



February 8, 2026
5th 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

Amazing Grace

arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

W.A. Mozart (1756-1797)

Holy Spirit, Come to Us. Fill us with Your love.

WELCOME

Yena Hwang

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 112)**

ONE: Praise the Lord!

ALL: Happy are those who fear the Lord, who delight in his commandments!

ONE: Praise the Lord!

ALL: It is well with those who are generous and just!

ONE: Praise the Lord!

ALL: The righteous are not afraid, for their hearts are secure in the Lord.
Praise the Lord!

*** GATHERING HYMN 352**

My Lord! What a Morning!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Clay Warner

ONE: The more we know God's holiness, the more we can sense our distance from our creator. The more we seek justice and faithful living, the more we understand our complicity in systems that oppress. With humble hearts, let us confess our brokenness, our selfishness and our sin.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now. Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost.

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 583

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 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, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES
8.8.9.8.8.8.4

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

Clay Warner

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

Cali Bronkema

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Intentional Identity

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 314**

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Mary McLeod Bethune)

Yena Hwang

Father, we call Thee Father because we love Thee. We are glad to be called Thy children, and to dedicate our lives to the service that extends through willing hearts and hands to the betterment of all [hu]mankind. We send a cry of Thanksgiving for people of all races, creeds, classes, and colors the world over, and pray that through the instrumentality of our lives the spirit of peace, joy, fellowship, and [siblinghood] shall circle the world. We know that this world is filled with discordant notes, but help us, Father, to so unite our efforts that we may all join in one harmonious symphony for peace and [siblinghood], justice, and equality of opportunity for all [humanity]. The tasks performed today with forgiveness for all our errors, we dedicate, dear Lord, to Thee. Grant us strength and courage and faith and humility sufficient for the tasks assigned to us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Clay Warner

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:

Katharine Stewart and family on the death of Katharine's mother, Landon Fox, on Feb. 4

Anne Mugler, recovering from an ankle fracture

Cam Brown, for a successful surgery on Feb. 9 and a full and swift recovery

For the Shidu family on the death of Saraswati, mother to Karmvir (friend of Sawyer Cruse)

Louise Phillips and family on the death of Tom Koger on Jan. 24

Ongoing prayer concerns:

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

Relatives and friends: Carolyn Armstrong, mother of Scott Armstrong; Margaret Beatty, mother of Sam Beatty; Vincent DiPerno, nephew of Paige Whitlock; Dave Erisman, cousin of Shelly Skomra; Anne Marie Grownay, mother of Karen and Chris Grownay; Cynthia Hintze, sister of Carol Kercheval; Matt Klaus, colleague of Frank Burdette; Ansley McCraw, niece of Shawn Sledge

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

Be Not Afraid

Taylor Davis (b. 1980)

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid, I've called you by name.

My love for you is everlasting, My love for you shall have no end.

[Refrain:] When you pass through the waters, I will surround you. When you pass through the floods, They will not sweep o'er. When you walk through the fire, You will not be consumed.

You are my child, you are my child, You are so precious to me. [Repeat v. 1, Refrain]

You are my child, and I'll love you always. Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home.

When you feel lost, always remember: I am right here, just call out my name. [Refrain]

* Doxology 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below;
 Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God a-bove ye heav'n-ly host: Praise
 Fath - er, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Yena Hwang, Megan Klose

Invitation to the Lord's Table and Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Come forward by the center aisle, take bread, dip it into the cup and eat, then return to your pew by a side aisle. Bread is gluten-free, cup is non-alcoholic, and yeast-free wafers are available. A tray with bread and cups will be brought to those who wish to remain seated.

Communion Hymn

Ave Verum

W.A. Mozart

Elliott Mihelic, horn

Prayer after Communion

Megan Klose

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 48** (sung three times)

Rain Down

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Megan Klose

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen in B flat

Timothy Shaw (b. 1976)

* Please rise in body or spirit

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Benjamin Culli (b. 1975)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Clay Warner
Ushers	Chase Moore, Steve Rutsch
Communion	Sue Armstrong, Zachia Murray, Gail Warner
Audio/Video	Rick Choi
Sexton	Clay Warner
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given by the Hobbie families to the glory of God and in memory of their beloved Young Ei Shin Hobbie, whose birthday was February 6, and their son and grandson, Coley James Hobbie, on his 8th birthday.

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 + Pancake Breakfast

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for the annual pancake breakfast, sponsored by Scout Troop 895. All are welcome!

Announcements

Serendipity Class is discussing *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time, Taking the Bible Seriously but Not Literally*, by Marcus J. Borg. This book should be a useful follow on from our year of reading the Bible. Questions? Contact Beth Thomas.

Matthew 25 Group is studying *Creating a Culture of Repair*, by Robert Turner. We'll meet every other Monday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 9 in the library, with additional discussion meetings on alternate Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Please come prepared to discuss the foreword, introduction, and Chapter 1 up to Action 1. Questions? Email Judy Zakreski or Jenny Lansbury.

College Ministry Valentines in the mail. Do you have a youth in college? This week, Valentine's Day packages with a sweet treat were mailed out to more than 25 FCPC college youth. If you are the parent of a college student who lets letters linger in their mailbox, please remind them to check for a love note and goodies from FCPC.

Capital Campaign/Feasibility Study. We have officially kicked off our feasibility study in which we are asking households for their feedback on the proposed campaign vision. Each household should have received a packet in the mail with a letter, vision overview, survey, and questionnaire. Please complete and return the survey by Feb. 28 via mail or online at tinyurl.com/fcpcsurvey2026. To schedule a personal interview go to tinyurl.com/fcpcinterview2026.

Black History Month Symposium & Workshop, Feb. 21. The Social Justice Committee of Falls Church & Vicinity is hosting "Voices of Resilience" on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 1-3:30 p.m. at Meridian High School. See the Friday egram for details.

Crooked Steeple Literary Festival, Feb. 28. Terah Shelton Harris will discuss her book, *Where the Wildflowers Grow*, a poignant story of survival and redemption that questions what it means to stop existing and start living. Sign up through the Friday egram or church website.

Year-end Giving Statements. FCPC's Financial Administrator Catherine Payling has emailed 2025 year-end giving statements. Please check your spam/junk folder in case the email has landed there. Questions? Email Catherine (cpayling@fallschurchpresby.org).

Save the Date for these upcoming events:

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

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

March 8-15 – Fairfax County Hypothermia Shelter at FCPC. Sign up to help through the link in the Friday egram.

March 22 – CAT Survey results will be presented to the congregation by Tara Spuhler McCabe from National Capital Presbytery immediately following worship.

Calendar

Sunday, February 8 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

Scout Troop 895 Pancake Breakfast, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 9

Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

Matthew 25 Group, 7:00 p.m., Library

Tuesday, February 10

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group – *Canceled*

Session, 7:00 p.m., Library

Wednesday, February 11

Wednesday Evening Project 66/52 Group – *Canceled*

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

Thursday, February 12

Community Building Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m., library and/or Zoom, TBD

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

Friday, February 13

Lydia Circle, 10:30 a.m., Waugh Residence

Saturday, February 14

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

Sunday, February 15 – Transformation of the Lord

Confirmation Class, 9:00 a.m., Room 301

Matthew 25 Group, 9:00 a.m., Library

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

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

Bagels & Bibles (grades 7 and up), following Senses in Scripture, Third Floor

Children's Ministry Playdate, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

Youth Group Valentine's Day Party, 6:30 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.

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