



October 19, 2025
19th 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

Adagio in G minor from Sonata No. 1

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Regino Madrid, violin

RINGING OF THE BELL AND INTROIT

Give Thanks to the Lord

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Give Thanks to the Lord. Sing together with praise!

Give thanks to the Lord. Join in song all our days!

The glory of God from on high we proclaim! We gratefully honor the Lord's holy name!

WELCOME

Yena Hwang

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We lift up our eyes to the hills—from where will our help come?

ALL: Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

ONE: I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable ...

ALL: The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

ONE: With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!

*** GATHERING HYMN 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

Catriona McCormack

ONE: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

We want to be people of truth and love, so we come to the baptismal font seeking a new start. With confidence that God hears our prayers and loves us unconditionally, let us confess our sins.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still, we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

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 581

Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a four-line staff. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a time signature of 4/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is: '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.'

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

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

* PASSING THE PEACE

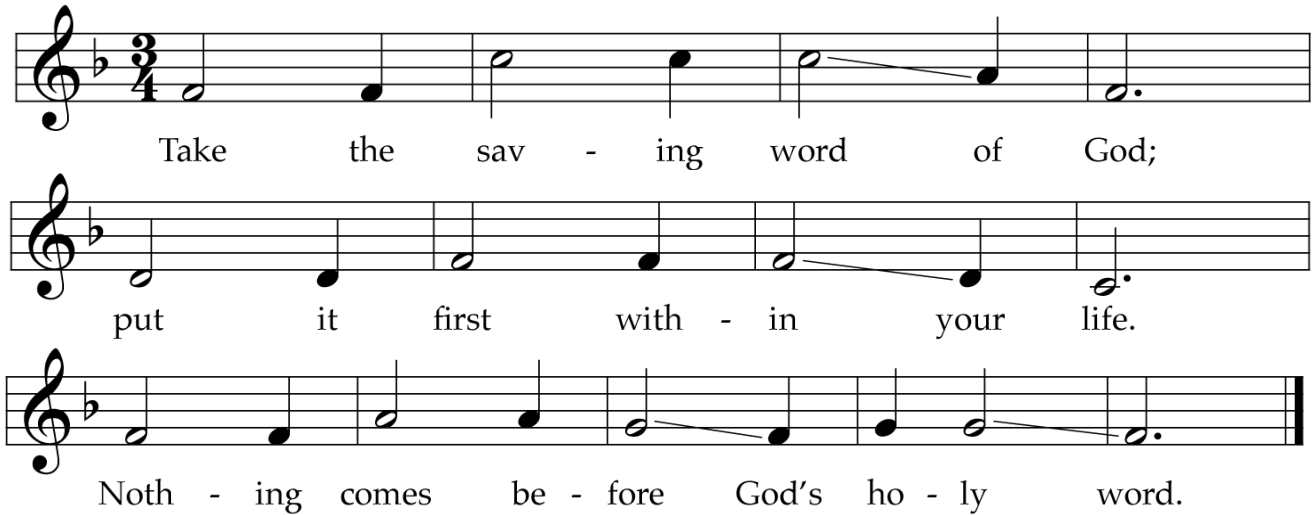
Megan Klose

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

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DAWK'YAH TOWGYAH

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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

Catriona McCormack

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

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Only Persist

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 731**

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Yena Hwang

(from The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language edition)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all; moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience; and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground

on which to stand, except God's grace. The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO ALEXI HAWKINS

Yena Hwang

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Catriona McCormack

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:

Gail and Marc Robarge on the birth of their grandson, Adrian Joseph, on Oct. 11

Please keep in your prayers:

Nancy Jones and family on the death of Nancy's sister, Joanne Hodges, on Oct. 10

Sam Beatty and family on the death of Sam's brother, Eric Beatty, on Oct. 6

Juliette, Raghuveer Pasupulari's daughter, who is ill

Doug Ammons, recovering after surgery

The safety and rights of those in the trans community, including members of the FCPC family

The people of Madagascar during a time of unrest and protests

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

Yena Hwang

GENEROSITY TEAM'S INVITATION TO OFFERING

Catriona McCormack

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

Trust and Obey

arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

Chancel Choir and Regino Madrid, violin

When we walk with the Lord, In the light of His Word: What a glory He sheds on our way.

While we do His good will, He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.

Chorus: *Trust and obey, For there's no other way, To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey. Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share, But our toil He doth richly repay. Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross, But is blessed if we trust and obey. [Chorus]*

Then in fellowship sweet, We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His side in the way. What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go. Never fear only trust and obey. [Chorus]

* 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

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* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Catriona McCormack

Holy One, Creator God, we thank you for the gift of this day, this moment of worship, and your word which is written upon our hearts. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you as a symbol of our dedication of our entire lives. May we as your church be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 295**

Go to the World!

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Megan Klose

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Amen in B flat

Timothy Shaw (b. 1976)

POSTLUDE

Sarabande in D minor from Partita No. 2

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Regino Madrid, violin

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Today's special music is sponsored by the Heiden Endowment Fund. Jon Heiden was FCPC's Director of Music from 1967 to 1997. Please consider donating to the Heiden Endowment Fund to support special music in worship.

Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader

Catriona McCormack

Ushers

Carol Cole, Steve Rutsch

Audio/Video

Alexi Hawkins

Sexton

Catriona McCormack

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Garvelink, who loved this congregation and being part of this Matthew 25 church, with gratitude, by Linda Garvelink.

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 one of the pastors or email Pastor Yena (yhwang@fallschurchpresby.org) or Pastor 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 paid nursery staff. **Children age 3 and up:** Godly Play is offered in Room 204 following the first scripture reading.

Fellowship Hour

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

Announcements

VOICE Assembly: Homes for All, Oct. 19, 3:30 p.m. Individuals from 50 interfaith organizations in Northern VA will meet with local and state officials to request statewide action on the housing crisis. Email voice@fallschurchpresby.org to carpool.

CAT Survey. At the August 2025 session meeting, the pastors and elders discussed having the congregation participate in a Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT). This online survey is a way for us to assess a clearer picture of who we are as a church and what directions might be important for our future. It will provide key indicators of our congregational health along with areas of challenge and potential growth. The survey link will be sent to participants via a dedicated email on October 31. The survey will remain open until November 14. We appreciate your participation in this very important tool to help us make informed decisions about our shared future!

Youth Hiking Trip, Oct. 25. Want to get some fresh air and exercise while enjoying the fall colors? The youth are going hiking at Catoctin Mountain Park in Thurmont, MD. We'll depart from FCPC at 9:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and water. Email Cali (cbronkema@fallschurchpresby.org) by COB Oct. 19 to sign up!

Called Congregational Meeting, Oct. 26. The FCPC Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Oct. 26, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to amend the FCPC Bylaws of the Congregation and elect members of the Congregational Nominating Committee.

NVFS Toy Drive. Mercy Ministry is seeking donations of new, unwrapped toys, games, puzzles, books, and gift cards for our 13th annual Northern Virginia Family Service Toy Drive. Gifts will be distributed through NVFS to area children who might otherwise go without this holiday season. Donations can be left in the big, gift-wrapped box near the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Contributions are needed by Dec. 7.

Project 66/52. The congregation is reading the entire Bible in 2025. Week 42 reading plan:

Sun 10/19	Mark <u>10, 11, 12</u>	Thu 10/23	Luke <u>4, 5, 6</u>
Mon 10/20	Mark <u>13, 14</u> ; Psalms <u>130, 131</u>	Fri 10/24	Luke <u>7, 8</u> ; Psalms <u>134, 135</u>
Tue 10/21	Mark <u>15, 16</u> ; Psalms <u>132, 133</u>	Sat 10/25	Luke <u>9, 10, 11</u>
Wed 10/22	Luke <u>1, 2, 3</u>		

Save the date! The Crooked Steeple Literary Festival kicks off its fourth season on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 2:00 p.m. with author Charles King, who will be reading from his book, *Every Valley*.

Falls Church Homeless Shelter dinners. For more than 20 years, FCPC volunteers have provided a warm dinner for 14 shelter guests each Monday night during the hypothermia season, which runs November 15-March 30. See the Friday egram to learn more and to sign up. Questions? Email Sue Armstrong (sue.g2g.armstrong@gmail.com).

Church Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 19 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Deadline to sign up for Youth Hiking Trip at Catoctin Mountain Park on Oct. 25

Confirmation Class, 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

Worship Ministry Team, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room

VOICE Assembly: Homes for All, 3:30 p.m., Flores United Methodist, Herndon, VA

Monday, Oct. 20 - Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

Antiracism Training, 7:00 p.m., Library

Tuesday, Oct. 21 - Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

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

Wednesday, Oct. 22 - Wednesday Evening Project 66/52 Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 23 - Antiracism Training, 10:30 a.m., Library

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

Friday, Oct. 24 – *No scheduled events*

Saturday, Oct. 25 - Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Youth Hiking Trip, Catoctin Mountain Park, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat - *Canceled*

Sunday, Oct. 26 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost – Commitment Sunday

Nourish Our Neighbors Food Pantry Collection

Matthew 25 Group, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person and online

Called Congregational Meeting following worship

Card Ministry Sunday, 11:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Youth Pumpkin Party, 6:00 p.m., Third Floor

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

Cali Bronkema, Director of Children & Youth Ministry

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

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