

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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# WALKING THE PATH

"WISDOM... WALKS ALONG THE PATHS OF JUSTICE." PROVERBS 8



Youth Mission Sunday 2023

July 16, 2023

10:00 AM

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## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**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.*

**GATHERING SONG**      *I Will Follow*  
Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan (CCLI#: 5806878)  
FUPCDC Praise Team

**WELCOME**      Rev. Adam C. Bowling

**MINISTRY IN ACTION**  
✝ Bible Camp      Erin Bowling

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP**  
God calls us from many different places.  
    **Though we are each walking different paths, we walk this particular part together.**  
Let us praise God now with each step we take.  
    **Let us celebrate that the Spirit has brought us together.**

+ **OPENING HYMN**      *Together We Serve*      767

**CALL TO CONFESSION**  
If we think we are walking through this life perfectly, we are only fooling ourselves. When we choose to get real and admit to our mistakes and missteps, God hears us, forgives us, and gives us a chance to live better. So with humility, let's offer this prayer of confession. Join me as we pray together, saying. . .

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
God of Grace, we confess that we have not always walked the path the way you would want us to. We get distracted easily and lose the trail. Sometimes we think we don't need your guidance and just choose to go our own way. Too often we overlook the person on the side of the road who is hurting and in need of help, and instead just keep going, claiming that we are too busy or too important. We don't always recognize you in the faces of those we meet along the way, and so sometimes we treat them like they are lesser than us. Help us to see you in the faces of all those who are struggling. Guide us back on a path that is about community and support, instead of a race to win at all costs. Give us empathy for others that leads to advocacy. Help us walk a path that leads to the kingdom of God. And now, hear us as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

As far as the east is from the west. That's how far God takes our sins away from us.  
The past is the past. The future is God's.  
Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
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**

Bible Camp Kids

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 28:16-20 NRSV

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 28:16-20 (The New Testament in Gullah Sea Island Creole)

Now de leben ciple dem gone ta de high hill een Galilee weh Jedus been tell um fa go. <sup>17</sup> Wen dey see Jedus, dey kneel down fa woshup um. Still yet some ob dem beena doubt ef dat been Jedus fa true. <sup>18</sup> Den Jedus come op ta um an say, God done gii me all de tority an powa fa rule een heaben an een dis wol. <sup>19</sup> So den, oona mus go ta all de people all oba de wol an laan um fa be me ciple dem. Oona mus bactize um een de name ob de Fada God, an de name ob de Son, an de name ob de Holy Sperit. <sup>20</sup> Oona mus laan um fa do all wa A done chaage oona fa do. An fa sho, A gwine be dey wid oona all de time til de time end.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

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Youth Mission Team

**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 someone at the Welcome Table right outside 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** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

**SERVICE OF GIVING**

Music at the Offering *Pie la neyok poa tumtsok so’ bou*  
Agnes Fokwa and Morelle Fokwa, Djembe Drum: Joel Fokwa

Unknown

“We offer ourselves and our souls to you”

**Translation:** What can we offer you, Lord?

What can we offer you, High King?

What can we offer you, Lord?

We offer ourselves and our souls to you!

You know all that we have, Lord!  
You know all that we have, High King!  
You know all that we have, Lord!  
We offer ourselves and our souls to you!

Our bags are full of stuff unworthy to offer you, Lord!  
They are full of stuff unworthy of you, High King!  
Our bags are full of stuff unworthy to offer you, Lord!  
So we offer ourselves and souls to you!

+ **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**

Loving God, we thank you for the beauty of this earth that sustains life, for society and its cultures, for those who serve others in your justice, peace, and love. For all your many blessings and gifts you bestow upon us, we give you thanks and praise. Use these gifts of money and all our gifts, O Lord, to further your work of compassion in the world. This we pray in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## **WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

+ **SENDING SONG**

*Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Pat Barrett (CCLI#: 7168697)

FUPCDC Praise Team

+ **OUR VISION**

Here at First United Presbyterian we are

**Welcoming All, Growing Together, Serving with Joy!**

+ **CHARGE**

Our worship time has ended and now our service begins. So go out into the world continuing to walk on the path that God has set before you. Offer help where you can. Receive help as you need. Know that the Spirit of God walks before you, beside you, behind you, and within you. May the choices you make on your path be ones of compassion and justice. And may we all walk together on the path toward the kingdom of God.

+ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

+ *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 ASSISTANT:** Pam Cox
- \* **FLOWERS** are given by Aaron and Rebekah Lauster in honor of Rebekah's Dad and Papa, Charles "Butch" Beckman.

## *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.
- \* **THURSDAY NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED:** To read about all the great things that are happening at FUPCDC, you can receive a weekly email. To sign up for the Thursday News, go to <https://fupcdc.org> and click on the church email signups button or email the church office at [office@fupcdc.org](mailto:office@fupcdc.org).

- \* **CONNECT CARD/PRAYER CARD:** If you are new to FUPCDC or you need to update your information, please fill out a Connect Card. On the back side is the Prayer Card. It would be our honor to pray for your joys and concerns. Please drop the card in the Prayer Request box in the Welcome Center.

## *Ministry in Action*

- ✝ **CAT RESULTS CONGREGATIONAL PROGRAM:** Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 AM.
- \* **ADULT/YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** The Nooma Bible study is on Sundays, at 9:00 AM. For more information, contact Curt Hoagland at [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com).
- \* **252 KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** We will meet today at 10:15 AM. Contact Erin Bowling at [erinkbowling@gmail.com](mailto:erinkbowling@gmail.com) for more information.

## *Student Ministry News*

- \* **YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are 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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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| ✝ Norman Cobb                 | * Debbie Niederriter  | * Karen Gundel    | * Deborah Folly  |
| * Mike Gundel                 | * Baby Raphael        | * Jeannine Menzie | * Linda Ford     |
| * Sue Johnson                 | * Tanya               | * Lee Watenpaugh  | * Sofie Garrett  |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme    | * Amanda              | * Doug Godfrey    | * Ann Randles    |
| * Bill and Laura Parris       | * Nathan Johnson, III | * Yolanda Magpayo | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Jason, Arina, Mikail Corbin | * Mikon Jones         | * Cyrus Eads      | * Nate Johnson   |

**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)
- ✝ Zack Lauster (Aaron Lauster's son)

**The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:**

- ✚ Wheaton Community Church - Silver Spring, MD
- ✚ The National Capital Presbytery Staff

# Calendar

## July 16 - 23, 2023

**SUNDAY, July 16**

**Youth Mission Sunday**

- 9:00 AM Adult/Youth Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Worship - One Service
- 10:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 11:15 AM Spread the Bread
- 11:15 AM Mission Ministry Team

**MONDAY, July 17**

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness

**TUESDAY, July 18**

- 8:30 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G
- 7:00 PM Congregational Care Ministry Team
- 7:00 PM Bull Run Troubadours
- 7:30 PM AA

**WEDNESDAY, July 19**

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness
- 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 80115
- 8:15 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

**THURSDAY, July 20**

- 10:00 AM Postpartum Support VA
- 3:00 PM Prayer & Praise Small Group
- 7:00 PM Earth Care Committee
- 7:00 PM Ministry Team Leaders Meeting
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

**FRIDAY, July 21**

- 10:30 AM Holy Fitness

**SATURDAY, July 22**

**SUNDAY, July 23**

- 9:00 AM CAT Results Congregational Program
- 10:00 AM Worship - One Service
- 10:15 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry
- 11:15 AM Spread the Bread
- 11:15 AM More Light Presbyterians Meeting



<b>First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA</b>	
Ministers.....	People of the Church
Pastor.....	Rev. Adam C. Bowling
Parish Assistant.....	Pastor Michael Slayter
Youth Director.....	Briana Stewart
Chancel Choir Director.....	Dana Van Slyke
Contemporary Worship Leader.....	Theresa Arnold
Pianist/Organist.....	Justin Streletz
Nursery Supervisor.....	Joann Paige
Sexton.....	Homer Detrich
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