



November 19, 2023
25th Sunday after Pentecost
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

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather



1 Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;



look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.

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MUSIC: Japanese gagaku mode, Isao Koizumi, 1958
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TOKYO
7.5.7.5.D

Welcome

Megan Klose

* Opening Song #596

You Are Holy

The musical score is written on ten staves in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness; you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing ho - san - na in the high - est! Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

TEXT: Per Harling, 1990; Spanish trans. Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon, 1991, alt.
MUSIC: Per Harling, 1990
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** Please stand in body or spirit*

Opening Prayer

Megan Klose

Silence

Scripture Reading

Matthew 19:16-22 (CEB)

Sue Armstrong

¹⁶ A man approached him and said, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to have eternal life?”

¹⁷ Jesus said, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There’s only one who is good. If you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments.”

¹⁸ The man said, “Which ones?”

Then Jesus said, “*Don’t commit murder. Don’t commit adultery. Don’t steal. Don’t give false testimony.* ¹⁹ *Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as you love yourself.*”

²⁰ The young man replied, “I’ve kept all these. What am I still missing?”

²¹ Jesus said, “If you want to be complete, go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come follow me.”

²² But when the young man heard this, he went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

It’s Not the Economy, Stupid

Megan Klose

Response Song #716

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.
MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
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BEACH SPRING
8.7.8.7.D

Our Life Together as the Body of Christ

Megan Klose

Serving, Giving, Growing Story

Linda Garvelink

Offering

Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions. Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online at fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online, texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.



Prayers of the People

Sue Armstrong

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org. At the end of the prayer we will sing:



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

Prayer of Joy

Luke Packard Kohlmayer, son of Gabriela Kohlmayer and Adam Packard, and grandson of Nancy Butt Packard and Will Packard, born Nov. 7, 2023

Prayer Concerns

Beth Thomas and family on the death of Beth's brother, Simon N. Whitney, on Nov. 14

Katharine Stewart, recovering from surgery

Karen Rasmussen, prayers for relief from worsening headaches

Young Hobbie, in chemotherapy treatment for cancer

Carol De Long, at Vierra Falls Church Nursing and Rehabilitation

Communion of the People

Megan Klose

Invitation to the Table, Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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. The bread is gluten-free and the cup is non-alcoholic.

Receive bread into your open hand, and dip it in the cup.

Post-Communion Prayer

Megan Klose

* Sending Song #539

We Will Go Out with Joy



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY
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Sharing of the Peace

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Go into this week, doing justice and practicing kindness, as you walk humbly with God.

ALL: Amen.

ONE: Please share the sign of peace with one another.

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Supporting us in Worship

Worship Leader Sue Armstrong

Music Lonnie Bickel

Audio/Video Alex Hess

Flowers The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Gail and Clay Warner in thanks for FCPC's dedicated staff, volunteers, and choir.

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 talk to a pastor at the end of this service.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Coloring sheets and crayons are available on the side table for our youngest disciples.

Generosity Update

We had a glorious Commitment Sunday! Many, many thanks to all who have already submitted their Estimates of Giving for next year. To date, we have received 71 estimates totaling \$496,254.00, and 45 of those were able to answer the call to increase their giving for next year. Now, we need to hear from the rest of you! Won't you consider a 10% increase over this year's giving, if possible? Session has proposed a budget of \$946,017.00, and they need to know what they can count on in support of that budget as we look to the year ahead. So, take a minute, complete your card, and drop it in the mail today. Or, even better, complete the online form. It's quick and easy, and financial administrator Mary Salpini will receive your pledge instantly!

Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) Toy Drive

FCPC is collecting new, unwrapped toys and books to be provided through NVFS to area children who might otherwise go without this holiday season. **You can order gifts from Amazon <https://a.co/iIRm2J> Nov. 13-28**, or donations can be left in the large, gift-wrapped box at the entrance to Fellowship Hall **through Dec. 3**. Copies of the NVFS wish list are available near the donations box. The emotional distance between no gifts at Christmas and even a single, tangible expression of love can't be measured. Please play Santa. Thank you!

Scouts BSA Troop 895 Holiday Drive

Troop 895 is taking orders for its annual holiday wreath, ornament, and syrup sale. Orders should be submitted by Nov. 22 and will be delivered by Dec. 2. Proceeds support the Troop's activities, including campouts, summer camps, and equipment purchases. Order forms are available at the Activities Center.

Falls Church Homeless Shelter dinners

FCPC members provide dinner for shelter guests each Monday through March 2024. To fill an open slot in February or March sign up through the link in the egram.

Drop & Dash, Nov. 26

While you're shopping for Thanksgiving, pick up some extra items for Drop & Dash. Check the link in the Friday egram for most-needed items.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 19 - *High School Keep Awake Retreat returns*

Informal Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Matthew 25 Group, 9:30 a.m., Library

Serendipity Class, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room

Waffle Church, 9:30 a.m., Third Floor

Traditional Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Worship Ministry Team, Noon, Conference Room

Monday, Nov. 20

Finance Team, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room

Sarah Circle, 7:00 p.m., Parlor

Wednesday, Nov. 22

Pastor Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Conference Room and Zoom

Thursday, Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Day - Church office closed

Friday, Nov. 24 - Church office closed

Saturday, Nov. 25

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Library

Sunday, Nov. 26 - Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Informal Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

No Youth Sunday School today

Traditional Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary

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. Yena Hwang, Transitional Pastor

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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