a collection bin outside the door where you can place masks. Many thanks to those who have been participating in this ministry. If you have any questions, please call Pat Manalio (703-283-2948) or Lora Nedimyer (703-680-5526).
- \* **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).
- \* **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).
- \* **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).
- \* **DECEMBER WORSHIP:**  
 Sharing Our Christmas Memories, TODAY - 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 Special Music, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Online Live Stream at 6:30 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*

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



Report on Offering: November 2020

	NOV 2020 Actual	NOV 2020 Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Offering Pledged	33,395	35,056	364,107	355,412
Offering Unpledged	9,682	3,818	48,619	37,420
Total Offering	43,077	38,874	412,726	392,832

## *Joys and Concerns*

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

- ✚ Leslie Glycer \* Tim Elliott \* Patrick Cobb \* Norman Cox
- ✚ Reed Glycer \* Jeanette Gregory \* Baby Louisa Wolstenholme \* Jeannine Menzie
- \* Becca Whitfield \* Joanne Willis \* Baby Dean Moy \* Larry Menzie
- \* Larry Hodges \* Amanda Peck \* Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh \* Linda Ford
- \* Edgar Hodges \* Shirley Westveer \* Jim and Jerolyn Randles \* Lynn Wilson
- \* Marti Glycer \* Virginia McPherson \* Sam Parris' Dad \* Leigh Anderson
- \* Barb McGill \* Debbie Niederriter \* Bill and Laura Parris \* Grace Ofosu-Addo
- \* Waddell \* Marjorie Lawrence \* Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin
- \* Kathryn Avery

✚ Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Mary Jones and family at the death of her father, Nezer Mack, of NC, (94 years old) on November 16, 2020 and her mother, Essie Mack, of North Carolina, (93 years old) on December 9, 2020. Prayers for Mary Jones and family.

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

Celebrations of joy with thanksgiving to God:

- ✚ Thanksgiving to God for Sara's successful cataract surgery - Sara and Bob Porter
- ✚ Our daughter, Rachel, who was ordained as a Youth Elder at FUPCDC, will be graduating from James Madison University this Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. She will be graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hospitality Management and a Minor in General Business. She currently lives in Harrisonburg and is working at a local establishment. She is seeking employment to utilize her major in that geographic area. - Jim and Ann Christie

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

✙ Immanuel Presbyterian Church - McLean, VA

✙ John Calvin Presbyterian Church - Annandale, VA

# *Calendar*

## *December 20 - 27, 2020*

**SUNDAY, December 20**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - LOVE**

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream - A Service of Lessons and Carols

11:00 PM Christmas Traditions

**MONDAY, December 21**

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

**TUESDAY, December 22**

**WEDNESDAY, December 23**

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

**THURSDAY, December 24**

**Church Office Closed**

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service - Online Live Stream

6:30 PM Christmas Eve Special Music - Online Live Stream

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service - Online Live Stream

**FRIDAY, December 25**

**Christmas Day**

**Church Office Closed**

**SATURDAY, December 26**

**SUNDAY, December 27**

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

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Pam Emert  
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## 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 15 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.

## First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA

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

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Ruth Washburg ('22) .....	<i>Children's Ministry</i> .....	703-407-3976
Cathy Albrecht ('23) .....	<i>Communications</i> .....	703-670-8369
Betsy Gilbert ('23) .....	<i>Congregational Connections</i> .....	703-670-4949
Jon Guest ('22) .....	<i>Finance &amp; Administration</i> .....	703-491-4006
Chris Martin ('23) .....	<i>Information Technology</i> .....	585-455-8423
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Pam Cox ('21) .....	<i>Mission &amp; Outreach</i> .....	703-441-6319
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Norman Cobb ('21) .....	<i>Personnel</i> .....	703-878-7317
Jon Guest ('22) .....	<i>Safety &amp; Security</i> .....	703-491-4006
Pat Manalio ('23) .....	<i>Stewardship</i> .....	703-680-5058
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Rev. Adam C. Bowling .....	<i>Moderator</i> .....	828-448-8914
Sara Porter .....	<i>Clerk of Session</i> .....	703-670-8737

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