

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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To  
God  
be the  
Glory!

*33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
November 18, 2018  
10:00 AM

*Passion for Christ-Compassion for Others*  
*Loving God-Loving Others*  
*Connect-Grow-Serve*

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Those who are able, please stand either with your bodies or in your hearts.

**Bold print = congregational response**

Childcare is available in the Nursery for infants and young children.

If you plan to use the Nursery, please sign in upon arrival.

## SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

### 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

*A Mighty Fortress*

Luther, Arr. Raney

### WELCOME

### MINISTRY IN ACTION

### JUBILATION HANDBELLS

*Come Thankful People*

Tim Waugh

*Ike Evans, Director*

### + CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, our God!

**We have gathered here today to worship you and to listen for your word to us.**

God of steadfast love, whose love endures forever,

**You are the beginning of all things, the life of all things;**

You knew us before we were born.

**In you we become; in you we live.**

Ever-present God, you are here and there and everywhere,

**around us and within us.**

You know our inner most thoughts.

**In you we hope; in you we live.**

God of mercy, you are the source of serenity, giving peace that is beyond our understanding.

**In you we are still; in you we live.**

In your grace you forgive us and set us free from our sins.

**God of amazing grace and unending love, we worship you with thankful hearts.**

### + SONGS

*Beautiful Day*

Rick Muchow

*Agnus Dei*

Michael W. Smith

**OPENING PRAYER** (*— adapted from prayer by Carolyn Brown, from [Worshipping with Children](#) website*)

God, you are the Alpha and Omega. You were here before anything else existed and you will be here when everything and everyone has come to an end.

**Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

Creating God, you spoke and the entire universe came into existence. You know the secrets of stars and dark holes and far flung galaxies.

**Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

Lord of the Whole Creation, you are aware of each tiny creature on each planet. You pay attention to insects and birds and even us.

**Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

God of History, you call us to be your people. You appointed us to take care of this planet Earth. You gave us rules for living well together. You call us to great things.

**Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

Loving God, you created each one of us. You know us by name and watch over us. You are with us when everything is wonderful. And, you walk with us through our worst days.

**Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

God of Mercy, you know everything we do, the good and the bad. And, still you do not give up on us. When we mess up, you call us back to yourself and you forgive us when we don't deserve it.

**Thine is the Kingdom and power and the glory forever.**

You are greater than we can understand, vaster than we can imagine, more amazing than we can put into words. So with awe and deep gratitude we say . . .

**Thank you! To God be the glory forever more.**

Amen.

## + **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** (*Please be seated.*) (*Afterwards, children four and under may go to the Nursery.*)

*Uyai Mose*

UYAI MOSE

*Becca and Chris Anderson, Children's Choir Directors*

**ANTHEM**

*Well Done Faithful Servant!*

Martin

*Chancel Choir*

## **OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

Celebration of Friendship and Faithfulness

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads, indicating all family members who are present, including children in the Nursery.

Guests, we would appreciate it if you would give us some form of contact information: Name and one of the following: phone number(s), mailing address, or email.

Pew envelopes in the Friendship Pad are for visitors. If you would like regular envelopes, please contact the Church Office.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Dorsey, Arr. Lund

+ Response #710 *(Please stand.) We Lift Our Voices* OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Sing.) (Please remain seated.)*

+ **AFFIRMING WHAT WE BELIEVE - THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(Please stand.)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ **HYMN #826** *(Remain standing)* *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27-31; 13:4-8a

**SERMON** You Are the Church -The Body of Christ! Pastor Jeri

**WORDS OF GREETING AND FAREWELL** Harriet Hopkins, Co-Moderator  
Congregation Transitions Commission, National Capital Presbytery

**LITANY OF FAREWELL** *(led by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session)*

Our church family is constantly changing. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage - times of endings and beginnings. Today, we share an ending, a time of farewell with Pastor Jeri.

Pastor Jeri was first called by the Pastor Interim Search Committee to begin her ministry at the First United Presbyterian Church in February 2015. While today is her last day in the

pulpit, Pastor Jeri will be available for pastoral care through November 30<sup>th</sup>. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Rev. Adam Bowling becomes your next installed pastor.

*(Pastor Jeri) I thank the First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City: its Session and Board of Deacons, the staff, and you, the members and friends of this church for the love, kindness, and support shown to me in these last 45 months. With great thanks to God for His guidance and direction throughout this time of interim ministry, I recall with joy the many things you as the body of Christ have been able to accomplish together with God's help. To God be the glory!*

*As I leave, I carry with me many fond memories and times of learning while serving with you in this in-between time of installed pastors. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted, for your willingness to look yourselves in the mirror and to make changes, for taking risks to try something new, for your growing desire to intentionally move in new directions as you take the Good News of Jesus Christ into the community and beyond. In many ways you are a much stronger congregation than when I first arrived. To God be the glory!*

*And, now, I ask for forgiveness for any mistakes I have made.*

**We receive your gratitude, offer forgiveness, and accept the fact that you now leave to minister wherever God calls you. We express our gratitude for your time among us; and we ask for your forgiveness for our mistakes.**

**Empowered by God's Spirit, your influence on our faith and faithfulness has helped us to grow and mature as faithful disciples. We are thankful you were called by God to lead us into the next phase of our journey as a congregation.**

*(Pastor Jeri) I accept your gratitude and forgive you, trusting that our time together has been pleasing to God.*

### **VOWS OF RELEASE** (led by Harriet Hopkins)

Do you, the members and friends of the First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, release Pastor Jeri from the duties of pastor, duties that include pastoral care, baptisms, weddings, and funerals?

**We do, with the help of God.**

Do you offer your encouragement for Pastor Jeri as she discerns God's will for her as it unfolds in new ways?

**We do, with the help of God.**

Pastor Jeri, each pastor must be afforded every opportunity to build and nourish a vital pastoral relationship with their new community. Ongoing relationships with previous pastors can negatively impact the current pastoral bond. In order to avoid any negative impact, this means you will no longer be available for baptisms, weddings, funerals, or pastoral care. Do you release this congregation from turning to you and depending on you as pastor?

*(Pastor Jeri) I do, with the help of God; and I will sign a covenant of closure that I will not*

- *Worship with FUPCDC without an invitation of the moderator of the session and specific permission of the chair of the COM or designee;*
- *Be involved in any leadership or advisory role, public or private, including teaching, in the former congregation;*
- *Intervene, support or give advice to anyone involved in a disagreement or dispute or give opinions regarding church business at the former congregation;*
- *Provide pastoral care to members of the First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City;*
- *Officiate in any special events in the lives of parishioners of the congregation, including weddings, funerals, baptisms, worship leadership regardless of location.*
- *Participate directly in church anniversaries or reunions, unless expressly invited by the moderator of the session and with the specific permission of the chair of the Committee on Ministry or designee.*

Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and for the relationship this congregation will embark upon with Rev. Adam Bowling, who will come to serve after you?

*(Pastor Jeri) I do.*

**PRAYER** (led by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session)

Let us pray. O God, for remembered times when we, together, have shared the life of faith, we express our sincere gratitude. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Pastor Jeri in worship, in learning, in service, and in Christian living. We pray that she will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as she moves in a new direction to Clifton Presbyterian Church to serve as their interim/transitional pastor.

**God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories and now move in a new direction. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*(with outstretched hands towards Pastor Jeri)* **Go now, surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*(Pastor Jeri) Thank you! May God bless this church with strength, with life, and with hope! Amen.*

+ **HYMN** (blue hymnal #418)      *God Bless Your Church with Strength*  
(Please stand.)

*Alternate tune-DIADEMATA*

1. God, bless Your church with strength!  
Wherever we may be,  
Upbuild Your servants as we work  
In common ministry.  
Urge us from fledgling faith  
To venture and to soar  
Through open skies, to sing the praise  
Of Christ whom we adore.
  
2. God, bless Your church with life!  
May all our branches thrive,  
Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit,  
Abundantly alive.  
From You, one holy vine,  
In freedom may we grow;  
Sustain us in our mission, Lord,  
Your love and peace to show.
  
3. God, bless Your church with hope!  
Despite chaotic days,  
May we in chaos shine to light  
A pathway through life's maze.  
May justice be our aim,  
And kindness ours to share,  
In humbleness O may we walk,  
Assured our God is there!

+ **BENEDICTION** (You are invited to join hands.)

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**              *The Lord Bless You*

+ **POSTLUDE**                              *Soon and Very Soon*

*Crouch, Arr. Kim*

**A TIME OF CELEBRATION**



# Worship Notes

- \* **WELCOME!** Whether new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting, we are delighted you joined us in worship. Please fill out the card in the friendship register and bring it to the rear of the sanctuary after the service for a special gift. Visitors are encouraged to wear a visitor tag, found in the register, so that we may get to know you. To find out more about this church, please ask at the Welcome Table or call the Church Office.
- \* **LITURGIST:** Norman Cobb
- \* **GREETERS:** Barbara Baker and Ellen Nuernberger
- \* **FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God with thanksgiving for the church's love and support these past 45 months. God's blessings in your journey, Pastor Jeri
- \* **PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT** to ensure your electronic devices are silenced during the worship service, so that our special time with God will not be interrupted.
- \* **SPECIAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE:**
  - Hearing Assistance Systems* .....at the sound station
  - Wheelchairs* ..... in the office area storage room
  - Enlarged bulletins* ..... contact Church Office
  - Rocking Chairs for parents with young children*..... in the back of church
- \* **FUPCDC WEBSITE:** For detailed news and information, visit our church website at <https://fupcdc.org>.
- \* **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.
- \* **ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS:** If you have not already done so, please designate FUPCDC as your favored charity by following these steps:
  1. Sign in to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
  2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity.
  3. Type in: First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City.  
AmazonSmile: You Shop. We Give. Thank you for your support!

# Ministry in Action

- ✚ **NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> AFTER PARTY FOR PASTOR JERI:** We are not letting Pastor Jeri leave quietly. Immediately following the 10 AM service today there will be a fellowship Farewell after party in the Triple Room for Pastor Jeri. Light snacks will be provided.
- ✚ **JOY PLEDGES:** Let's keep the 2018 JOY overflowing into 2019. The Stewardship Committee wants to THANK everyone for bringing their Joy pledge forward on November 4<sup>th</sup>. As stated in the prayer, ' We dedicate our pledges to you, O God. Guide our leaders as they prepare us financially for the upcoming year.' If you have not yet made your 2019 pledge, there is still time; it is not too late. Pledge cards may be found in the Narthex in the Information Rack located on the wall next to the office hallway. Alternatively, you may contact the Church Office or ask any member of the committee for a pledge card. The cards may be dropped off at the church office during the week or put in the offering plate during the offertory. Our goal remains to have 100% of our church family members make their commitment to continue the joy into 2019. Thank you so much for your faithfulness and commitment to God and His promises. Blessings!
- ✚ **UN-TRIM-A-TREE:** As with last year, we are supporting 50 children for a total of 100 gifts through Prince William County. The program provides for a gift (\$25 to \$35 in value) along with wrapping paper/gift bags, gift tags, ribbons, and bows to the family. The parents have the joy of wrapping gifts for their children and placing them under the tree. The children have the joy of gifts to open on that beautiful morning. The Un-Trim-A-Tree will be setup in the Narthex next Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information in future Sunday bulletins.
- ✚ **CHRISTMAS RECIPE EXCHANGE (hosted by Congregational Connections):** All are welcome...no cooking required! (December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:45-10:45 AM in the TRIPLE ROOM) Join us as we gather to share favorite Christmas recipes and holiday traditions. We will enjoy coffee, tea, light refreshments and fellowship. You may submit your recipe no later than December 2<sup>nd</sup> by placing it in the marked recipe box in the Narthex, or by e-mailing it to [betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com) (be sure to include your name). We will compile the recipes and make copies to share. If you would rather not submit a recipe, please still plan to join us. Maybe you will connect with someone new! Questions: call Betsy Gilbert 703-670-4949.
- ✚ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE:** There will be no Wednesday Night Alive and no Pastor's Bible Study on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- \* **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** FUPCDC services and activities will follow the PWCS delay/cancellations for inclement weather. Information pertaining to weather closings will be announced on ABC 7, News 8, FOX 5, WUSA 9 and radio station WGTS 91.9.
- \* **HYMNALS:** The blue hymnals are located in the back of the sanctuary on a cart for the taking. Please feel free to take one of the blue hymnals for your personal use. They will be available until they have found a new home.

# Joys and Concerns

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

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|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| ✝ Melanie Staten | * Pat Manalio      | * Rick Bockes     |
| ✝ Margaret       | * Rick Bockes      | * Larry Menzie    |
| * Pam Palisin    | * Lynn Wilson      | * Craig Layton    |
| * Karen Gundel   | * Caitlin Ritenour | * Nancy Markworth |
| * Sandy Godfrey  | * Mark Elliott     | * Our Nation      |

Pray for a smooth transition as Pastor Adam and his family move to this area.

All those grieving, including:

- ✝ Marla and Dennis DuBois, John and Stephanie, other relatives and close friends, as they grieve the death of Charles DuBois, who died on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Cathy Smith and family, as they grieve the death of her father, Royce Allen Cornell, who died on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Celebrations of joys with thanksgiving to God:

- ✝ Praise God for all He has done and continues to do for us! Safe travels and remember to give God the praise and the glory!
- ✝ We want to express our thanks to the congregation for the flowers, food, cards, love and support that we received following the death of Steve. We appreciate everything more than we can say. ~ Grace Ofosu-Addo and family
- ✝ The Elliott family thanks you for continuing to pray for our 32-yr-old son, Mark (Becky's grandson), who was diagnosed with adrenal cell carcinoma in August. We know that our God is faithful (Romans 8:28) and to Him be all the glory ~ Tom & Karen Elliott
- ✝ Dear FUPCDC friends, Your abundant kindness was a blessing during my recovery from foot surgery this fall. Your prayers, visits, cards, well wishes, gifts of food, etc. were so very much appreciated! ~ In Christ's love and with gratitude for you, Amy Greenslit
- \* We are truly grateful to our church family for all of their prayers for peace, comfort and strength, all of the cards sharing kind and caring thoughts and all of the touching words and actions and the lovely flowers! Prayer is powerful, and was so needed, and most definitely felt! Thank you! ~ Cathy and Gary Smith

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC
- ✝ Northeastern Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

# *Calendar*

## *November 18 - 25, 2018*

### **SUNDAY, November 18**

8:30 AM Potluck Breakfast  
10:00 AM Worship - one service  
Reception for Pastor Jeri following  
10 AM service  
12:15 PM Spread the Bread  
1:00 PM Peace Church  
5:45 PM Jubilation Handbells

### **MONDAY, November 19**

10:00 AM Breakfast with Friends  
@ Montclair Family Restaurant  
11:30 AM Preschool Day of Sharing  
7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 289  
7:30 PM IT Committee

### **TUESDAY, November 20**

11:30 AM Preschool Day of Sharing  
1:00 PM AI-Anon  
4:30 PM Lessons  
6:45 PM Boy Scout Troop 964  
7:30 PM AA 101  
7:30 PM Session

### **WEDNESDAY, November 21**

10:15 AM Staff Meeting  
11:00 AM Holy Fitness  
4:30 PM Piano/Organ Practice  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir  
7:00 PM RIF Meeting

### **THURSDAY, November 22**

Thanksgiving Day  
Church Office Closed

### **FRIDAY, November 23**

Church Office Closed

### **SATURDAY, November 24**

### **SUNDAY, November 25**

8:30 AM Worship - Traditional  
9:45 AM Education Hour/Kidz Church  
11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary  
11:00 AM Kidz Church  
12:15 PM Spread the Bread  
1:00 PM Peace Church  
2:30 PM Alex Butler Eagle Scout Court of Honor  
5:45 PM Jubilation Handbells

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Becca & Chris Anderson.....Contemporary Worship Co-Directors  
 Children’s Choir Directors  
 Homer Detrich..... Sexton  
 Ike Evans..... Jubilation Handbell Director  
 Joann Paige.....Nursery Supervisor  
 Kim Parker..... Office Manager  
 Tiffany Ramsey ..... Little Hands Preschool Director  
 Justin Streletz.....Accompanist  
 Dana Van Slyke ..... Music Director

**2018 SESSION**

Peter Glycer ('20) .....*Adult Christian Education*..... 703-590-0856  
 Jon Guest ('18) .....*Building & Grounds* ..... 703-491-4006  
 Becky George ('18) .....*Children’s Ministry*..... 571-264-9103  
 Debbie Boisvert ('19) .....*Communications* ..... 703-489-7091  
 Betsy Gilbert ('19) .....*Congregational Connections*..... 703-670-4949  
 Tim Camus ('20) ..... *Finance & Admin* ..... 703-897-5131  
 Chris Martin ('19) ..... *Information Technology*..... 585-455-8423  
 Jeff Cobb ('18) .....*Little Hands Preschool* ..... 703-730-2946  
 Pam Cox ('20) .....*Mission & Outreach*..... 703-441-6319  
 Jennifer Casey ('19) .....*Nominating* .....703-915-6192  
 Norman Cobb ('18) .....*Personnel* ..... 703-878-7317  
 Lora Nedimyer ('19) .....*Stewardship*.....703-680-5526  
 Cathy Albrecht ('18) .....*Worship*..... 703-670-8369  
 Sam Parris ('19) .....*Youth Ministry* .....703-730-3920

Rev. Jeri Fields.....*Moderator*..... 703-501-8643  
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Church Office Hours: 10 AM - 2:30 PM, weekdays

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Little Hands Preschool, 703-878-2366