

November 9, 2025 22nd Sunday after Pentecost All Saints' Day Observed Volunteer Recognition 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

Improvisation on "Balm in Gilead"

arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

RINGING OF THE BELL AND INTROIT

Joyfully Sing to God Forever

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Joyfully sing to God forever. Praise the Lord! Sing to God forever. Praise the Lord!

WELCOME Megan Klose

* CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

ALL: "Let there be light!"

ONE: In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

ALL: "I am the Light of the world."

ONE: In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

ALL: The ones in whom God's light shines.

ONE: So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

ALL: Let us worship God with gratitude for living saints and with thankfulness for the purpose of faith!

* GATHERING HYMN 326

For All the Saints

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jen Root

ONE: Though we are prone to wander, the spirit of God abides among us. Trusting in God's persistent love and mercy, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. Amen.

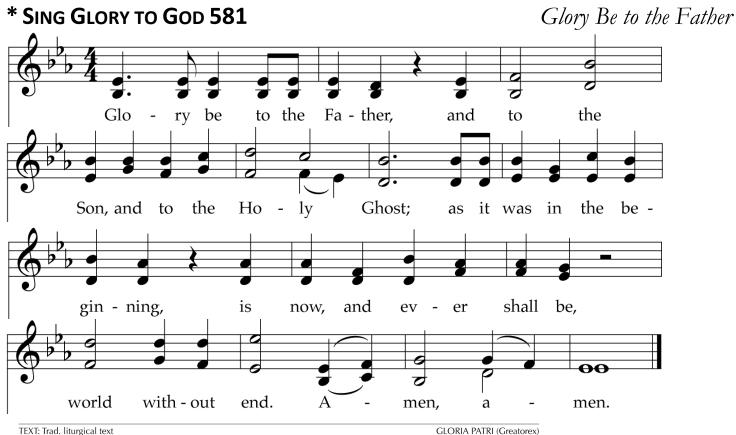
Personal prayer in silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen!



MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

* PASSING THE PEACE

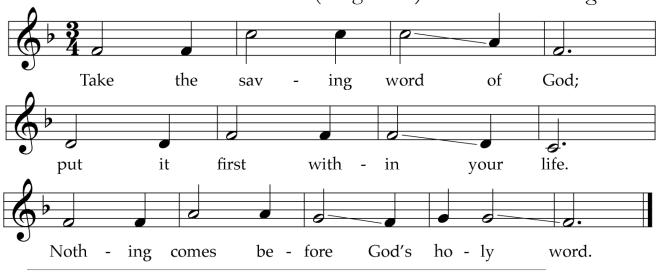
Yena Hwang

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 t/a GBGMusik DAWK'YAH TOWGYAH 7.7.9

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

Jen Root

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

Haggai 2:1-9

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Building

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

* SERMON HYMN 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (by Barbara Hedges-Goettl, used with permission) Megan Klose Together we confess that God unites us in faith. Together we come to know the height, and the breadth, and the depth of the love of Christ. Together we are built up to the full stature of Christ. Together we know and bear one another's burdens. We admonish one another. We comfort one another. We suffer with one another. We need one another. We build up one another. Together we pray. Together we serve God in this world. Together we fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jen Root

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:

Callie Brown, daughter of Cameron and Theresa Brown, on her marriage to Tim Meyers on Nov. 1 at Massanutten, Virginia, and for a blessed future together.

Please keep in your prayers:

Mark Seklecki, continued recovery following a recent hospitalization

Doug Ammons, undergoing chemotherapy

Jim Cardinal, father of Theresa Brown, with health issues

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

RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS

Megan Klose & Cali Bronkema

Invitation to Offering

Megan Klose

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

Rain Down

Jaime Cortez, arr. John Carter (1929-2011)

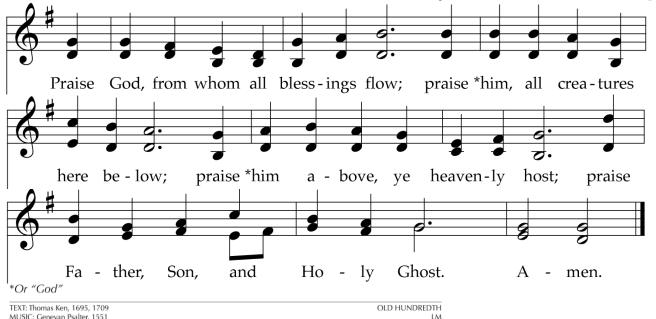
Kevin Ayers, electric bass

Refrain: Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people, rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust. God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth. [Refrain] We who revere and find hope in our God. Live in the kindness and joy of God's wing. God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve. [Refrain] God of creation, we long for your truth; You are the water of life that we thirst, Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you. [Refrain]

* Doxology 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Megan Klose

We Are Sent into the World

* Sending Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Yena Hwang

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Have Heard Your Word

Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

arr. Kevin Hildebrand (b. 1973)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader Jen Root

Ushers Carol Cole, Carol Kercheval

Audio/Video Lexi Hess Sexton Jen Root

Sanctuary Flowers The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Darrell

Hamaker Dabria in loving memory of her parents, Kent and

Mary Hamaker.

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 hearing 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.

Celebrating Volunteers at Fellowship Hour + Card Ministry Sunday

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to enjoy special refreshments provided by Pastor Yena's parents, Myeong Ja Lee and David Hwang. The Card Ministry table will also be set up for those who would like to send a birthday card or get-well card to someone in the congregation. Cards and stamps are provided.

Announcements

Confirmation Class meeting today, Nov. 9. Confirmation class members and their mentors are invited to join Cali Bronkema at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

CAT Survey. The link to the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) was emailed to participants last Friday, Oct. 31. Please set aside 20-30 minutes to complete the surveyour future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers. If you have not received the link and would like to participate in the survey, please reach out to

Carolyn Bruce (<u>cabruce@rcn.com</u>) or Katharine Stewart (<u>kstewart2711@gmail.com</u>). If you need assistance completing the CAT, a team of people will be at Fellowship Hour THIS SUNDAY to help. (They'll also have a treat for those who have completed the CAT!) The survey closes Nov. 16.

Crooked Steeple Literary Festival, Nov. 15, 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. New York Times best-selling author Charles King will read from and talk about his book, *Every Valley: The Desperate Lives and Troubled Times That Made Handel's Messiah.* 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.

SJC Workshop, Nov. 15, 1:00 p.m., Memorial Hall: *Who Came Before You on This Land and Why It Matters.* Rose Powhatan, a descendant of the Tauxenent and Pamunkey tribes of Northern Virginia, will share her family history. Register via the link in the Friday egram. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of Falls Church and Vicinity.

Youth Winter Retreat, Jan. 17-19, 2026. FCPC youth will connect with other Presbyterian youth through snow tubing, skiing/snowboarding, indoor water park fun, and small groups. Open to 6-12 grades. Contact Cali Bronkema by Nov. 19 to sign up!

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. Donations can be left in the big, gift-wrapped box near the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Contributions are needed by Dec. 7.

Generosity update. To date, we have received 69 pledges totaling \$632,728, 77% of our goal. Thank you! If you have not yet submitted your 2026 Estimate of Giving, please mail your card to the office or fill out the Estimate of Giving form on FCPC's website.

"Senses of Scriptures" coming to worship Nov. 30. We will be launching a short, hands-on pause in worship where children and adults explore a Bible story together through sight, sound, touch, taste, or scent. Come ready to wonder together!

Falls Church Homeless Shelter dinners. FCPC members provide 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.

Important Email Reminder. Please be aware of phishing and scam emails. All church staff email addresses end with <u>@fallschurchpresby.org</u>. If you receive an email that appears to be from Pastor Yena, Pastor Megan, or any staff member, but seems suspicious, please check the sender's email address before responding.

Project 66/52. The congregation is reading the entire Bible in 2025. Week 45 reading plan:

Sun 11/9 Acts 1, 2, 3

Mon 11/10 Acts 4, 5; Psalm 148

Tue 11/11 Acts 6, 7; Psalm 149

Wed 11/12 Acts 8, 9, 10

Thu 11/13 Acts 11, 12; Psalm 150

Fri 11/14 Acts 13, 14, 15

Sat 11/15 Acts 16, 17, 18

Church Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 9 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints' Day observed

Hunger Offering Received

CNC Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Library

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

Card Ministry Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Youth Prepare Falls Church Homeless Shelter. Meet in FCPC parking lot at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 10 – Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom Session, 7:00 p.m., Library

Wednesday, Nov. 12 – Wednesday Evening Project 66/52 Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom 66/52 Bible Book Club, 8:00 p.m., Zoom

Thursday, Nov. 13 – Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Friday, Nov. 14 – Lydia Circle, 10:30 a.m., Waugh Residence

Saturday, Nov. 15 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor Crooked Steeple Literary Festival, 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Nov. 16 – Christ the King/Reign of Christ observed

CAT Survey closes

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

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

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

Scout Troop 895 Holiday Fundraiser, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Playground Playdate (Grades 2 and younger), 11:30 a.m., Frady Park

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

Youth Dinner & Devos, 6:00 p.m., Broad St. Falls Church Chipotle

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.

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