

January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 a.m.

Gathering those who fear they are not enough, so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



The Apostle Paul, Rembrandt van Rijn, ca. 1657 National Gallery of Art

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

There is no such thing as an independent Christian.

- Rosaria Champagne Butterfield

Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. Clarence Kohlmann (1891-1944)

Welcome



Opening Prayer

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Paul's letter to the church in Corinth addresses a congregation filled with divisions with some valued as members and others dismissed as unimportant, but the apostle dismisses such comparisons and insists on the essential value of all.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

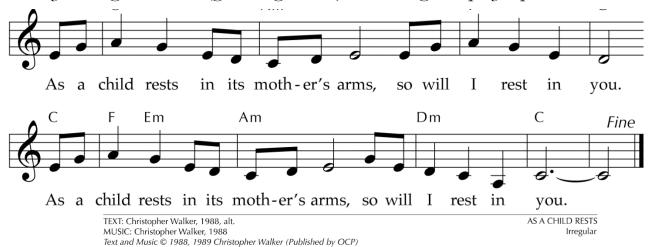
ONE: The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Reflection James Sledge



This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16–17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1–31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder currently serving on Session (governing council). Following each prayer petition we will sing:



Prayers of Joy

Congratulations to Jen Root and Alan Shankle on their marriage at FCPC on January 8

Prayer Concerns

The family of Emma Corina Granado, Gail Warner's brother-in-law's mother, on her recent death

Sarah Barth, beginning chemotherapy on Jan. 28

Bill Darrow, after a recent hospitalization

Arnold Baker, friend of Carol and Bill Kercheval, recovering from back surgery Andrea Brown, in treatment for a benign tumor

Continued Prayers

Kris Barth, Callie Brown, Allan Capon, Steve Graff, Mike Hugo, Nora Long, Ruth Mileham, Bob Moore, Sharane Patek, Cort Peret, Sabra Staley, Lawson Swift, Christa Young

Prayer requests can be sent to Pastor James at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

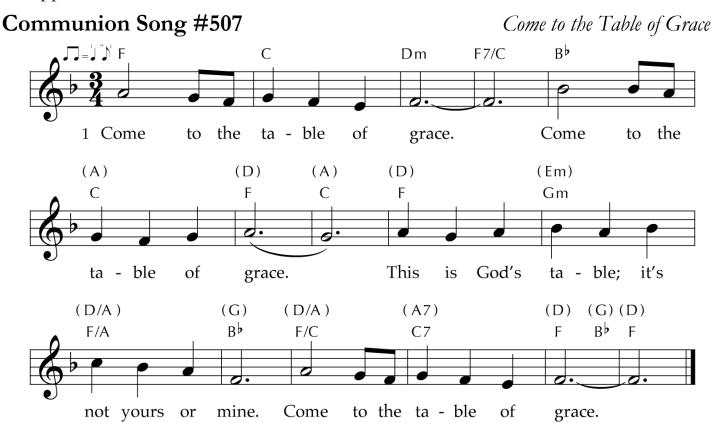
Communion of the People

Invitation to the Table, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and the Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

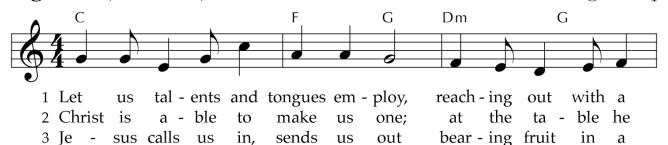
You are invited to use whatever elements you have at home to join in the Lord's Supper.



The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

TEXT and MUSIC: Barbara Hamm, 2008 Text and Music © 2008 Hope Publishing Company TABLE OF GRACE 7.7.10.7

Post-Communion Prayer





shout of bread - ken; the wine joy: is bro is poured; sets the tone, teach - ing ple live bless, peo to to world of doubt, gives love to tell, bread share: us to



Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard. love in word and in deed ex-press. God (Im-man-u-el) ev-ery-where!

Je - sus lives a-gain;



earth can breathe a-gain; pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1975 MUSIC: Jamaican folk melody; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975 Text and Music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company LINSTEAD LM with refrain

Our Life Together as the Body of Christ

The Peace

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you, everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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Supporting us in Worship

Worship Leader Tim Stufft

Music David Schoonover

Audio/Video Andrew Jonas, Diane Maloney

Martin Family in loving memory of Phyllis DeMass, Suzanne's mother, on her January 20th birthday.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. If you would like to learn more about our community of faith, please visit the church website.

Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.

The Rev. James Sledge, Pastor

Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement
The Rev. Megan Klose, Parish Associate
The Rev. Rusty Lynn, Hon. Ret., Parish Associate
David Schoonover, Acting Director of Music
Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

Online Worship and Meetings

Worship Service – Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Facebook Live, YouTube, www.fallschurchpresby.org/livestream, or Sermon.net Media Center

Tuesday Morning Prayer – Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. Zoom Meeting ID: 104294101

Saturday Morning Bible Study & Fellowship Group — $Saturday \ at \ 8:00 \ a.m.$

Contact Tom Koger for meeting information.

Virtual only worship continues. With the high rate of Covid cases in our area, we are continuing to worship in a virtual-only format. We are monitoring the situation closely and hope to resume in-person worship soon. Also canceled, for now, are in-person Youth Group, The Bridge, and Godly Play. Watch the announcements for updates.

Virtual Fellowship Time, Jan. 30. Join us on Zoom immediately following worship next Sunday for conversation and (virtual) coffee! Host will be Abbie Freeman. Zoom Meeting ID: 83968460939. Anyone is welcome to host Fellowship Time. Learn more here and sign up here.

100 pledges—Wow! Many thanks from the Generosity Team to all who have provided their 2022 estimate of giving. To date, we have received 100 pledges totaling \$661,620. Wow! Why provide an estimate? Our estimates help make the jobs of Mary Salpini (our financial administrator) and Will Packard (our treasurer) easier. So, if you fall in the "keep meaning to" category, take an opportunity right now, click on the link to the <u>online form</u>, and make your estimate today. Thank you!

2022 offering envelopes are available in the church office for anyone who would like to use them. Please contact <u>Mary Salpini</u> to arrange pick up.

Welcome Table provides 517 meals, 526 Giant gift cards. Many thanks to head chef Heather Anderson and all the wonderful volunteers who made the Jan. 19 Welcome Table dinner possible. Our next Welcome Table is Feb. 2. Click here to sign up to help. Financial gifts to support Welcome Table are always appreciated and can be mailed to the church or sent using the QR code below.

Provide a meal for the Falls Church Homeless Shelter. Only two spots left! Thank you to all who have signed up to provide a meal for the staff and guests at the shelter. Only two spots remain open: Feb. 28 and March 28. Click here for more information and to sign up.

FCPC Cookbooks have arrived! We will begin distributing the cookbooks once inperson worship resumes. For those who pre-ordered, your copy/copies will be set aside. There are plenty of extras available for purchase. Cookbooks are a \$10 minimum donation each and all monies collected will help support our Hunger Ministries at FCPC. Payment can be made by using the QR code below or by sending a check to the church office.

The FCPC Free Little Pantry. Families and individuals are needed to help stock FCPC's Free Little Pantry. Volunteers can sign up for a week at a time <u>here</u>. Stop by the pantry (located near the front entrance to Fellowship Hall) a few times during the week to make sure it is stocked and tidy. Replenish as needed with shelf-stable food items, toiletries, and disinfecting supplies. Whether people have a need for food or a need to give, mini pantries help neighbors feed neighbors.

Drop & Dash Grateful Thank You. The Mercy Team thanks all those who trekked out in the elements last Sunday to serve the Lord and neighbors in need with donations of 32 bags and boxes of much-needed food and personal items and a contribution of \$9.00 (along with a lovely card) from 5-year-old Mackenzie. The food and personal items will be shared with our Ives House neighbors, the Benitez family; members of the surrounding community served by Falls Church Community Service Council (FCS) through Knox Presbyterian Food Pantry; and our Welcome Table guests. The \$9.00 will be used "where we need" most to serve through the hunger ministry, as Mackenzie requested. Also, thanks to Linda Garvelink, Owen Growney, Zoe Khoubbieh, Tom Koger, and Marsha Schuyler for staffing the event, and to Jenny Growney for being our Sign-Up Genius genius. Our next Drop and Dash will be Sunday, Feb. 20.

VOICE Victories in 2021. Founded in 2008, VOICE is a nonpartisan coalition of over 50 faith communities and civic organizations in Northern Virginia working together to build power in middle and low-income communities. View VOICE's 2021 Victory Briefing Sheet here. FCPC joined VOICE in 2021. If you would like to become involved or learn more about FCPC's participation in VOICE, contact Karen Growney.

Sharing the joy of Advent and Christmas. Thanks to Jack Sarver and Marsha Schuyler, neighbors of FCPC and our Welcome Table guests were the grateful recipients of the beautiful poinsettias that we enjoyed throughout the Christmas season. Sharing the gift of nature's beauty brings continuing joy to all. And thank you to Marnie Sarver for tending to the poinsettias throughout the Christmas season!

Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Flowers. The Flower Committee invites you to sign up to provide flowers for worship while honoring, remembering, or celebrating an event or a loved one. Reserve your spot for 2022 here. Suggested colors reflect special days on the church calendar and appear on the signup. Thank you for enhancing our worship services with your gift of flowers.

Scan the QR code at right to connect to the mobile version of FCPC's Online Giving web page.

