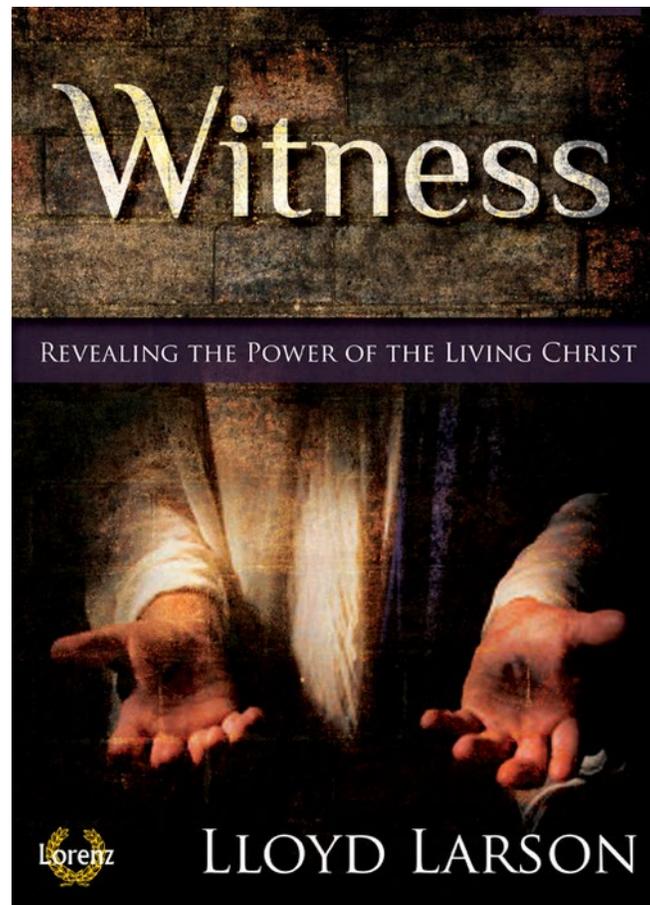

Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Trio Sonata in A Major, Op. 1, No. 3

Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

String Trio

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

Sing Out Hosanna

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Sing Out, Hosanna!

WELCOME

Yena Hwang

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Yena Hwang

ONE: Welcome to this Palm Sunday worship. Will you follow the crowd and lay down your coat? Lay down something important? Will you shout “Hosanna” and join the parade? Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse? Will you cut down a palm branch and wave it in the air? Will you follow the one riding on a donkey and follow in his path?

ALL: We will. We will sing. We will pay attention. We will worship. We will follow.

ONE: Then sing, “Hosanna!”

ALL: We sing “Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!”

*** GATHERING HYMN 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jen Root

ONE: The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action. It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of “Hosanna!” It was a peaceful protest and dreams for a better world. So, friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith. Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation. Let us begin by drawing close to God by confessing our shortcomings.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching, healing. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation or to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world. Holy God, forgive us for times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act rooted in mercy, justice, and love. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: Siblings in Christ, wherever you are in your faith journey, God’s love covers all our shortcomings. We are claimed, loved, and held in grace, no matter what.

ALL: Thanks be to God for this good, good news!

** 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.

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

Cali Bronkema

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

We Listen for God's Word through Music – Palm Sunday Cantata

Witness: Revealing the Power of the Living Christ

Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

Witness takes us to the heart of the Passion Story as we view Christ's journey to the cross through the varied eyewitness accounts of devout believers, angry deniers, and puzzled skeptics. Lloyd Larson's Scripture-based narrative challenges believers with the question: *Will you be a witness?*

Musicians: Chancel Choir; Patrick Lin, Sergey Prokofyev, violins;
Rosanna Butterfield, cello; Lisa Bloy, piano

Narrators: Kevin Ayers, Myra Bridgforth, Dale Martin,
Anne Kusterbeck, Christine Connor

Witness

Who will be a witness? Will you be a witness for my Lord?

The God of life came down to live among us and we have seen the power of love revealed.

Foretold by prophets that He'd dwell among us; now by his grace our pardon has been sealed.

The Son of God came down to live among us. The blind were made to see; He healed the lame.

He said that we could live a life victorious. Sing "Hallelujah! Praise His holy name!"

In Christ we bear witness to God's holy plan: God's Son made flesh for all to see;

By faith we can touch the nail prints in His hands, and by His grace our spirits are set free.

Who will be a witness? Will you be a witness for my Lord?

The Lamb of God was pierced for our transgressions; A Man of sorrow and of suffering;

His punishment, the price for our salvation; Messiah, Lord of lords, and King of kings!

Who will be a witness? Will you be a witness for my Lord?

Bread of Heaven

Refrain: Bread of Heaven, feed my hungering spirit. Living Water, quench my thirsty soul.

Eternal Light, come illumine now my pathway. Great Physician, make me whole.

The skeptics ask, "What is the Bread of Heaven? Show us a sign so we can know the truth.

As God sent manna to the earth from heaven, show us a sign, and we will follow You." [Refrain]

The skeptics ask, "Is this the Son of Joseph? How can He claim to be God's holy Son? He says that He's the Living Bread of Heaven. Give witness to this claim, O Chosen One!" [Refrain]

Blessed Is the King! Hosanna!

Blessed Is the King who comes! Hosanna! Lift your voice and sing, Hosanna!

Glory to the King who comes! Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

Blessed Is the King who comes! Hosanna!

Are You the Christ?

Are you the Christ people claim you to be? Are you the One who makes the blind to see?

Are you God's holy Son? King of the Jews? Are you the Chosen one?

Are you the Christ that people acclaim? Are you the One they say heals the lame?

From Galilee, you're that carpenter's Son! We don't believe you're the Chosen One.

Jesus stood silent as insults were hurled, rejected by His own.

Here still the Christ, God's own gift to the world, condemned and all alone.

Are you the One? Are you the Christ who turns water into wine and raises the dead?

Come, show us a sign! Walk on the water, let's see how it's done!

Now save yourself, Jesus Christ, if you're the One!

Surely This Was God's Son

Surely this was the Son of God, blameless, the holy Lamb of God.

He bears my blame on the cross of shame. Surely this was God's Son!

Worthy! Messiah sent from God, Redeemer, eternal love of God, He dies for me. How can it be?

Surely this was God's Son! Reviled and scorned and with crown of thorns hangs the Teacher from Galilee. With labored breath, in painful death, He endures the cruel tree.

Surely this was the Son of God, blameless, the holy Lamb of God.

He bears my blame on the cross of shame. Surely this was God's Son!

I watch Him die, Christ the crucified, "It is finished," I hear Him say, I bow before the Sovereign Lord for a debt I can never repay.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend, for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, outlive my love for Thee. He dies for me. How can it be? Surely this was God's Son!

Living Witnesses

We are the living witnesses of Christ, our Lord. By faith, we've seen the truth of God revealed.

We stand united by His love in one accord, and by His blood our pardon has been sealed.

Though we may not feel His hands, though we may not touch His scars, we have seen the power of love, God's holy plan!

In Christ we bear witness to God's holy plan: God's Son, made flesh for all to see.

By faith we can touch the nail prints in His hands, and by His grace our spirits are set free.

Will you be a witness for my Lord?

We are the living witnesses of Christ, our Lord, empowered by the message we proclaim. Go forth in love and share the good news with the world: The Savior lives! Give glory to His name!

In Christ we bear witness to God's holy plan: God's Son, made flesh for all to see.

By faith we can touch the nail prints in His hands, and by His grace our spirits are set free.

Who will be a witness for my Lord? Will you be a witness for my Lord?

I will be a witness for my Lord!

We Respond to God's Word

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

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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 Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 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:

Carol Kercheval, undergoing medical tests

Bill Bickel, with a recent cancer diagnosis

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

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

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

Trio Sonata in C Major, Op. 1, No. 5

Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

String Trio

*** 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 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Sing Out Hosanna

J.S. Bach

POSTLUDE

Trio Sonata in A Minor, Op. 1, No. 6

Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

String Trio

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Today's special music is sponsored by the Heiden Endowment Fund. Jon Heiden was FCPC's Director of Music from 1967 to 1997. Please consider donating to the Heiden Endowment Fund to support special music in worship.

Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Jen Root
Ushers	Steve Rutsch, Marsha Schuyler
Audio/Video	Mark Armstrong
Sexton	Jen Root

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Capital Campaign Feasibility Study results presentation today

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study. After worship today we will meet in Fellowship Hall 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.

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

Please note: Child care by our paid nursery staff is not available today. If parents with young children prefer, the parlor is available, and the service will be live streamed there.

Fellowship Hour

As noted above, during Fellowship Hour we will hear the results of the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study. Please get some refreshments and find a seat before the presentation begins.

Announcements

Easter Lily order deadline is today. 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 may be taken home after the 10 a.m. Easter service. Order through the link in the Friday egram or contact Shelly Skomra (skomras@gmail.com).

The FCPC Labyrinth is set up in the Fellowship Hall Loft and is open for use 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 Holy Week and Easter to reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection. The Labyrinth will be open through Monday, April 6.

One Great Hour of Sharing. When we participate in PC(USA)'s One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering, we are helping people around the world, including those forced to flee their homes in search of safety, communities working to recover from disasters, organizations that help provide sustainable livelihoods, and partners who work for justice. Please give generously. Special offering envelopes are in the pews.

Share the Feast Potluck + Tinner Hill/Civil Rights History Walk, May 3.

Community Building Ministry, in conjunction with the Justice Ministry Team, will host a Share the Feast potluck following worship on May 3. During the potluck we'll hear from local leaders of the Tinner Hill Foundation about The Tinner Hill Historic Site and local civil rights history. After lunch, everyone is invited to experience a guided walk to the local Tinner Hill Historic and Cultural District to learn more about our local civil rights history. Wear your walking shoes for a 0.6-mile walk lasting about an hour. Questions? Contact Mary Soule.

VOICE in Action. For the last several years, VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) has been working in concert with other organizations to secure funding for the building of a crisis receiving center for youth in Fairfax County. Some of you have met with county supervisors. Some attended either the VOICE Action or Assembly on Behavioral Health. Last Thursday, Karen Growney and Jenny Lansbury joined other VOICE leaders to attend the ribbon cutting of the new Northern Virginia Adolescent Treatment Center in Chantilly, providing a place for youth in crisis to go and receive help. We are grateful for your time and generosity that enables FCPC to be a part of VOICE, joining with other faith and community organizations to make change and live out our call to do justice.

Save the Date: Crooked Steeple Literary Festival, April 25, 2:00 p.m. Featuring Jeffrey Dale Lofton reading from his book, *Red Clay Suzie*.

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.



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 to coordinate donations.

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. Interested? Sign up using the form in the Friday egram or contact Pastor Megan.

Matthew 25 Group is studying *Creating a Culture of Repair*, by Robert Turner. We meet on alternating Sunday mornings and Monday evenings. Upcoming meetings are this Sunday, March 29, at 9:00 a.m. on the third floor, and Monday, April 6, 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. Please be advised that many fake emails that appear to be from Yena or other church staff are continuing to be a problem. All church staff email addresses end with @fallschurchpresby.org. If you receive a questionable email that appears to be from Pastor Yena, Pastor Megan, or any staff member, please check the sender's email address and do not respond if it looks suspicious. One scam email circulating widely 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 on any of these groups, email Pastor Megan at mklose@fallschurchpresby.org.

Sunday, March 29 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

Nourish Our Neighbors food donations for Knox Food Pantry

Matthew 25 Group, 9:00 a.m., Third Floor

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

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

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

Monday, March 30 – Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

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

Tuesday, March 31 – Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

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

Wednesday, April 1 – Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

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

First Wednesday Welcome Table – Prep, Serving, Cleanup, 11:00 a.m.-7:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

Maundy Thursday Service with Simple Supper, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

Saturday, April 4 – Great Vigil of Easter

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

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

Sunday, April 5 – Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall Loft

Easter Sunrise Service, 7:30 a.m., Frady Park

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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

Easter Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall and Front Lawn

Saturday, April 11 – Tom Koger memorial service, 1:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Saturday, April 18 – Rusty Lynn memorial service, 2:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Saturday, May 2 – Doug Ammons memorial service, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary

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“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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