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3rd Sunday of Easter May 1, 2022 11:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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GATHERING

+ GATHERING SONG

Ancient of Days

Gary Sadler, Jamie Harvill (CCLI#: 798108)

WELCOME

MINISTRY IN ACTION

Thank you from ENIC International School in Cameroon

+ GATHERING WORDS (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 SONG

Old Church Choir

Colby Wedgeworth, Ethan Huse, Zach Williams (CCLI#: 7071239)

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

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 GOD'S GRACE (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)

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

PROCLAIMING

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 ² 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. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ 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. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ 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, ¹² 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." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ 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; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ 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." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ 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.

MESSAGE

An Unlikely Friendship

Pastor 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 at the back of the sanctuary. For those worshiping online, please email Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!

RESPONDING

+ SONG OF RESPONSE

Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan (CCLI#:7102401)

SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

What Would You Do

Isaiah Templeton, Steven Furtick (CCLI#:7145729)

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.

CELEBRATION 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 (All Sing)

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Our Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed-a be thy name

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done: Hallowed-a be thy name

On earth as it is in heaven: Hallowed-a be thy name

Give us this day, our daily bread: Hallowed-a be thy name

And forgive us all our sins: Hallowed-a be thy name As we forgive those who sin: Hallowed-a-be thy name And lead us not into temptation: Hallowed-a be thy name

But deliver us from evil: Hallowed-a be thy name

For thine is the kingdom, the power and glory: Hallowed-a be thy name

Forever and ever, amen: 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.

SENDING

+ SENDING SONG

Live Like That

Ben Glover, Ben McDonald, David Frey (CCLI#:6221421)

- + CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- + RESPONSE

You Shall Go Out with Joy

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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.
- * 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 th message, type @fupcdc and send. You can unsubscribe at any time.

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!

Ministry in Action

- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE MEAL:** Please join us for the Wednesday Night Meal at 6 PM. On May 4th 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, <u>Beatitudes from the Back Side</u> 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.
- MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men, please join us for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, May 7th 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.
- **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION: Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 AM on Sundays. For more information contact Erin Bowling at 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**th 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 9th is our next meeting, in-person and via Zoom. Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net or 703-670-8737 for more information.

- **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Join us for a half-day retreat on **Saturday, May 14**th, **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**th, www.fupcdc.org.
- DISCOVER FIRST UNITED LUNCH (Sunday, May 15th, 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**st. Bring your family, bring your friends, for <u>free</u> 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.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

Ÿ	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
		*	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

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Calendar May 1 - 8, 2022

SUNDAY, May 1

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8:30 AM	worsnip	-	Traditional	-	Communion

9:30 AM Children's Education

9:45 AM Ephesians Bible Study (Adult) Confirmation Class (Youth) 9:45 AM

11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary - Communion 7:00 PM

1:00 PM Peace Church

2:00 PM Camp Hanover Fun Day

MONDAY, May 2

Little Hands Preschool - No School

Holy Fitness via Zoom 10:30 AM 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

Growing in Faith Ministry Team 7:00 PM

7:00 PM BSA Troop 964 G

7:30 PM **AA 101**

7:30 PM **Bull Run Troubadours**

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WEDNESDAY, May 4

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom Wednesday Night Alive Meal 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 80115 6:15 PM 6:25 PM Young People's Choir 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

Girl Scout Service Unit 80-5 Juliettes 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Safety and Security Meeting

LHP Advisory Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 PM

AA Support Group 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, May 6

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, May 7

MA 00:8 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

Peace Church 1:00 PM

Property Ministry Team 1:15 PM

Benefit Concert - St. Matthew's 4:00 PM

Lutheran Church

+++++++++++++++++++ Church Office Hours: 10 AM - 2:30 PM, weekdays, 703-670-7834

> ++++++++++++++++++ Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366