



January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
8:30 a.m.

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

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

The Cross is the eternal expression of the length to which God will go to in order to restore broken community.

– Martin Luther King Jr.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

– The Apostle Paul

Gathering Song #399 (sung twice)

God Welcomes All

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008
MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008
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THEMBA AMEN
4.4.9

Welcome

* Song #628

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

1 Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. O
2 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. O
3 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. O

God, I will tell the won-ders of your ways, and glo-ri - fy your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. In
Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. In
Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. In

you I will find the source of all my joy. Al - le - lu - ia!

This simple song based on Psalm 9:1-2 was created in the mid-1970s for a morning devotional of a group touring in the picturesque high Alps. Later it was incorporated into their programs and soon spread throughout Europe and the world, being translated into many languages.

TEXT: Claude Frayssé, 1975; English trans. Kenneth I. Morse, 1988
MUSIC: Claude Frayssé, 1975; harm. Alain Bergèse, 1976
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Opening Prayer

** Please stand in body or spirit*

Scripture

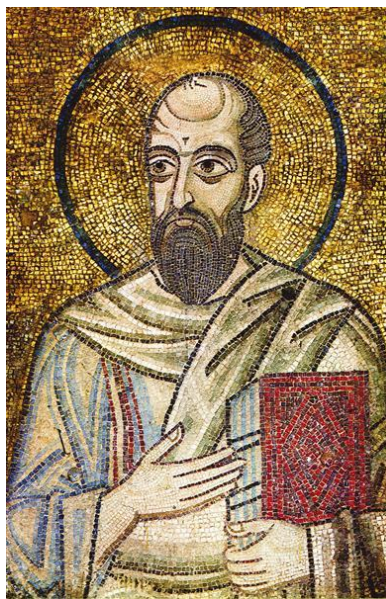
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The Apostle Paul wrote several letters to his congregation in Corinth although only two have survived. (It's possible that fragments of a third letter are part of 2 Corinthians.) 1 Corinthians addresses a number of problems that have cropped up at Corinth, and Paul takes this up as soon as his opening salutations are done. These verses also showcase Paul's practice of dictating his letters. You can almost see him searching his memories about who he baptized in Corinth as he dictates.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**



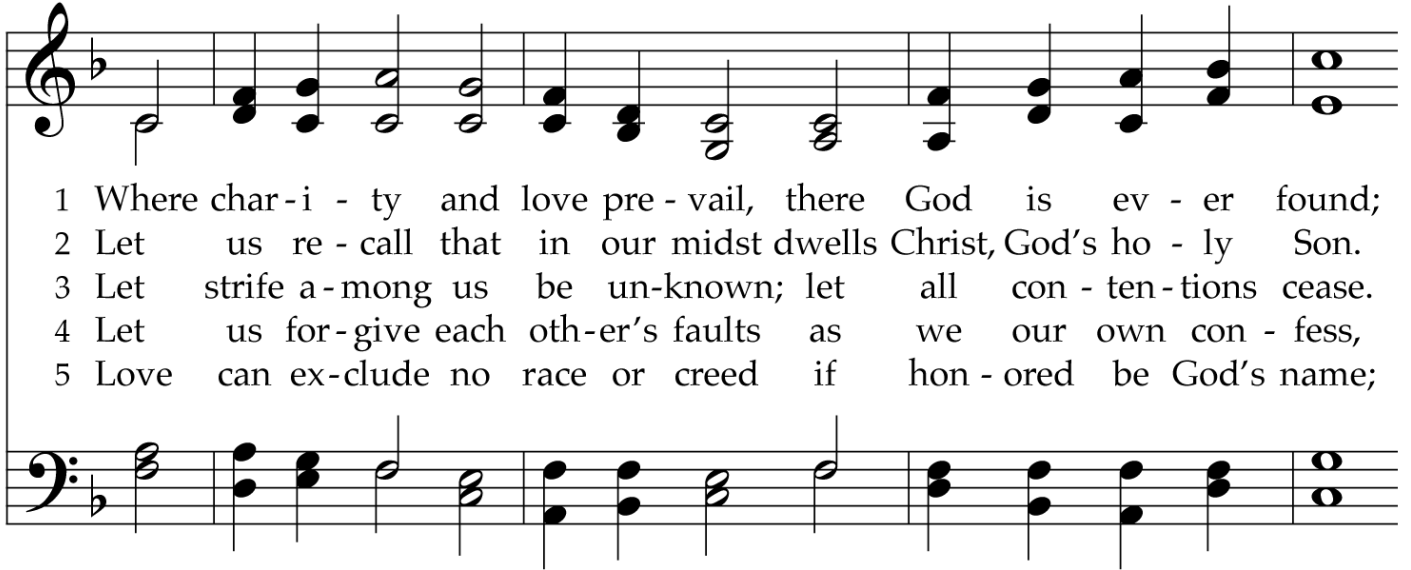
Apostle Paul, Byzantine mosaic, ca. 1030, Saint Sophia Cathedral, Kyiv, Ukraine

Reflection

James Sledge

Offering Gifts and Song #316

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
4 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
5 Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
As mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

TEXT: Latin, 8th cent.; trans. Omer Westendorf, 1960, alt.

MUSIC: Lucius Chapin, 1812

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TWENTY-FOURTH
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Prayers of the People

Sue Armstrong

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

All

Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come;

Come, al - mighty Spir - it, come;

Come, come, come.

TEXT: Nigerian song; English trans. I-to Loh, 1986
MUSIC: Nigerian melody, taught by Samuel Solanke; transcr. I-to Loh, 1986
English Trans. and Music Transcr. © 1995 General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBCMusik

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Prayer Concerns

Rusty Lynn, following outpatient surgery on Jan. 20

Anne Peret on the death of her brother, Cort Peret, on Jan. 7

Cathy Johnson on the death of her mother, Mary Lou Johnson, on Jan. 5

Continued Prayers

Kris Barth, Sarah Barth, Allan Capon, Neill Ferill, Mike Hugo, Miss Latifa, Rusty Lynn, Ruth Mileham, Bob Moore, Sharane Patek, Dick Rowberg, Michael Volpe, Ken Waugh, Christa Young

Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors James and Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

Communion of the People

Invitation to the Table, Prayer of Thanksgiving, 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

Communion is by intinction. Receive bread into your open hand and dip it in the cup. Bread is gluten-free and cup is non-alcoholic. Those joining us on livestream are invited to use whatever elements you have at home to join in the Lord's Supper.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to remember your baptism as the sign of the cross is marked on your forehead with water from the font.

Communion Song #507

Come to the Table of Grace

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the
ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's
not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

TEXT and MUSIC: Barbara Hamm, 2008
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TABLE OF GRACE
7.7.10.7

Post-Communion Prayer

* Song #526

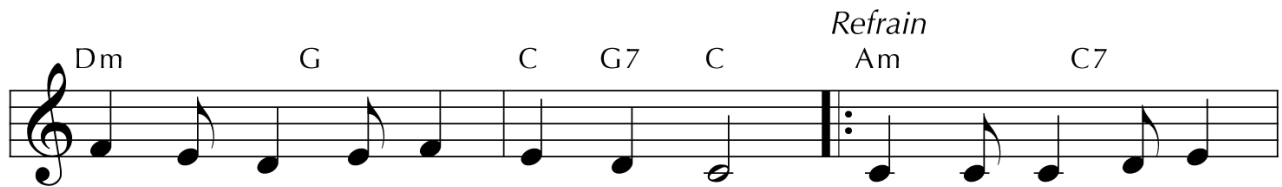
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



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



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



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
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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
Music
Audio/Video

Sue Armstrong
Wendy Hellmann, piano
Alex Hess

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 www.fallschurchpresby.org.

Congregational Meeting Today

Session has called a congregational meeting for this morning, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service, to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the church and James Sledge. James' last Sunday at FCPC will be February 5.

Farewell Reception for James Sledge, February 5

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Feb. 5 as we bid farewell to Pastor James Sledge. For those attending 8:30 worship, there will also be refreshments and a time to say goodbye after that service.

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

The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement

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