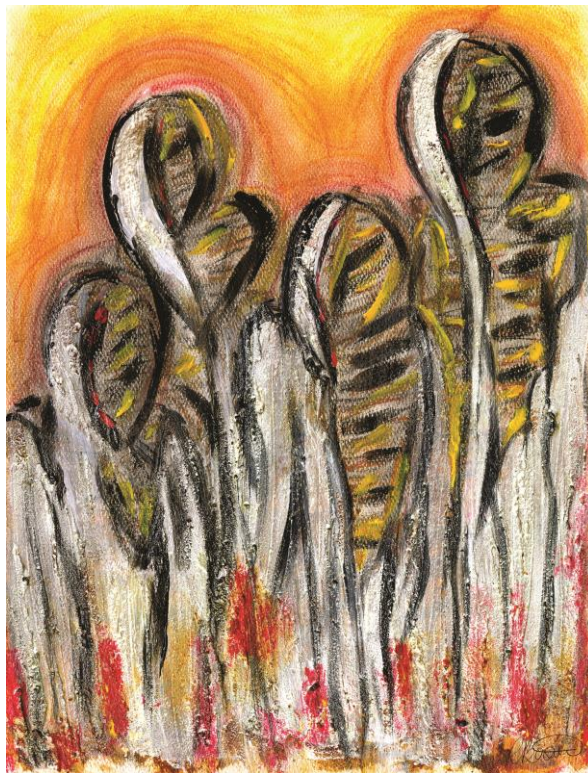

Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



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PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Now this is what happens when you put a new set of eyes on an old text ... What kind of Christianity would we have if the faith hadn't only been based upon, "Peter, you are the Rock and upon this Rock I will build my church"? But what if we'd always known, "Mary, you are the Tower, and by this Tower, and by this Tower we shall all stand"?

– Diana Butler Bass

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Ich ruf zu dir (I call to you)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

RINGING OF THE BELL AND INTROIT

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP****

ONE: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

ALL: Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?

ONE: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

ALL: Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?

ONE: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house.

ALL: Hope lives here.

ONE: So come. Rest your weary bones.

ALL: Let us worship Holy God.

*** HYMN 634**

To God Be the Glory

DRAW NEAR TO GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE**

Although Sundays are not actually a part of Lent, our worship in this season seeks to model stillness and letting go. We will take a minute of silence to center ourselves in God, and make ourselves truly present to the One who is always present to us before making our confession.

Jesus of Nazareth, I confess: I forget that you know this feeling. I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity.

Forgive me for all the time I place blame on you. Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us.

Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray. Amen.

Silence for personal reflection

** Please stand in body or spirit*

** Liturgy by or adapted from Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin. From
earth-born pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.

The musical notation is for a two-staff piece in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The melody is written on the upper staff, and the accompaniment is on the lower staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

This text is among the oldest hymns in this book; its original Greek version dates from around the beginning of the 5th century. The stanzas used here come from a 19th-century paraphrase, whose simplicity and directness are well complemented by a 16th-century psalm tune.

TEXT: Synesius of Cyrene, 5th cent.; trans. Allen W. Chatfield, 1876, alt.
MUSIC: Daman's *Psalmes*, 1579, alt.

SOUTHWELL
SM

RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE, AND PEACE

* SUNG RESPONSE

Refrain
There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;
Fine
there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

The musical notation is for a two-staff piece in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on the upper staff, and the accompaniment is on the lower staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piece is marked 'Refrain' at the beginning and 'Fine' at the end.

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

TEXT: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989, alt.
Music Arr. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

BALM IN GILEAD
7.6.7.6 with refrain

* PASSING THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

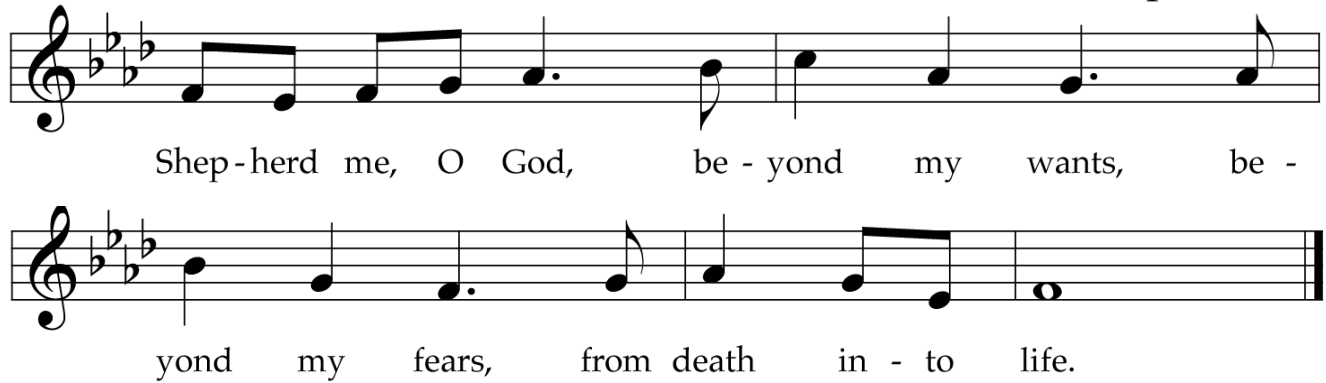
ALL: And also with you.

Children ages 4 and up are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in room 59.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shepherd Me, O God



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1986
Text and Music © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.
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of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

SHEPHERD ME
Irregular

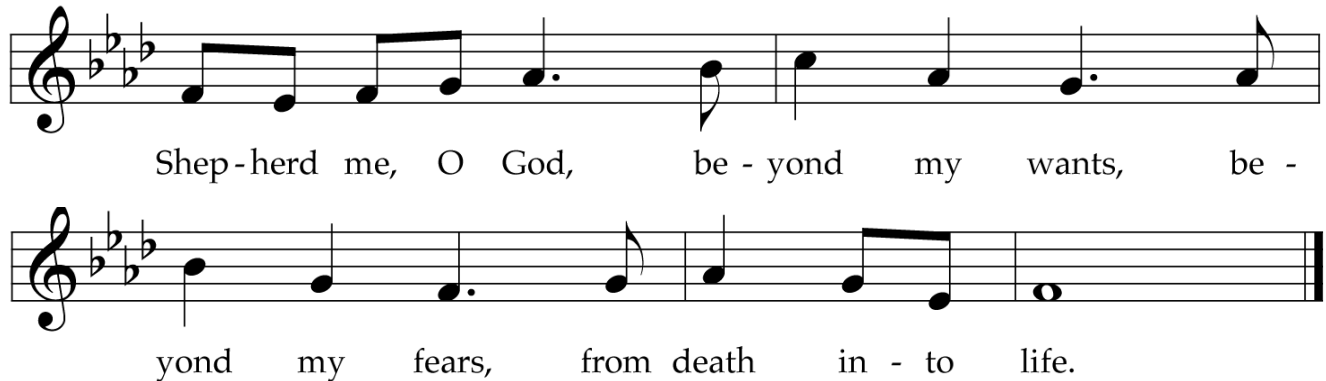
FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

OT, page 806

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 11:1-45

NT, page 104

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Can These Bones Live?

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

* HYMN

Can These Bones Live?

When the past is dead and bu - ried
When our hearts are bowed in sor - row
When our spi - rits feel so bro - ken

Life - less in the bar - ren ground
And the grief is new - ly wrought
Wrapped in lin - ens and en - tombed
What good Cry - ing
With - out

can e - merge from ash - es?
"If you'd on - ly been here"
hope and with - out feel - ing
Where can Weep - ing
As the storm clouds

life be found? Breathe in deep the rush - ing
we have lost loom Re - sur - rect our hearts and
'round us loom Hear the words of life from

Spi - rit Life is grow - ing all a - round
spi - rits Liv - ing God whom we ex - round
Je - sus "Come out, be un - bound" and bloom

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

adapted from The Belhar Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Myra Bridgforth

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

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.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Armstrong, father of Don Armstrong, preparing for radiation treatment

Phil Duncan, recovering after a recent hospitalization

Ruby Branscomb, recovering after an assault

Steven Shaw, in the hospital recovering from a gunshot wound, and his mother, Dot Shaw

Ronikqua Hammond, friend of Ruby Branscomb, following surgery

Continued Prayers

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

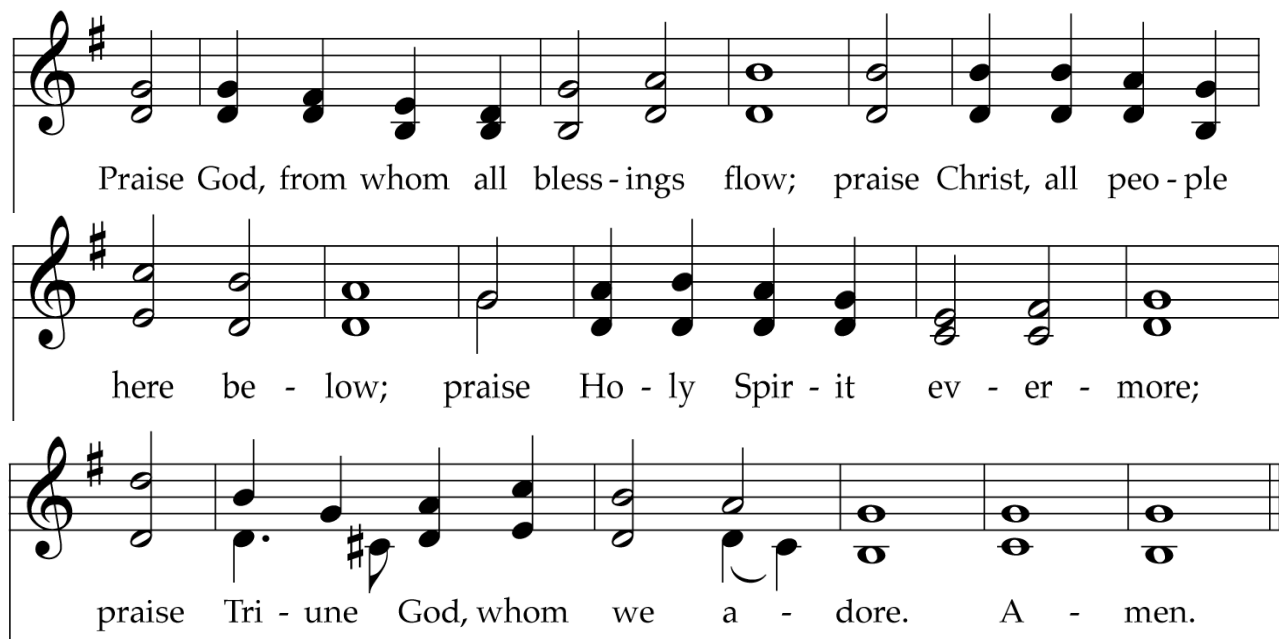
Prayer requests can be sent to Pastor Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Behold the Lamb of God from The Messiah

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

* DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

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* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN 312

Take Us As We Are, O God

* OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

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Supporting us in Worship

Worship Leader	Myra Bridgforth
Ushers	Edward Newburn, Shelly Skomra
Audio/Video	Alex Hess
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Martin Lancaster's 80th birthday by his family.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please visit www.fallschurchpresby.org.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Child care is available for **children up to age 4** in Room 201. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this time. For children **4 years of age and older**, Godly Play is offered in Room 59 following the Passing of the Peace.

Called Congregational Meeting, today, March 26

Session has called a congregational meeting for March 26, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and on Zoom. [Zoom Meeting ID: 856 2870 6440](#)

Holy Week and Easter

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2

Informal Worship Service	Sanctuary	8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service	Fellowship Hall	10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6

Meal and Communion	Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.
Tenebrae Service	Sanctuary	7:30 p.m.

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter, April 9

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service	Frary Park	7:00 a.m.
8:45 a.m. Informal Worship Service	Fellowship Hall	8:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:45 a.m.

Pastor Transition Notes

“Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for ... your future ...” (Jeremiah 29:11)

- The Personnel Team is concluding its work of identifying a candidate for Transitional Pastor. It will submit its recommendation to Session for a vote at its next meeting on April 11. Pursuant to the Book of Order and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Session has ultimate authority to hire the Transitional Pastor.
- Please remember to **attend the congregational meeting on Sunday, March 26**, following the 10:45 AM worship service for the purpose of voting to elect the PNC that will search for our new called pastor. Your presence is a sign that you support those who will do the hard work vital to our future as a faith community, and, in practical terms, is needed to be sure we have a quorum that allows us to conduct the vote. You may attend in person or on Zoom. Zoom ID: [856 2870 6440](https://us02zoom.us/j/85628706440).
- Your attendance is also vital at the all-church retreat where we will share our joys, our concerns, our hopes and our expectations, as we begin our search for our next senior pastor and head of staff.

ONE-DAY, ALL-CHURCH RETREAT AT FCPC, SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 9 AM – 3 PM

Session continues to welcome all input and asks for your prayers and support as we continue moving forward together.

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. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor
Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement
Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music
Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

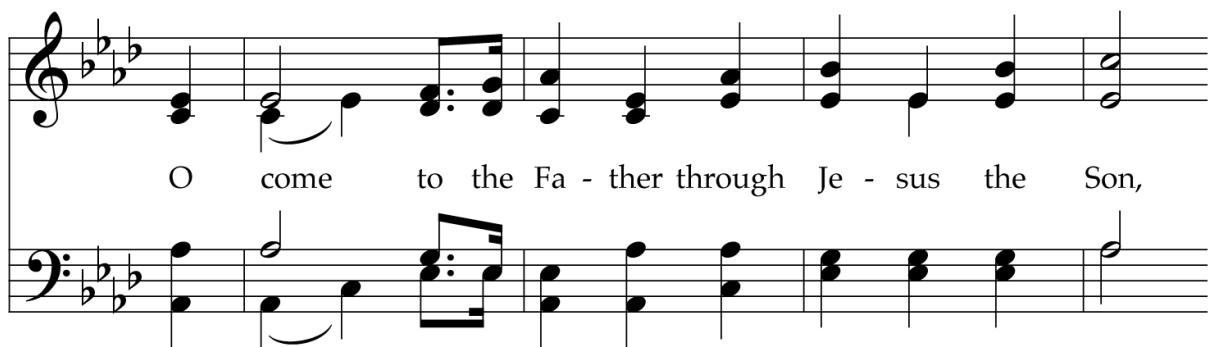
Refrain



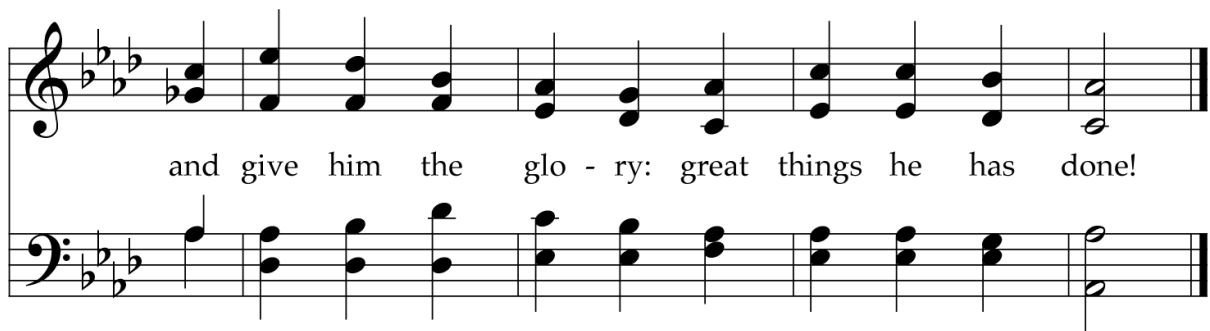
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11 with refrain

Take Us As We Are, O God 312

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (A)
 F B \flat F B \flat F C

1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As
 2 Bless us for your ser - vice, Lord; no pow - er we de - vise will
 3 Break us o - pen to dis - close how bro - ken - ness can heal, wher -
 4 Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that

(Em) (Am) (Em) (D) (G)
 Gm Cm Gm F B \flat

once you chose to tell your love in hu - man flesh and bone, so
 ev - er give us strength e - nough or make us tru - ly wise, yet
 ev - er bro - ken loaves suf - fice to give a crowd a meal and
 we may nour - ish in your name the last, the lost, the least, un -

(D) (Bm) (Em) 1-3 4
 F Dm Gm (Asus)(A) (A)
 Csus C C

let our lives be used to make your sav - ing pur - pose known.
 by your prom - ise we can know the peace your grace sup - plies.
 graves break o - pen to re - lease new life from death's dread seal.
 til at length you call us all to your un - end - ing feast.

This Lord's Supper text is organized around the fourfold liturgical shape traced by Dom Gregory Dix in *The Shape of the Liturgy*: take, bless, break, give. It considers how the phrase "Body of Christ," used for sacramental bread, can also be applied to the baptized people of God.