



January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
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

Melodia Simplice

Lani Smith (1934-2015)

RINGING OF THE BELL AND INTROIT

Let Us Make a Joyful Noise

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise.

Praise, O praise the Lord! And make a joyful noise evermore!

WELCOME

Yena Hwang

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: God calls us here together—each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

ALL: **We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.**

ONE: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

ALL: **Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.**

ONE: Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

ALL: **Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!**

*** GATHERING HYMN 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

CALL TO CONFESSION

Catriona McCormack

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way of truth and life. You call us to share all that we have and work together for the common good, but we hoard up treasures for ourselves and deny others their daily bread. You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed, but we live in fear of our neighbors and hide ourselves from our own kin. You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about your saving love. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from sin, death and fear so that we may serve you with gladness. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Megan Klose

ONE: God has not withheld mercy from us. God inclines to us, rescues us, and sets us again on solid ground. Trust in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God and know that we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

* SING GLORY TO GOD #583



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979

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GLORIA (Taizé)

* 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 451 (v. 2)

Open My Eyes, That I May See

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
8.8.9.8.8.8.4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 40:1-11

Catriona McCormack

ONE: The Word of the Lord.
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

Yena Hwang

Children ages 4 and up are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in Room 204.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Doing is Being. Being is Doing.

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN 320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

Please keep in your prayers:

Elizabeth Shipley-Moses, in the hospital following a back injury

Landon Fox, mother of Katharine Stewart, recuperating in a rehab facility

Karen Rasmussen, recovering from a fall

Margaret Beatty, mother of Sam Beatty, in the hospital

Carrie Lake and family on the death of her mother, Sharyce Secundo, on Jan. 5

Cynthia Hintze, sister of Carol Kercheval, recovering from surgery

Ongoing prayer concerns:

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

Relatives and friends: Carolyn Armstrong, mother of Scott Armstrong; Vincent DiPerno, nephew of Paige Whitlock; Anne Marie Gowney, mother of Karen and Chris Gowney; Matt Klaus, colleague of Frank Burdette; Ansley McCraw, niece of Shawn Sledge

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.

GODSPEED TO DAVID WILSON

Yena Hwang

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Yena Hwang

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

Saints Bound for Heaven

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Our bondage it shall end, by and by, by and by, Our bondage it shall end, by and by;

From Egypt's yoke set free; Hail the glorious jubilee,

And to Canaan we'll return, by and by, by and by, And to Canaan we'll return, by and by.

Our deliverer he shall come, by and by, by and by, Our deliverer he shall come, by and by;

And our sorrows have an end, With our threescore years and ten,

And vast glory crown the day, by and by, by and by, And vast glory crown the day, by and by.

Though our enemies are strong, we'll go on, we'll go on, Though our enemies are strong, we'll go on;

Though our hearts dissolve with fear, Lo, Sinai's God is near,

While the fiery pillar moves, we'll go on, we'll go on, While the fiery pillar moves, we'll go on.

And when to Jordan's floods, we are come, we are come, And when to Jordan's floods, we are come;

Jehovah rules the tide, And the waters he'll divide, And the ransomed host shall shout,

we are come, we are come, And the ransomed host shall shout, we'll go on.

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here be -
low. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God in Je - sus ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spi - rit one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Yena Hwang

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Megan Klose

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen in A

Timothy Shaw (b. 1976)

POSTLUDE

Still, Still with Thee

arr. Don Forrest (b. 1978)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Catriona McCormack
Ushers	Jay Campbell, Lowell Schuyler
Audio/Video	Rick Choi
Sexton	Catriona McCormack
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Carly Kelly in memory of Carly's grandparents, John and Jeanette Lont.

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. **The Cozy Corner** along the right wall of the sanctuary has sensory toys and headphones. **Children up to age 4:** Child care is offered in Room 201 by paid nursery staff. **Children age 4 and up:** Godly Play is offered in Room 204 following Senses of Scripture.

Fellowship Hour & David Wilson Farewell Reception

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following today's worship service to celebrate David Wilson and his time as our facility manager. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Announcements

David Wilson Farewell Reception today. Facility Manager David Wilson will be leaving FCPC at the end of the month. David has done an incredible job addressing the many issues of this old church, and we are honoring him with a reception after worship today. If you did not get a chance to contribute to David's monetary gift that will be presented in worship today, there is still time. Simply donate online or drop a check in the offering plate, clearly marked as a gift for David Wilson. Additional gifts will be presented to David at a later date.

MLK Jr. Day March for Unity & Freedom, Jan. 19. Presented by the Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation and the Social Justice Committee of Falls Church & Vicinity, this annual event begins with sign making at the Tinner Hill monument in Falls Church at 10:00 a.m. and a march to The Falls Church Episcopal at 11:00, where there will be social justice programming starting at 1:30 p.m. Read more in the egram.

Nourish Our Neighbors. Knox Food Pantry is a lifeline for our neighbors who struggle to put food on the table. Loss of grant funding for Knox means that the needs are greater than ever. You can help by taking an empty grocery bag today, and filling and returning it before or on Sunday, January 25.

Godly Play Training, Thursday, Jan. 29. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Room 204 (Godly Play Room). All those interested in learning about the Godly Play program, for those wanting a refresher course, and for those interested in being a Storyteller or Doorkeeper are welcome to participate. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Anne Mugler at annermugler@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

New Members Class, Feb. 1. 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. Pastor Yena will hold a class for those who are interested in learning more about joining our faith community. Please contact Pastor Yena or the church office if you are interested in attending.

Flowers for Worship. The 2026 flower calendar is available for those who would like to donate flowers in honor, memory, or celebration of loved ones or special events. The link to the flower calendar is in the Friday egram and on the FCPC website.

Save the Date for these upcoming events:

Feb. 8 – Annual Scout Pancake Breakfast following worship

Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday simple supper followed by worship service

Feb. 22 – Annual Meeting of the FCPC Corporation and Congregation

Calendar

Sunday, January 18 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Youth Winter Retreat (Day 2/3), Massanetta

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

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

Farewell Reception for David Wilson, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 19 – Martin Luther King Holiday, Church Office Closed

Youth Winter Retreat (Day 3/3), Massanetta

MLK Jr. Day March for Unity & Freedom, 11:00 a.m., Tinner Hill

Prayer & Pose Yoga – canceled this week

Tuesday, January 20 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom

Sarah Circle, 6:00 p.m., Parlor

Wednesday, January 21

3rd Wednesday Welcome Table, 11:00 a.m.-7:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Personnel Team, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

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

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

Thursday, January 22 – Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Friday, January 23 – *No scheduled events*

Saturday, January 24 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Sunday, January 25 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Nourish Our Neighbors – Drop off food & toiletry donations in main hallway

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

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

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

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

Youth Group, 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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