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



Advent artwork by Megan Klose, 2025

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Kevin Hildebrand (contemporary)

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

O Come, Lord Jesus! Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

O come, Lord Jesus! Bring your light! Come down in love Emmanuel.

We wait for your birth. Come, Lord Jesus.

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Daniel and Andrianina Andriamandranto,
Iangotiana Andriamandranto, Andrew Wattenberg

ONE: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

ALL: For the Lord will come again to fulfill the promise to return and execute justice and righteousness in the land.

ONE: We come to worship the one who came to bring hope, peace, joy, and love.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

*** GATHERING HYMN 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CALL TO CONFESSION

Allison Hoak

ONE: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us come before God and humbly confess our shortcomings, confident in God's promise to forgive and renew.

ALL: Coming God, have mercy upon us. We confess that we are weak and we have many shortcomings. We confess that we do not heed your word in all that we say and do. We confess we have difficulties embracing our people with differing perspectives and beliefs. We confess we have a hard time seeing all our neighbors as your beloved children, bearing your holy image. In your mercy, forgive us. As we await your arrival, open our eyes to see your image in all of your creation. Renew us in your advent.

Personal prayer in silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: By the grace and mercy of God, you are forgiven and freed. Be renewed in hope, believing in the power of the coming Christ.

ALL: We are renewed in the Spirit of God. We rejoice and believe! Thanks be to God. Amen.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

*** SING GLORY TO GOD**

Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!

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*** 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 450 (v. 2)

Be Thou My Vision

2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;

I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;

thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;

raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

SLANE
10.10.10.10

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Allison Hoak

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

Cali Bronkema

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Signs of Life

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

* SERMON HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Book of Common Worship*)

Megan Klose

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Allison Hoak

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@fallschurchurchpresby.org.

Ongoing prayer concerns:

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

Relatives and friends: Carolyn Armstrong, Scott Armstrong's mother; Jim Cardinal, Theresa Brown's father; 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.

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

Creator of the Stars of Night

arr. John Scott (b. 1956)

*Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, Saviour of us all, regard thy servants when they call.
Thou, grieving at the bitter cry of all creation doomed to die,
didst come to save a ruined race with healing gifts of heavenly grace.
Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to evening-tide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine, the Son of Man, yet Lord divine.
At thy great name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
and things in heaven and earth shall own that thou art Lord and King alone.
To thee, O holy One, we pray, our judge in that tremendous day,
preserve us, while we dwell below, from every onslaught of the foe.
All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore, and Spirit blest, for evermore.*

* DOXOLOGY (Tune: *The First Noel*)

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God__ from whom all__ bles - sings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures
here__ be - low. Praise God__ a - bove, ye__ heaven - ly
host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. No - well, No -
well, No - well, No - well__ Born is the King_ of Is - ra - el!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Megan Klose

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Advent Amen

(traditional)

POSTLUDE

Gift of Love

arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Allison Hoak
Ushers	Lowell Schuyler, Marsha Schuyler
Audio/Video	Lexi Hess
Sexton	Allison Hoak
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Chuck Hobbie in memory of lost loved ones and in gratitude for family and friends.

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 Senses of Scripture segment.

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

Sermon in Music Worship Service, Dec. 7, 10:00 a.m. Next Sunday we will hear Johann Sebastian Bach's cantata *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* (*Sleepers, Wake, a Voice is Calling*). Written for the 27th Sunday after Trinity, a rare liturgical occurrence, this music is a meditation on Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish virgins who appear in Matthew 25. The cantata calls us to open our eyes and hearts to the coming of Christ, our Bridegroom. Bach invites us to hear the midnight cry, to prepare our lives with faith and hope, and to join in the deep joy of God's promised banquet through his music. May this message set in the music of Bach awaken us to embrace the "already and not yet" coming of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Guest string musicians will accompany the Chancel Choir. Please join us!

Holiday Hangout & Christmas Market, Dec. 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall and Loft. Bring a friend, a canned food donation, and a main or side dish to share at our potluck dinner. We'll have cookie decorating and games for adults and kids. All ages can shop at the popular Christmas Market, where you can find previously loved treasures at excellent prices!

Please Hurry, All Santas! Sunday, December 7, is the last day to drop off a new, unwrapped toy, game, book, or puzzle for this year's FCPC-Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS) Toy Drive. Toys are essential tools that support children's physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth. Last year, FCPC helped NVFS provide gifts to more than 2,000 children who might otherwise have gone without. Help us fill the gift box in the main hallway – see the list of NVFS-suggested gifts on the box. You can also provide a gift card or order a gift on Amazon.com (see special link in egram).

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.

Project 66/52. The congregation is reading the entire Bible in 2025. Week 48 reading plan:

Sun 11/30	1 Corinthians <u>15, 16</u>	Thu 12/4	2 Corinthians <u>10, 11</u>
Mon 12/1	2 Corinthians <u>1, 2, 3</u>	Fri 12/5	2 Corinthians <u>12, 13</u>
Tue 12/2	2 Corinthians <u>4, 5, 6</u>	Sat 12/6	Galatians <u>1, 2</u>
Wed 12/3	2 Corinthians <u>7, 8, 9</u>		

Calendar

Sunday, November 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Nourish Our Neighbors - Drop off food donations and toiletry items

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

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

Monday, December 1 – Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

Tuesday, December 2 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

Building & Grounds Team, 6:30 p.m. Conference Room

Wednesday, December 3

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, December 4 – Finance Team, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

Spiritual Growth Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m., Mugler Residence

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

Friday, December 5 – *No scheduled events*

Saturday, December 6 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Silent Witness for Racial Justice, noon, Broad Street in front of FCPC

Sunday, December 7 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Hunger Fund Offering Received

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

Sermon in Music Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person or online

Holiday Hangout & Christmas Market, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall & Loft

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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