



FALLS CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:45 a.m.

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

Please note: Pastor Megan will reference incest and sexual assault in her sermon.
Please do what you need to do to take care of yourself.



Seventy-seven Times | Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Contemplation

John Marsh (contemporary)

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT

Keep, O Keep us, Savior Dear

(traditional)

*Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side,
That with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.*

WELCOME

Yena Hwang

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Yena Hwang

Liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed/ A Sanctified Art LLC/ sanctifiedart.org

ONE: Why are you here?

ALL: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

ONE: I see it! You're in the right place! This is God's house. The door is open to you.

ALL: Why are *you* here?

ONE: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

ALL: We see that in you! You're in the right place. This is God's house. The door is open to you.

ONE: Let us worship God.

ALL: Let us learn from the Spirit! Amen.

* HYMN 409

God Is Here!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Clay Warner

Adopted from Liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed / A Sanctified Art LLC

ONE: When we study Peter's story, it's impossible to ignore how much he loved to ask questions. Peter was full of questions because he was eager to learn. Let's be like Peter. Let's return to Christ with the humility of a student as we pray together the prayer of confession.

ALL: Holy One, we long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher." Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and

** Please stand in body or spirit*

that we have all the answers. Like Peter – who was brave enough to ask, “How many times should we forgive?” – make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility we pray, amen.

Personal prayer in silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Megan Klose

ONE: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*** SING GLORY TO GOD**

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 12/8 time signature. The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: '1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.'

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
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GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*** PASSING THE PEACE**

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

ALL: And also with you.

Children four years and older are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in Room 59.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

TEXT: Amy Grant, 1984

MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. John Sharber

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THY WORD

Irregular

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 119:9-16

Clay Warner

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:15-22

Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Place at the Table

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN 769**

For Everyone Born

*** RESPONSE OF FAITH**

Yena Hwang

Written by Rev. Sarah A. Speed/ A Sanctified Art LLC

ONE: We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

ALL: How many times should I forgive? Jesus, where are you going?
What must I do to inherit eternal life?

ONE: We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

ALL: Where does it hurt? What do you need? How can I help?

ONE: We believe that God is a teacher.

ALL: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening. Here I am. Send me.

ONE: We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage,

ALL: with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength.

ONE: We believe. Help our unbelief.

ALL: In Christ's name we prayer. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Clay Warner

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 who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

Continued Prayers

Young Hobbie, Allan Capon, Robbie Harris, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh

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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Yena Hwang

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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 through our secure giving portal (fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Carl F. Mueller (1892-1982)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

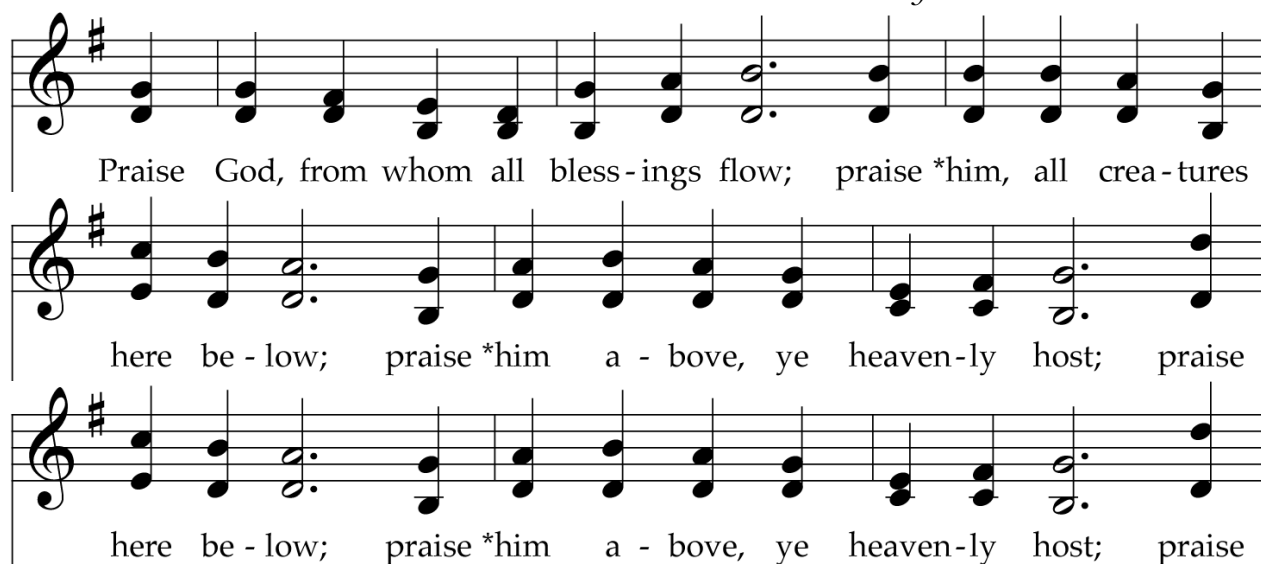
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me, uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners will be converted unto Thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

*** DOXOLOGY 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Yena Hwang

*** HYMN 765**

May the God of Hope Go with Us

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Megan Klose

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Lenten Amen

(traditional)

POSTLUDE

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Marilyn Ham (contemporary)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader

Clay Warner

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Clay Warner

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 need to step out of worship, the service is being broadcast into the parlor, just across the hall from the narthex at the back of the sanctuary. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex; ushers can provide them upon request.

A recording of today's service can be found at www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please talk to one of the pastors as you exit the sanctuary. More information can be found on our website.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Children's bulletins and coloring sheets are available for children of all ages at each sanctuary entrance.

Children up to age 4: Child care is offered in Room 201. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this time.

Children 4 years old and up: Godly Play is offered in Room 59 following the Passing of the Peace.

Fellowship Hour

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Announcements

Mid-Week Lenten Devotions, Wednesdays at noon in Lent. Join Pastor Megan to contemplate Peter's wandering heart, which made him the most relatable of the disciples. We will reflect on his experience through scripture, art, and poetry. Meets in the Conference Room or Zoom <https://bit.ly/WanderingHeartWednesday>.

Soul Food, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Lent, Third Floor. Soul Food features a simple supper followed by instruction and discussion. We are studying *Witness at the Cross* by A.J. Levine. Sign up through the link in the Friday egram.

Drop & Dash, March 24. Drop off your monthly donations for the Knox Food Pantry and toiletries for Welcome Table at the cupboard in the main hallway.

Matthew 25 Group, Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Room 303. Matthew 25 will discuss Chapter 6 of Resmaa Menakem's *My Grandmother's Hands* this Sunday, March 17.

Serendipity Class, Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room. Serendipity is reading *The Great Shift: Encountering God in Biblical Times*. All are welcome.

Single Worship Service with Palm Sunday Cantata, March 24. We will have one service at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday with special music from the Chancel Choir, violin, and cello. “Behold the Lamb!” is a musical and narrative journey that underscores the significant price that Jesus paid for our freedom and salvation. It recalls Israel’s release from Egyptian bondage with the Passover Lamb, a foretelling of God’s divine plan to provide the Holy Lamb as the ultimate sacrifice for our spiritual freedom. The despair of Christ’s crucifixion eventually gives way to joy in a triumphant celebration of His resurrection! Blending original melodies with timeless hymns, Molly Ijames, Lloyd Larson, and Jay Rouse combine forces to create a compelling worship experience and a dramatic reminder of God’s relentless love and grace.

Maundy Thursday, March 28. Join us for worship with communion and a soup supper at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A Tenebrae service will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please sign up for the soup supper through the link in the Friday egram.

Ives House: Did You Know?

In 2013, the Mission and Social Concerns Committee of FCPC entered into an agreement with Shelter House to provide housing for three small families at Ives House. Each family shared an individual bedroom. The common areas were used by all parties. The joint-tenancy model was difficult to administer and was terminated. The last of the families left the property in the fall of 2016.

In 2017, FCPC welcomed the Benitez family to Ives House. The 12-member family had previously escaped gang violence in Honduras. Originally housed in separate shelters, the Ives House provided a home where the entire family could be together for the first time since their arrival in the U.S. Members of the family included five adults, two of them elderly and two others disabled, and seven children between the ages of 6 and 14. Only one adult was of an age and ability to earn an income for the family. Over the time of their lease and with support from FCPC, the family made great progress. Four children graduated from George Mason (now Meridian) High School. Family members were able to relocate in 2023 after their needs and circumstances improved.

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 17 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Informal Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. In person or online.

Matthew 25 Book Discussion, 9:30 a.m., Room 303

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

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

Traditional Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary. In person or online.

Worship Ministry Team, noon, Conference Room & Zoom

Monday, March 18

Personnel, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

Tuesday, March 19

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

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

Wednesday, March 20

Third Wednesday Welcome Table Preparation, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Wandering Heart Mid-Week Devotions, noon, Conference Room and Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/WanderingHeartWednesday>

Third Wednesday Welcome Table Meal Distribution, 4-6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Soul Food, 6:30 p.m., Third Floor. Please register in advance through the link in the Friday egram.

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

Thursday, March 21

Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Friday, March 22 - *No scheduled events*

Saturday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 24 - Palm/Passion Sunday - Holy Week Begins

Drop & Dash Sunday

Matthew 25 Book Discussion, 9:30 a.m., Room 303

Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12), 9:30 a.m., Third Floor

Single Worship Service with Palm Sunday Cantata, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary. In person or online.

If you need to talk to someone about trauma, contact Pastor Yena at 703-532-6518 or Pastor Megan at 571-217-3602.

Local crisis intervention and mental health resources:

The Women's Center thewomenscenter.org
8230 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 310, Vienna, VA 22182
703-281-2657 (TTY: 711)

CrisisLink prsinc.org/crisislink, 703-527-4077

DC Rape Crisis Center dcrcc.org, 202-333-7273

RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline RAINN.org, 800-656-4673

National Helpline for Male Survivors 1in6.org

Domestic and Dating Violence thehotline.org, 800-799-SAFE (800-799-7233)

National Center for Victims of Crime victimsofcrime.org, 855-4VICTIM (855-484-2846)

National Human Trafficking Hotline humantraffickinghotline.org
888-373-7888

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children missingkids.org
800-THE-LOST (800-843-5678)

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.”

Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.

The Rev. Yena Hwang, Transitional Pastor

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