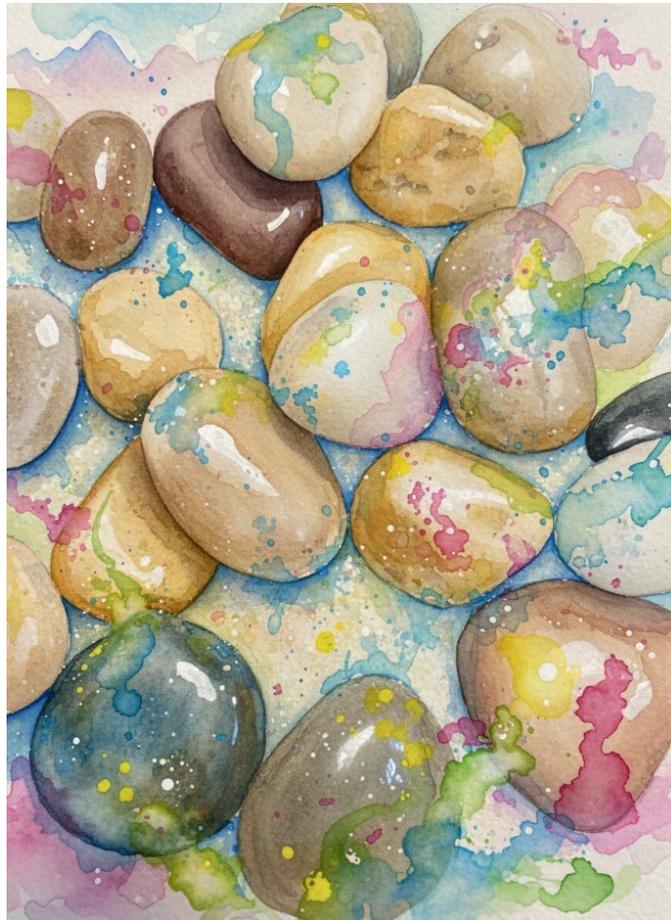

Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Attende Domine

Andrew Moore (b. 1954)

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

The Glory of These Forty Days

6th century chant

*O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, To Thee be every prayer addressed,
Who art in three-fold name adored, From age to age, the only Lord.*

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Megan Klose

ONE: Welcome to the weary and the worn.

ALL: Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

ONE: Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

ALL: Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

ONE: Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

ALL: Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

ONE: Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

ALL: This is God's house.

ONE: God welcomes us here—so make yourself at home.

ALL: Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

*** GATHERING HYMN 399** (sung twice)

God Welcomes All

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jenny Lansbury

ONE: Friends, none of us are without sin. None of us get it right all the time.

None of us can get by without God's grace. In the Prayer of Confession, we acknowledge this truth. We turn to God for forgiveness. Join me in this prayer:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Holy God, we love to live our lives by the rules. We love clear answers. We love right and wrong. We love swift justice. We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way. You welcome nuanced conversations. You prioritize mercy over legality. You prioritize people over tradition. You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other, or to you. Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Root us in mercy, justice, and love. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: Jesus offers grace, mercy, and compassion to all who seek him. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Our God is a God of mercy. Our God is a God of compassion. Our God is a God of grace. Amen.

ALL: Thanks be to God for forgiving our sins and restoring us to wholeness!

** Please rise in body or spirit*

*** SING GLORY TO GOD**

Lenten Gloria

Ho-ly, ho-ly Lord of mer - cy, Ho-ly God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, You a-lone are Love and Light.
Prai - ses now we raise be - fore
You, Glo - ry in the high - est height

*** 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 471

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, here my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 8:2-11

Jenny Lansbury

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

Megan Klose

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 23:23

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Law and Order

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

* SERMON HYMN

Let Us Remember



What is im - por - tant? What mat - ters more?
We've been shown mer - cy all of our lives
Fol - low - ing Je - sus, liv - ing in truth
What does the Lord re - qui - re of us?

Hu - man con - nec - tion or keep - ing score? In our pur - suit
By the cre - a - tor of hu - man - kind So when we're in
We re - main faith - ful to our roots When those roots lead
To re - main hum - ble, lov - ing, and just Keep - ing the heart

of jus - tice and truth Let us re - mem - ber: we fall short, too
a po - si - tion to judge Let us re - mem - ber: they're just like us
us out - side the lines Let us re - mem - ber: faith is a - live
of the gos - pel in mind Let us re - mem - ber: do what is right

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PCUSA 1983) Megan Klose

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, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jenny Lansbury

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.

Please keep in your prayers:

Gail Ammons and family on the death of Doug Ammons on March 17

Ongoing prayer concerns:

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

Relatives and friends: Carolyn Armstrong, Scott Armstrong's mother; Margaret Beatty, Sam Beatty's mother; Vincent DiPerno, Paige Whitlock's nephew; Ansley McCraw, Shawn Sledge's niece; Jack Moore, Scott Moore's father

MINUTE FOR JUSTICE

Faith and Civil Rights

Karen Growney

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Megan Klose

MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY

Will Packard

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

Beneath the Cross

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I gladly take my stand;

The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way; From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burdens of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus, my eyes at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me. And from my stricken heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:

The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

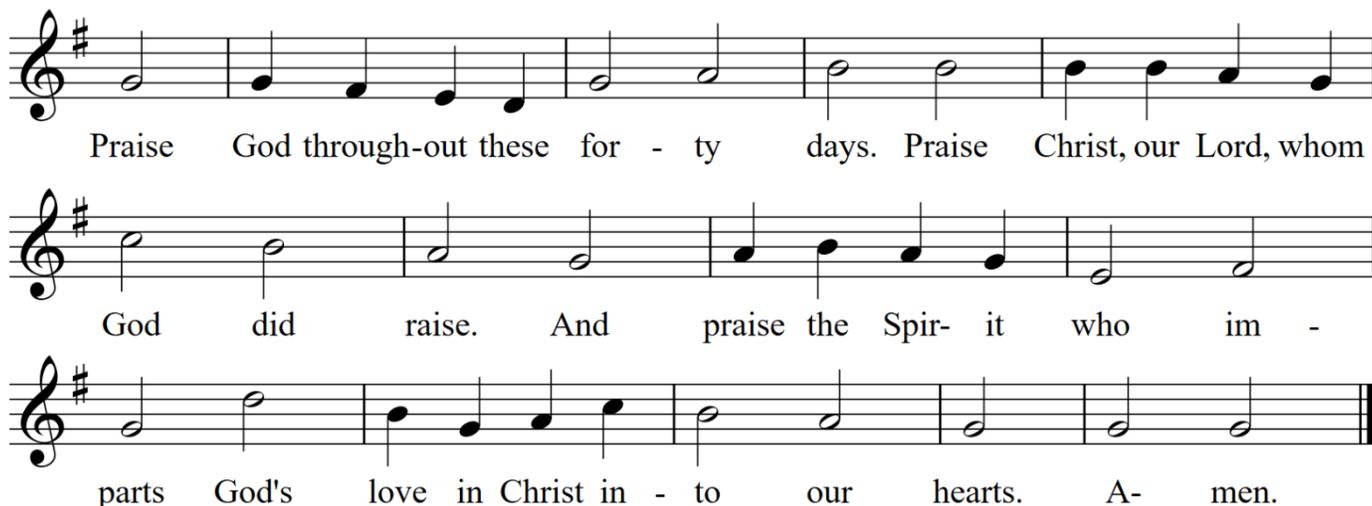
Refrain: Beneath the cross, I will stand; a Rock in a weary land; a place of rest, a place of peace. I gladly take my stand beneath the cross.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; and I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of Jesus' face, Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss;

My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross. [Refrain]

*** DOXOLOGY**

A Lenten Doxology



Praise God through-out these for - ty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom
God did raise. And praise the Spir- it who im -
parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A- men.

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*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Megan Klose

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Creator of the Earth and Skies

Jeremiah Clarke (1670-1707)

*Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and humbly follow in your way.
Speak to our souls the quickening word and turn our darkness into day.*

POSTLUDE

The Prayer Our Father Taught Us

Quentin Thomas (b. 1972)

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CAT Survey Results Presentation, today

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) Survey back in November 2025. Tara Spuhler-McCabe from the National Capital Presbytery will present the summary of the CAT interpretation following today's worship service. Coffee has been set up at the Activities Center (not Fellowship Hall), so please grab a cup and return to the sanctuary to hear the report.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Jenny Lansbury
Ushers	Jay Campbell, Lowell Schuyler
Audio/Video	Mark Armstrong
Sexton	Carolyn Bruce
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Cruse family in honor of the Lenten season.

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 3 and up: Godly Play is offered in Room 204 following Senses of Scripture.

Fellowship Hour

As noted above, during Fellowship Hour we will hear the results of the CAT Survey. Please grab some coffee at the Activities Center and return to the sanctuary to hear the survey results.

Announcements

Nourish Our Neighbors food collection, March 29. Knox Food Pantry is a lifeline for our neighbors who struggle to put food on the table. Pick up a grocery bag as you exit the sanctuary and check the QR code for needed items. Please bring your donations to the cabinet in the main hallway for delivery to Knox next week.

Capital Campaign Feasibility Study results presentation, March 29. Join us after worship next Sunday to hear the results of the feasibility study. Richie Musser, from Kirby-Smith Associates, will be presenting an executive summary of the feedback that was given through surveys and interviews during the past two months. Questions? Contact Richie Musser (rmusser@kirbysmith.com).

Easter Lily order deadline is March 29. The Flower Committee joyfully invites you to add to the beauty of FCPC's Easter Sunday worship by purchasing a lily to honor, celebrate, or remember a loved one, or commemorate a special day. Lilies are \$20 each and orders can be made through the link in the Friday egram. Lilies may be taken home after the 10 a.m. Easter service. Questions? Email Shelly Skomra (skomras@gmail.com).

Easter Egg filling opportunity. Help us get ready for the Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt! Please take one or two bags of empty Easter eggs home with you. Bags will be available at sanctuary exits this Sunday. Fill them with candy, stickers, or small toys (avoiding chocolate and peanuts), and bring them back to church on Palm Sunday or any time before Easter.

Walk the Labyrinth. The FCPC Labyrinth will be set up in the Fellowship Hall Loft from Monday, March 23 through Monday, April 6, and will be open during office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 1-5 p.m.) or by contacting the church office for a door entry code. Walking the labyrinth is a contemplative, prayerful practice, often used during Easter and Holy Week to reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection.

Donations needed for our littlest ones. *What:* New or gently used pack-and-plays, activity mats, jumpers/bouncers, rocking chairs. *Why:* To create an accommodating space in the parlor for our youngest members and their parents. *How:* Email Cali at cbronkema@fallschurchpresby.org if you have an item you'd like to donate.

Sign up for Fellowship Tables. Small groups (6-8 people) are forming so that people can get to know one another better while enjoying fellowship over a meal. A few deacons and session members have offered to host gatherings to get things started. Please note, this round of small groups is for adults only. Sign up using the form in the Friday egram or contact Pastor Megan.

Historic Civil Rights photos on display. During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s, the Religious News Service (RNS) documented moments of joy and cooperation, as well as violence and struggle, as grassroots and interdenominational groups battled racial discrimination. Impelled by their beliefs, Black Americans and their allies protested, prayed, defied unjust laws, risked their lives, and crossed racial and religious lines to strive for equality and a better society—a fight that continues today. Images from the RNS Photograph Collection provide a narrow window into coverage of the movement from 1961 to 1965, illuminating some lesser-known stories of people of faith who fought for justice, transforming the United States. FCPC has been given the opportunity to host some of these images from March 13 to April 13; they are now on display in Fellowship Hall. To learn more about that historical time, click on the QR code and watch *A Time For Burning*, which received an Academy Award nomination for Best Feature Documentary in 1967.



Wednesday Morning Lenten Devotions, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room and Zoom. We are using the devotional *Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News*, which includes scripture, reflection, and art. Copies are available at the Activities Center. Led by Pastor Megan.

Matthew 25 Group is studying *Creating a Culture of Repair*, by Robert Turner. We meet on alternating Sunday mornings and Monday evenings. Our next meeting is this Monday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Contact Judy Zakreski or Jenny Lansbury.

Serendipity Class is discussing *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time, Taking the Bible Seriously but Not Literally*, by Marcus J. Borg. Serendipity meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Beth Thomas.

Please Read: Email Phishing Scams. Several of us continue to see fake emails that appear to be from Yena or other church staff. Please be on the alert for phishing scam emails. All church staff email addresses end with @fallschurchpresby.org. If you receive an email that appears to be from Pastor Yena, Pastor Megan, or any staff member that seems questionable, please check the sender's email address and do not respond if it looks suspicious. There is currently a scam email circulating widely that appears to be an invitation to a party or meal. These "invitations" can appear to be from FCPC members and friends and will have their actual email address, but they are scams, nonetheless. Do not open them.

Calendar

For information about any of these groups, email Pastor Megan at mklose@fallschurchpresby.org.

Sunday, March 22 – 5th Sunday in Lent

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

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

CAT Survey results presentation, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online

Monday, March 23 – Labyrinth opens in Fellowship Hall Loft

Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Room 55

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

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

Tuesday, March 24 – Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

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

Wednesday, March 25 – Annunciation Day

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

Lenten Devotions, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room and Zoom

Thursday, March 26 – Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

Friday, March 27 – Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

Saturday, March 28 – Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

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

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

Nourish Our Neighbors – Drop off Knox Food Pantry donations in main hallway

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

Worship Service with Palm Sunday Cantata, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online

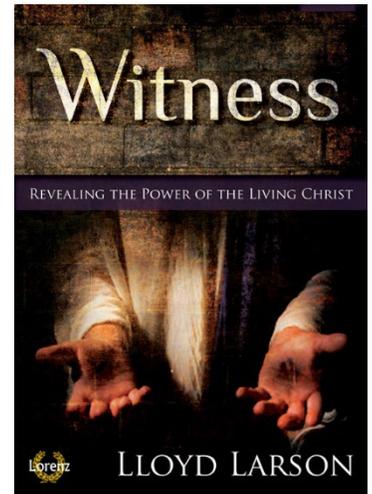
Capital Campaign Feasibility Study results presentation, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Palm Sunday Cantata, March 29

The Chancel Choir presents *Witness: Revealing the Power of the Living Christ*
Music by Lloyd Larson | Orchestration by Larry Shackley

Experience the Passion story in a powerful new way through *Witness*, a moving Lenten cantata that follows Christ's journey to the cross through the voices of those who saw it unfold—devoted believers, skeptical onlookers, and even those who denied Him. Blending original music, familiar melodies, and scripture-based narration, this dramatic work invites listeners to reflect on the ultimate question: *Will you be a witness?*

Join us on Palm Sunday as our choir presents this compelling musical retelling of Christ's journey to the cross, culminating in the question for every believer: *Will you be a witness?*



The Season of Lent

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days—like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

In the early church, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism at the Easter Vigil. In many communities of faith, it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for baptism and confirmation and to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship.

During this season of Lent, we will be using A Sanctified Art's Lenten resource series titled *Tell Me Something Good* for our liturgy and our Lenten devotional study. This series will remind us what makes the good news truly good news and provide "fertile ground for conversation and worship, rooting our hearts and lives in the expansive goodness of God."

Journey with us throughout this rich season of Lent.

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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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