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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**May 1, 2022**

**8:30 AM**

**The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor**

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## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

### WELCOME

### MINISTRY IN ACTION

✠ Thank you from ENIC International School in Cameroon

### BELLS

*The three tolls call us to worship and symbolize our belief in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In quiet reverence, we prepare for worship.*

### PRELUDE

*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

WOODWORTH, Arr. Mark Hayes

### + CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 30)*

Sing praises to God, you people of faith.

**We give thanks to God, who heals and restores.**

Praise God who transforms us, who heals and loves us.

**Praise God, who clothes us with joy.**

Do not be silent. Praise the Lord!

**We give thanks to our God, today and always.**

### + OPENING HYMN

*God Is Here!*

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think, and do. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

**Amen.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Sometimes we fear that when we confess all that is wrong, we will be exposed and condemned. Our hope in Christ tells us a different thing, that when we confess we open up the way to mercy and forgiveness. Trusting in that hope, let us make our confession, by praying together. . .

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Forgiveness, our greed and our lust for power create enemies where we should find friends. We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beaten down by the burdens of life. We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades. Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with your eyes, that we may bring hope and peace to our world. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our heart. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Acts 9, Psalm 30)*

God's anger lasts but a moment,  
but God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
The Lord forgives our shortcomings  
and sends deliverance through Christ,  
just as the Lord forgave Saul  
and used him to spread the gospel.  
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.**

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

# WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Interrupt our lives, O God. Awaken us to your possibilities. Surprise us and open our hearts to new directions. Transform our hearts and minds, as we listen with anticipation for your word.

**Amen.**

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 9:1-20 NRSV

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.<sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"<sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."<sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.<sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.<sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."<sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,<sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."<sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;<sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;<sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,<sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,<sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

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

**ANTHEM**

*Old Time Religion Melody*  
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Arr. Mark Hayes

**SERMON**

An Unlikely Friendship

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

*If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please speak with Pastor Adam or someone at the Welcome Table in the back of the sanctuary. For those worshipping online, please email Pastor Adam at [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org). Know that ALL are welcome in this place!*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Saul Left For Damascus*

Stephen M. Fearing

Tune: ST. DENIO, which is commonly used to sing “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” GtG #12

**Saul left for Damascus, his orders were clear:  
to send folks to prison and leave them in fear.  
He searched for the people who followed the Way,  
but found someone else when he ventured that day.**

**A bright light from heaven! Saul fell to the ground!  
A voice boomed around him, a voice most profound:  
“Saul, why do you murder and persecute me?”  
Saul saw only darkness; his eyes could not see.**

**His friends had to lead him for now he was blind.  
They came to Damascus by God’s own design.  
God sent Ananias to tell Saul God’s plan.  
Saul’s sight was restored and he was a new man!**

**No more would Saul murder; he grew in God’s grace.  
In all he would serve he would see Jesus’ face.  
Lord, help us to follow with hearts that are brave,  
and worship our savior who rose from the grave.**

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## **SERVICE OF GIVING**

Music at the Offering

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Justin Streletz, Pianist

CONVERSE, Arr. John Turner

### **+ DOXOLOGY**

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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** *(Revelation 5, John 21)*

O God, you have power and wisdom and might. You deserve honor and glory. We come to you, Holy One, blessed by your abundant life, to offer ourselves as your faithful workers. We bring our gifts this day, trusting that they will serve your people.

**Amen.**

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

**Instructions:** *Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates to receive communion. If you cannot come forward please notify an usher, and a server will bring communion to you in your row, or you may pick up a prefilled communion cup in the Welcome Center. For those who need gluten free communion, please come to the Pastor, and he will give you a sealed prefilled communion cup with gluten free bread. Know that all are welcome to the Table of the Lord.*

### **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 up 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)*

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 Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing*

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## 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

- + **HYMN** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* 451
- + **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
- + **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *You Shall Go Out with Joy (The Trees of the Field)* 80
- + **POSTLUDE** *Bless Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS, Arr. Stan Pethel  
Justin Streletz, 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, we are delighted you joined us in worship. Please come to the Welcome Table at the rear of 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, [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org).
- \* **WORSHIP ASSISTANT:** Becca Anderson (8:30, 11:00)
- \* **FLOWERS** were given by Lanny Tuthill in loving memory of Patricia Tuthill on April 24, 2022.

# 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.

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✝ **LIVE STREAM:** We live stream the worship services for those who are uncomfortable returning to in-person worship, or for those who are unable to join us in person at this time. Due to our Live Stream cameras, we ask that you use the side aisles once the worship service begins if you need to enter or exit the sanctuary, so that we keep an optimal camera view of the worship service for our at-home viewers. Thank you!

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Rev. Adam C. Bowling	828-448-8914
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Dennis Dingle	Stewardship & Finance	703-583-9689
Martin Andrews	Worship	703-967-4358
Rev. Adam C. Bowling	Moderator	828-448-8914



# Ministry in Action

- ✝ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us for the Wednesday Night Meal at **6 PM**. On **May 4<sup>th</sup>** the meal is **Pizza**. Please contact Gaylene Guest at 703-398-7449 with any questions.
- ✝ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Please join us on **Wednesdays**, as we study the gospel of Matthew at **7:00 PM** in **Room 22** or join us by Zoom.
- ✝ **BIBLE BUDDIES LADIES' BIBLE STUDY:** Our new study, Beatitudes from the Back Side is a different take on what it means to be blessed, by J. Ellsworth Kala. Using his method of approaching Bible passages from an unusual angle or a unique starting point, J. Ellsworth Kala presents new insight into the beatitudes, Jesus' blessings from the Sermon on the Mount. We meet **every Monday at 7:00 PM in Room 22 and Zoom**. Please contact Betty Matthews for more information, [bettysmatthews1@verizon.net](mailto:bettysmatthews1@verizon.net).
- ✝ **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM**. Feel free to bring a friend! For additional information please contact Sam Parris at 703-946-7266 or [samjparris@aol.com](mailto:samjparris@aol.com).

- ✝ **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION:** Join us for **Sunday School at 9:30 AM on Sundays**. For more information contact Erin Bowling at [erinkbowling@gmail.com](mailto:erinkbowling@gmail.com). In May, our preschoolers will go on a **Scavenger Hunt** as we explore the story of creation. Preschoolers ask questions countless times as they get to know the world around them. This is the perfect opportunity for us to not only tell them what they are looking at, but who made it as well. That's why we are going to add another question to their inquisitive minds. Who made everything? We want preschoolers to know that God made everything. We want them to think of God as they explore and get to know this wonderful, colorful world we live in. And even more, we want them to know that the same God who made everything made them and loves them.

Our kindergarten through sixth grade students will learn to **Bounce Back** as we study **resilience** in May. We will examine Bible stories of times when God is strong and faithful, and remember that God is always working in our lives. We might get knocked down from time to time, but when we put our trust in God, we find the strength we need to get back up again. Jesus showed us how to face life with resilience. No matter what happened, Jesus relied on God to help Him accomplish the mission set before Him. Because of Jesus, we can trust God no matter what. We can bounce back from whatever knocks us down and complete the mission God has for us.

- ✝ **BENEFIT CONCERT:** There will be a concert at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 12351 All Saints Place, in Woodbridge in support of Good Shepherd Housing on **Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM**.
- ✝ **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY:** Our study is about the five women mentioned in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. **We meet the second Monday of the month at 9:30 AM; May 9<sup>th</sup>** is our next meeting, in-person and via Zoom. Contact Sara Porter, [saraporter@comcast.net](mailto:saraporter@comcast.net) or 703-670-8737 for more information.

- ✝ **WOMEN’S RETREAT:** Join us for a half-day retreat on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM to 12 PM**, to consider the ways spiritual practices can ground us in living faithfully and nurture our relationship with the Creator/Creative God, and our families and neighbors. The Keynote speaker is Rev. Kate Fiedler, Associate Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA. **Register by May 10<sup>th</sup>**, [www.fupcdc.org](http://www.fupcdc.org).
- ✝ **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED LUNCH (Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:10 PM, Room 22):** This event is designed to introduce you and your family to the church and is open to anyone interested in learning more about our church and/or membership. Child care and lunch will be provided for your entire family. Please let us know if there are any food allergies or restrictions when you register for the event. Reservations are required to plan for childcare and food. Register by calling the Church Office at 703-670-7834.
- \* **PRAYER/CONNECT CARDS:** Prayer/ Connect Cards are located in the Friendship Registers and at the Prayer Request Box in the Welcome Center.

# *Student Ministry News*

- ✝ **CAMP FUN DAY:** Experience the fun of Camp Hanover **TODAY, May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Bring your family, bring your friends, for **free** outdoor recreation and crafts in God's beautiful creation. For more information go to <https://www.camphanover.org>.
- \* **YOUTH ADVISORS (ADULT VOLUNTEERS):** We are looking for Youth Advisors (Adult Volunteers). Please contact Pastor Adam if you are interested in helping with Student Ministry
- \* **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

### DEACONS

**Class of 2022**  
 Debbie Cornelius  
 Liz Goolgasian  
 Anne Green  
 Charlotte Stultz

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

**Class of 2024**  
 Agnes Fokwa  
 Deborah Folly  
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 Nne Kalu  
 Kathy McNeely

Ellen Nuernberger, Ministry Team Leader..... 703-878-0009  
 Deborah Folly, Ministry Team Leader .....703-606-5532

# Joys and Concerns

## All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| ✠ Philip Walker      | * Bill and Laura Parris          | * Amy Smith     | * Jeannine Menzie  |
| ✠ Cherie Sankey      | * David and Melissa Behrens      | * Michael Moore | * Leigh Anderson   |
| ✠ Rev. Bill Clark    | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin | * Tanya         | * Linda Ford       |
| * Majorie Lawrence   | * Gary and Keith Albrecht        | * Amanda        | * Norman Cox       |
| * Kay Hinegardner    | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh     | * Susan Bennett | * Nate Johnson     |
| * Nancy McDermott    | * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme       | * Thomas Prinz  | * Grace Ofosu-Addo |
| * Sandra D'Imperio   | * Jeanette Barbee                | * Baby Raphael  | * Shirley Westveer |
| * Debbie Niederriter | * Charlie and Martha Ashton      | * Jim Patterson | * Ann Randles      |

- \* Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and all those affected by this tragedy.
- ✠ Prayers of Praise to God for the Invictus games and safe return of the participants, including my son, Douglas Godfrey, Jr. and his family who arrived home last Saturday night. Also Ukraine, which some were trained and traveled with the USA team. - Sandy Godfrey
- \* Heartfelt thanks! The Seder dinner held at FUPCDC could not have been the well-attended success it was without the help of the army of all volunteers involved! Because I don't want to leave anyone out by attempting to name everyone, let me just say thank you, one and all (you know who you are)! It could not have happened without you! To God be the Glory!  
- Cathy Smith

## 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)

## The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✠ Tacoma Park Presbyterian Church - Takoma Park, MD
- ✠ Trinity Presbyterian Church - Arlington, VA

# Calendar

## May 1 - 8, 2022

### SUNDAY, May 1

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional - Communion
- 9:30 AM Children's Education
- 9:45 AM Ephesians Bible Study (Adult)
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion
- 1:00 PM Peace Church
- 2:00 PM Camp Hanover Fun Day

### MONDAY, May 2

#### Little Hands Preschool - No School

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 6:30 PM Task Force Glue Stick
- 7:00 PM Bible Buddies
- 8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

### TUESDAY, May 3

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 7:00 PM BSA Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM Growing in Faith Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM BSA Troop 964 G
- 7:30 PM AA 101
- 7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

### WEDNESDAY, May 4

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive Meal
- 6:15 PM Girl Scout Troop 80115
- 6:25 PM Young People's Choir
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Peace Church Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir
- 8:30 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

### THURSDAY, May 5

#### National Day of Prayer

- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group
- 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2279
- 7:00 PM Girl Scout Service Unit 80-5 Juliettes
- 7:00 PM Safety and Security Meeting
- 7:00 PM LHP Advisory Board Meeting via Zoom
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

### FRIDAY, May 6

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

### SATURDAY, May 7

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

### SUNDAY, May 8

#### Mother's Day

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:30 AM Children's Education
- 9:45 AM Ephesians Bible Study (Adult)
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Youth)
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 1:00 PM Peace Church
- 1:15 PM Property Ministry Team
- 4:00 PM Benefit Concert - St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

#### 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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