



October 26, 2025
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday/Commitment Sunday
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

Nun bitten wir (Now We Ask)

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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: We have gathered today in search of reformation.

ALL: We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.

ONE: We stand fearless at the edge of change.

ALL: For God is in the midst of us and we shall not be moved.

ONE: Be still, and know that God is God.

ALL: God is our rock and our redeemer.

*** GATHERING HYMN 409** (vv. 1 and 4)

God Is Here!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carolyn Bruce

ONE: When we keep our mistakes and misdeeds hidden away, we are consumed with guilt and pain. Therefore, let us come into the light and acknowledge our shortcomings, trusting that God will forgive us and make us whole.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Loving God, trusting in your mercy, we acknowledge the harm that we have done, and the good we have failed to do. Forgive us, we pray; guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go, that we may love and serve you well. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Personal prayer in silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: Be still and know that God has forgiven you. Be still and feel God's presence.

ALL: We feel the presence of God in this place. We receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Thanks be to God. Amen!

* SING GLORY TO GOD 581

Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, using a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into four systems, each with a new line of music. The lyrics are: '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

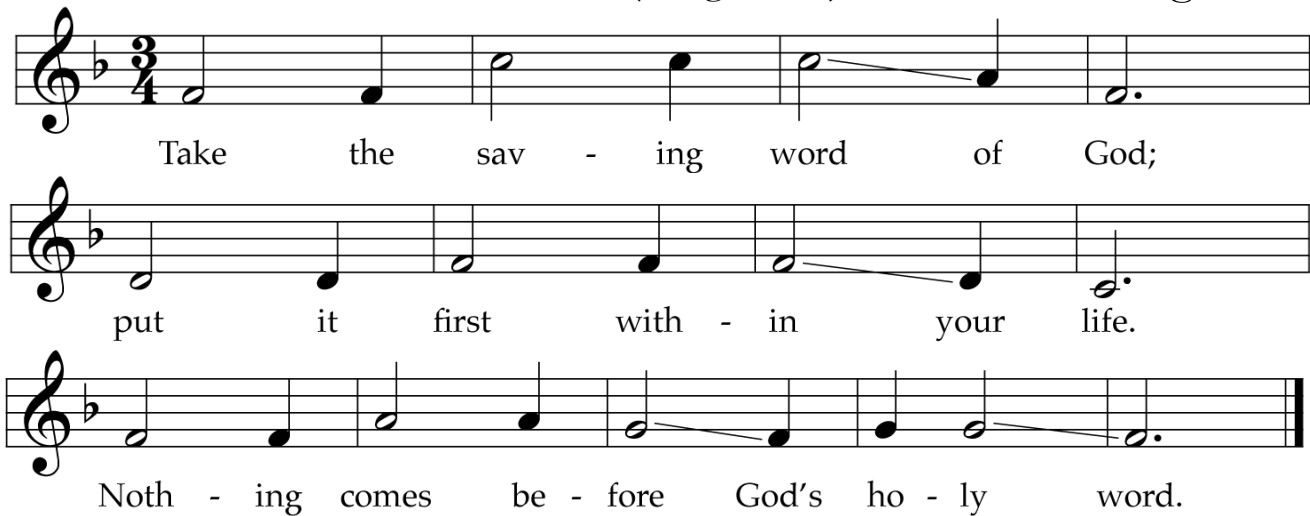
Yena Hwang

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

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DAWK'YAH TOWGYAH

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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 46

Carolyn Bruce

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

Joel 2:23-32

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dreams and Visions

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*)

Megan Klose

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carolyn Bruce

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

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

Kathy Chavez

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.



Commitment Sunday: You are invited to bring your **2026 Estimate of Giving** card forward during today's offering and place it in the basket. Estimate of Giving cards are available in the pew racks. If your estimate was made online or you previously mailed it to the church office, you are welcome to come forward and touch the basket as a symbol of your commitment.

OFFERTORY

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

David Evans (b. 1957)
arr. Richard Shephard

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.*

*In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.*

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour.

He is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;

*He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace. No work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him; be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

* 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.

*Or "God"

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Kathy Chavez

Generous God, thank you for providing for all our needs. We are promising to give our talent, time, and treasure as a token of our gratitude for all your generous gifts to us. We ask that you receive our humble offerings and multiply them to be used for your Kin-dom. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Amen

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Carolyn Bruce
Ushers	Tom Bruce, Clay Warner
Audio/Video	Lexi Hess
Sexton	Carolyn Bruce
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given by Ethel Leslie to the Glory of God and in gratitude to those who dedicate themselves to saving lives with advancements in medicine and science.

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.

Share the Feast Fellowship Hour

Share the Feast is today! Join us in Fellowship Hall following the Congregational Meeting to greet your neighbors and share in a potluck meal. All are welcome! Kids are invited to join Cali Bronkema at a craft table for a Halloween craft. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Announcements

Today is Commitment Sunday. You are invited to bring your 2026 Estimate of Giving card forward during today's offering to show your commitment in supporting the work and ministries of FCPC in the coming year.

The FCPC Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today, 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.

Nourish Our Neighbors. Donations for Knox Food Pantry will be collected today and throughout the week. Grocery bags are available next to the white cupboard in the hall outside the Sanctuary and may be filled and returned at any time. Click on the QR code on the bags to see which items are most needed at Knox.

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!

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 10/26	Mark <u>10, 11, 12</u>	Thu 10/30	Luke <u>4, 5, 6</u>
Mon 10/27	Mark <u>13, 14</u> ; Psalms <u>130, 131</u>	Fri 10/31	Luke <u>7, 8</u> ; Psalms <u>134, 135</u>
Tue 10/28	Mark <u>15, 16</u> ; Psalms <u>132, 133</u>	Sat 11/1	Luke <u>9, 10, 11</u>
Wed 10/29	Luke <u>1, 2, 3</u>		

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).

The Crooked Steeple Literary Festival is proud to bring New York Times best-selling author Charles King to read from and talk about his book, *Every Valley: The Desperate Lives and Troubled Times That Made Handel's Messiah*, on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. "Exquisite ... note by note, page by page, King takes us beyond an imagined Enlightenment to a sobering reality of a world that included the horrors of the transatlantic slave trade," writes Henry Louis Gates, Jr. This is the moving untold story of the 18th century men and women behind the making of Handel's Messiah. Learn more and register through the link in the Friday egram.

Church Calendar

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

Share the Feast Sunday, 11:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Monday, Oct. 27 - Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

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

Tuesday, Oct. 28 - Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

Wednesday, Oct. 29 - Wednesday Evening Project 66/52 Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

66/52 Bible Book Club, 8:00 p.m., Zoom

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

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

Friday, Oct. 31 – Escape Weekend at Shrine Mont, Day 1/3

Saturday, Nov. 1 - Escape Weekend at Shrine Mont, Day 2/3

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

Sunday, Nov. 2 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Escape Weekend at Shrine Mont, Day 3/3

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

Worship Service, 10:00 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." 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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