



September 28, 2025
16th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.

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

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Kum Ba Ya

arr. Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

RINGING OF THE BELL AND INTROIT

With Joyful Singing, Praise God

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

With joyful singing, praise God, be joyful in the Love of God.

Be joyful in the peace of God. Be joyful in the Lord.

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Come! Praise the Lord!

ALL: **Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!**

ONE: Come! Praise the Lord!

ALL: **Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!**

ONE: Come! Praise the Lord!

ALL: **Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!**

ONE: Come! Praise the Lord!

ALL: **The Lord will reign forever! Let us come and worship and praise the Lord!**

*** GATHERING HYMN 327**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

Myra Bridgforth

ONE: Perhaps we fear that if we admit the flaws of our lives, we will find ourselves too far away, unreachable by God's grace. But no chasm is too wide for God. In the act of confession, we begin the work of reconciliation, reaching out so God can take our hand once again. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our power and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Personal prayer in silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: Siblings in Christ, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us and rose in glory for us and prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve. Alleluia. Amen.

ALL: Thanks be to God, Amen!

* SING GLORY TO GOD 581

Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

* PASSING THE PEACE

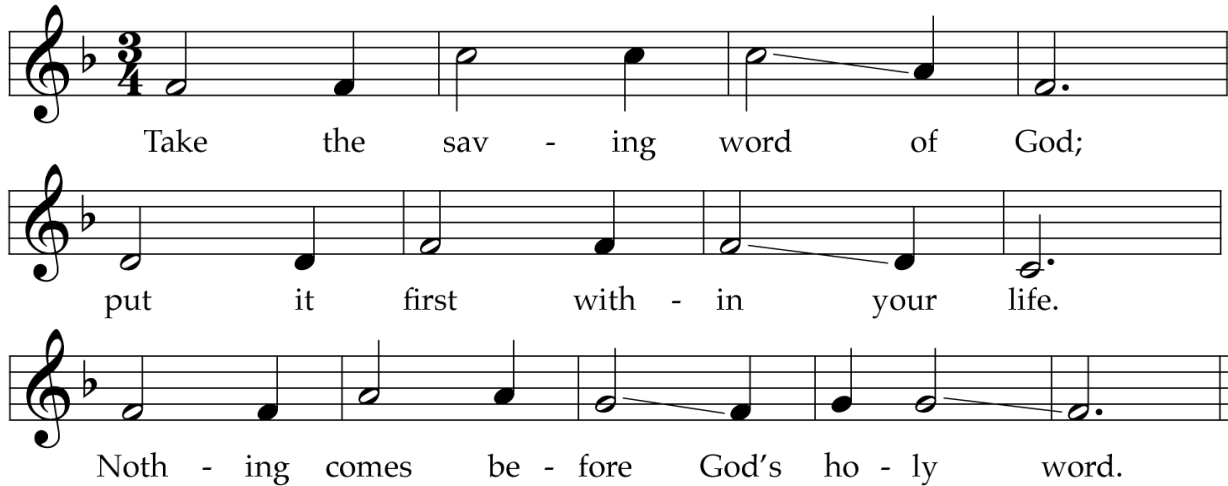
Yena Hwang

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

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 454 (sung twice) *Take the Saving Word of God*



TEXT: Pawltay (Kiowa); English vers. John Thornburg, 2008
MUSIC: Kiowa melody; transcr. Carlton R. Young, 2008
English Vers. and Transcr. © 2008 General Board of Global Ministries U/a GBGMusik

DAWK'YAH TOWGYAH
7.7.9

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

Myra Bridgforth

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Children ages 3 and up are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in Room 204.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Keepin' it Real

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 847**

Our Hope, Our Life

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Megan Klose

(Adapted from the *French Confession of 1559*, PCUSA Office of Worship and Theology)

We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful. We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son. Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh: God and human in one person. We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift. By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit. Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Jay Campbell

VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement)

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 ordained elder. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

Prayers of joy and thanksgiving:

Susan and John Loyd on the birth of their granddaughter, Violet Ann, on Sept. 15

Please keep in your prayers:

Doug Ammons, undergoing surgery on Sept. 29 for removal of a tumor

Mike Hugo, for relief from sciatic nerve pain

Jen Root, recovering from foot surgery

Ongoing prayer concerns:

FCPC members: Andrea Brown, Avery Burns, Winnie Harris-Zoellner, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh.

Relatives and friends: Carolyn Armstrong, Scott Armstrong's mother; Vincent DiPerno, Paige Whitlock's nephew; Cynthia Hintze, Carol Kercheval's sister; Ansley McCraw, Shawn Sledge's niece

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

Megan Klose

GENEROSITY TEAM'S INVITATION TO OFFERING

Myra Bridgforth

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

Cast Your Burden on the Lord

Sally DeFord (b. 1959)

*Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will make it light. Come unto Him, ye heavy laden;
find your rest in Christ. Bring Him your sorrows, all your grief. Lay every weakness at His feet.*

He will sustain you, give you peace, And lead you into life.

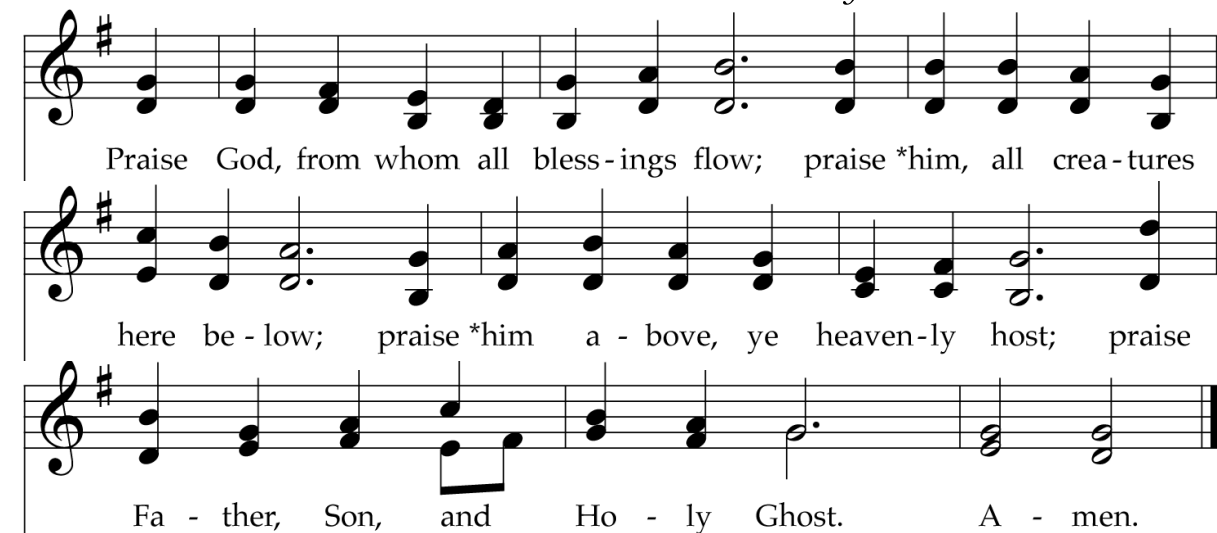
*Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will heal your soul. Place on His altar all your sin, and
He will bear its toll. Bring Him your blindness born of pride. Give Him your broken heart to bind;*

It was for this He bled and died: That He might make you whole.

*Cast your burden on the Lord, And He will carry you home. He will attend you and defend.
Through perils yet unknown. Put your unwavering trust in Him: Christ, your constant heavenly
friend, Has graven you in the palms of His hands, And never forsakes his own.*

* 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
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Myra Bridgforth

Generous God, thank you for these gifts we bring from your abundance.

**Bless these gifts and the gift givers to make your love real to all those in need,
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 740

Lead Me, Guide Me

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Yena Hwang

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Shall Reign Forever

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

POSTLUDE

Matrosenlied

Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

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Liturgy written by Rae Watson, Presbyterian Outlook.

Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Myra Bridgforth
Ushers	Clay Warner, Gail Warner
Sexton	Clay Warner
Audio/Video	Alexi Hawkins
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Tom Bruce and family in memory of Tom's father, Russell Bruce, on his September 27 birthday.

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. There are nametag boards outside of the sanctuary side entrance. Please make a nametag and wear it as a sign of hospitality.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex.

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, talk to or email Pastors Yena (yhwang@fallschurchpresby.org) or Megan (mklose@fallschurchpresby.org).

Please visit our website for more information.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. **The Kids' Corner** at the front right side of the Sanctuary is where children and their grownups can play, read, or color quietly while in worship. **Children up to age 4:** Child care is offered in Room 201 by our paid nursery staff. **Children age 3 and up:** Godly Play is offered in Room 204 following the first scripture reading.

Fellowship Hour + Card Ministry Sunday

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team. Be sure to stop by the Card Ministry table and write a note to someone who's celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month or needs a word of encouragement or prayer. Cards and stamps provided.

Announcements

Nourishing Our Neighbors, near and far. Donations for Knox Food Pantry are being collected this week through FCPC's **Nourish Our Neighbors** food delivery program. Scan the QR code on the provided grocery bags in the main hallway to see a list of most-needed items at Knox. And farther from home, the **15,120 meals you packaged at the June 29 Rise Against Hunger event are heading to Burundi!** Thank you for all you do to support the needs of others, near and far.

Welcome, Financial Administrator Catherine Payling! Catherine joined the FCPC staff on Sept. 17. Originally from the United Kingdom, Catherine has more than 30 years experience in the non-profit financial management world. In her spare time, she enjoys learning about art and antiques. Catherine lives in McLean with her husband, Duncan, and their smooth fox terrier, Nero. Please give Catherine a warm welcome when you see her!

Help us send our college students some FCPC love! Our FCPC youth in college may not be in church very often, but they are never far from our thoughts.

Halloween care packages will go into the mail in mid-October to every FCPC college youth for whom we have an updated mailing address. Please use the link in the Friday egram to provide your college student's address before Sunday, Oct. 12. Questions? Contact Catriona McCormack (cmacdonald@linchpinstrategies.com).

Reminder to all 2025 Escapers: The last day to cancel your Escape Weekend attendance with a refund is **September 30**. If you have questions, email Paige Whitlock (. And, if you have an inkling you might be able to escape with us but haven't registered yet, do let Paige know, so we can plan accordingly.

Project 66/52. The congregation is reading the entire Bible in 2025. Learn more in the Friday egram or at fallschurchpresby.org/6652. Week 39 reading plan:

Sun 9/28 Zephaniah 1, 2, 3

Thu 10/2 Zechariah 7, 8, 9, 10

Mon 9/29 Haggai 1, 2; Psalm 122

Fri 10/3 Zechariah 11, 12, 13, 14

Tue 9/30 Zechariah 1, 2, 3; Psalm 123

Sat 10/4 Malachi 1, 2, 3, 4

Wed 10/1 Zechariah 4, 5, 6

Church Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 28 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Nourish Our Neighbors – Drop off food donations and toiletries in main hallway
Matthew 25 Group, 9:00 a.m., Room 301
Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room
Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person and online
Card Ministry Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Third Floor

Monday, Sept. 29

Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Loft
Antiracism Training, 7:00 p.m., Library

Tuesday, Sept. 30 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

Wednesday, Oct. 1

First Wednesday Welcome Table, 11:00 a.m.-7:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Wednesday Evening Project 66/52 Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom
66/52 Bible Book Club, 8:00 p.m., Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 2

Antiracism Training, 10:30 a.m., Library
Finance Team, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Friday, Oct. 3 – *No scheduled events*

Saturday, Oct. 4 – Fall Youth Retreat (grades 6-12), Etlan, VA

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor
Silent Witness for Racial Justice, noon, Broad Street in front of FCPC

Sunday, Oct. 5 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost – World Communion Sunday

Fall Youth Retreat (grades 6-12), Etlan, VA
Hunger Offering Received
Matthew 25 Group, 9:00 a.m., Room 301
Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room
Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person and online

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, Pastor | The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor


Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music | Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

Unison



1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*



rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from



name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony



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



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

TEXT: Stanzas 1, 3, Isaac Watts, 1719; stanza 2, *A Pocket Hymn Book*, 1781
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 LM with alleluias
 (This tune in a lower key, 10)

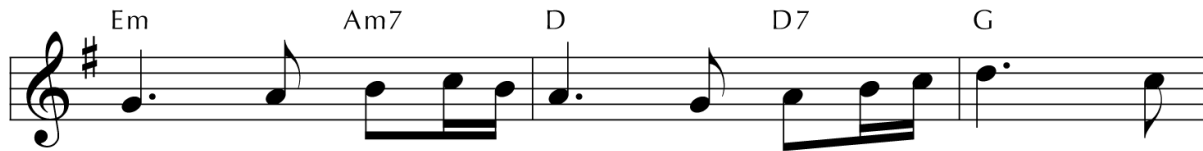
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Our Hope, Our Life

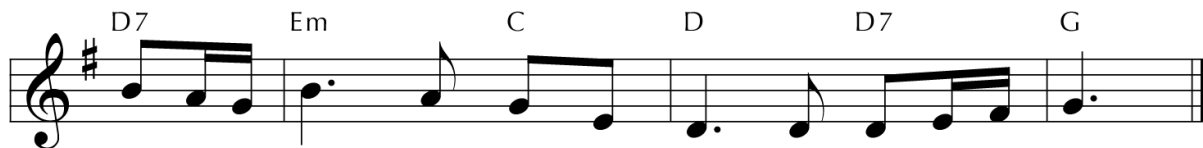
(Psalm 49)



1 Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we
 2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they
 3 Though wealth or learn - ing may be ours, or fame that
 4 Be - yond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a



hon - or and con - fess. Why crave re - nown or
 cher - ish will de - cay; and still the ran - som
 spreads through - out the land, the shack - les of mor -
 bet - ter des - ti - ny: the Lord will lift us



op - u - lence? They fade, those things we now pos - sess.
 for a soul re - mains a price too great to pay.
 tal - i - ty pre - vent so much that we have planned.
 free from death to dwell in praise e - ter - nal - ly.

As this recent paraphrase of Psalm 49 illustrates, human beings have long been tempted to put their trust in earthly assets, especially wealth and fame. But these are not enduring possessions, and they cannot save us. Only in God can we find unfailing hope and eternal life.

TEXT: Martin E. Leckebusch, 2006, alt.
 MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988
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O WALY WALY
 LM

740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D) (A7) (Em)

Refrain E^b B^b7 Fm

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) (D) (A7) (D)

B^b E^b B^b7 E^b

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) (B7) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)

B^b7 C7 Fm E^b B^b7 E^b *Fine*

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) (B7) (Em) (A7) (Em)

E^b C7 Fm B^b7 Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) (D) (D) (D7)

B^b E^b E^b E^b7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) (D) (A7) (D)

Fm E^b B^b7 E^b *to Refrain*

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.