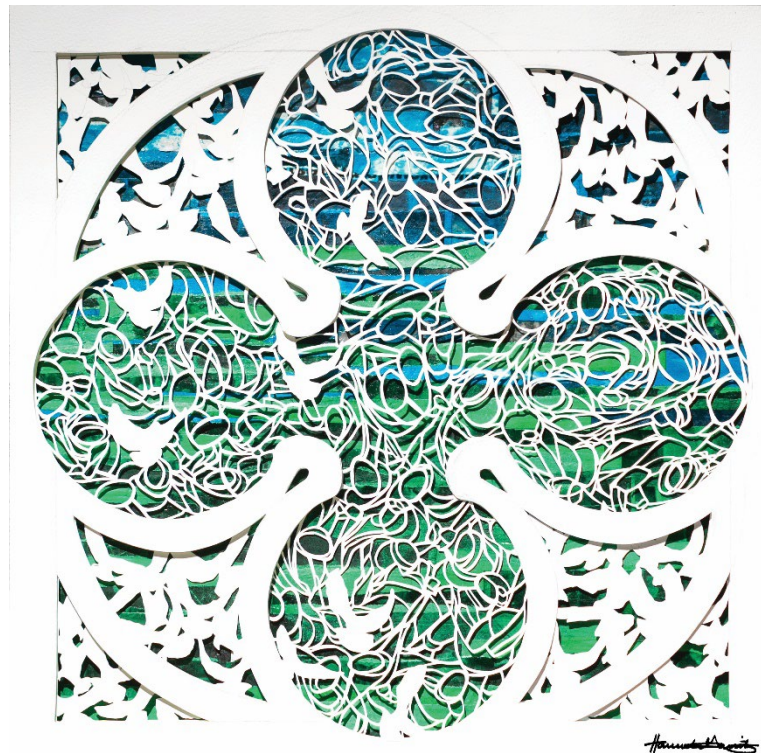

Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



Meet Me in Galilee, by Hannah Garrity, A Sanctified Art, 2026

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Sonata da Chiesa: Invocación & Rondeau

Charles Callahan (1951–2023)

Brass quartet and organ

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

The Lord is Alive!

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

*The Lord is alive! Sing together with praise! The Lord is alive, Join in song all our days!
He rose from the dead as our glorious King! He rose from the dead, Let all people now sing!*

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Megan Klose

ONE: He is risen!

ALL: He is risen, indeed!

ONE: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced,

ALL: taken its last breath and buried.

ONE: But today, we know that the good news is alive and well!

ALL: The good news is: He is risen!

ONE: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

ALL: Even death has lost its sting. Alleluia!

ONE: Alleluia! Let us worship our good-news Christ with joy!

*** GATHERING HYMN 232**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

CALL TO CONFESSION

Katharine Stewart

ONE: Friends, on Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God. The world battered and bruised, betrayed and abandoned, crucified and buried our living God. And despite it all, Jesus loved the very people who had hurt him. We cannot keep God's love at bay. With that good news in mind, let us go to God in prayer, trusting that Jesus loves, claims, and seeks us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid," but we are afraid. And we don't know where to look. We are worried that we will mess up. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias." We are "on our way, but not quite there yet" people, who nevertheless love you enough to try. Forgive our shortcomings and our timidness. Show us how to embody your goodness with courage. Show us how to be your Easter people even in our imperfections. We pray in hope and faith. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

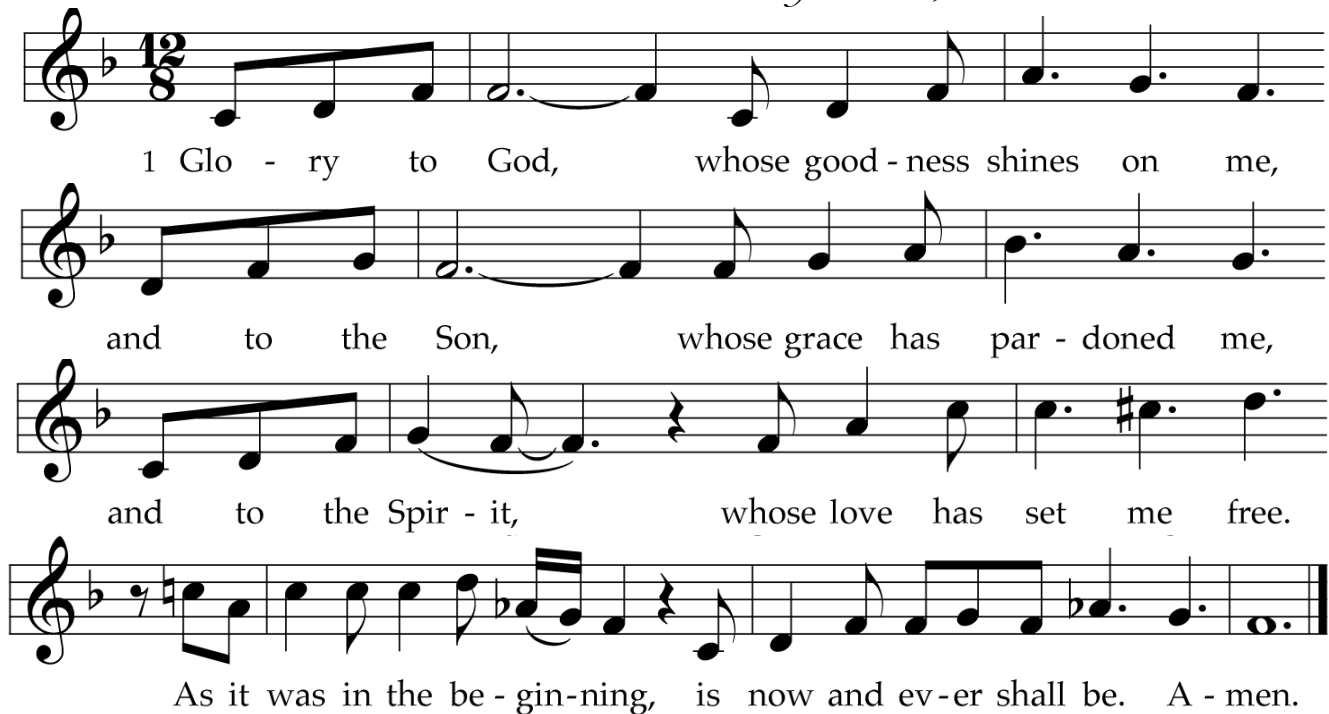
ONE: Even when we cannot muster up enough courage to shout your good news from the rooftops, God knows our hearts. Even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias," God hears us. We cannot keep God's love at bay. With that good news, rejoice and be glad! Your sins are forgiven!

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

** Please rise in body or spirit*

*** SING GLORY TO GOD 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
Text Adapt. and Music © 2008 Paul M. Vasile

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*** PASSING THE PEACE**

Yena Hwang

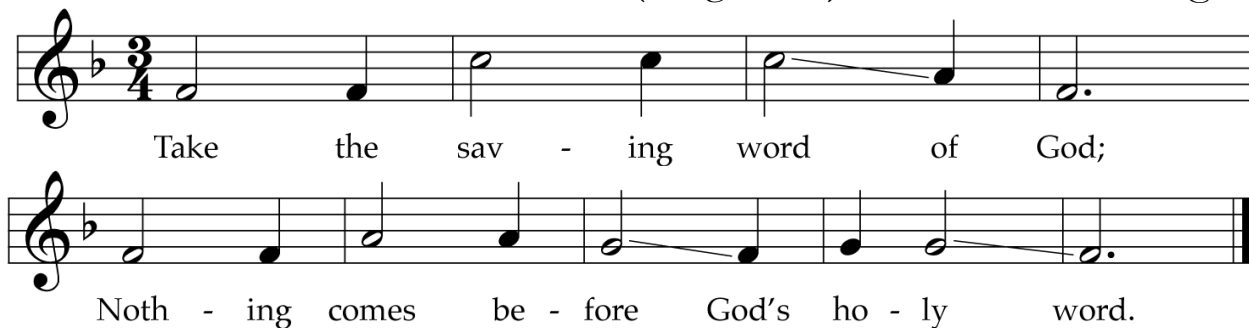
ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 454 (sung twice)

Take the Saving Word of God



Take the sav - ing word of God;
Noth - ing comes be - fore God's ho - ly word.

TEXT: Pawltay (Kiowa); English vers. John Thornburg, 2008
MUSIC: Kiowa melody; transcr. Carlton R. Young, 2008
English Vers. and Transcr. © 2008 General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBCMusik

DAWK'YAH TOWGYAH
7.7.9

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

Katharine Stewart

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.

SERMON

Rejoice!

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 238**

Thine is the Glory

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Apostle's Creed)

Megan Klose

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Katharine Stewart

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:

Lisa Bales, Pete Kelly's sister, with dementia

Shay Milligan, caretaker of Lisa Bales, in the hospital

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; Ansley McCraw, Shawn Sledge's niece

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

Praise the God of Resurrection

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

*Praise the God of resurrection! Heaven's joy your hearts express!
Center all your soul's affection on salvation's full success!
Risen up above all splendor, gath'ring heaven's ransomed haul;
bow before our Great Defender, Jesus Christ, the Lord of all!
Once forsaken by the Father, Jesus bore the weight of sin.
Now His children all to gather, God's Messiah lives again!
Son of Spirit, seed of woman, planted by the God of grace,
as the first fruits of creation, risen once for ev'ry race.
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

* DOXOLOGY 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. 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 Music

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

G.F. Handel

Bailey Coleman, voice

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day, upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Prayer after Communion

Yena Hwang

We Are Sent into the World

* **SENDING HYMN 268** (v. 3 choir only)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Risen

G.F. Handel

Risen! Risen! Christ is risen! Amen!

* **POSTLUDE**

“Hallelujah” from *The Messiah* (abbreviated)

G.F. Handel

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** Please rise in body or spirit*

Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Katharine Stewart
Music	Chancel Choir; Dereck Scott, trumpet; Julius Gatto, trumpet; Matthew White, trombone; Steve Shin, trombone
Ushers	Jay Campbell, Rex Campbell, Steve Rutsch, Shelly Skomra, Clay Warner, Gail Warner
Communion	Jenneke Fijn van Draat, Linda Garvelink, Zachia Murray, Gordon Storr
Audio/Video	Mark Armstrong
Sexton	Katharine Stewart

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 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 + Easter Egg Hunt

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some Easter refreshments, hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team. Cali Bronkema will lead the children in a special craft activity, while the youth hide Easter eggs on the front lawn. When all is ready, Cali will take the children outside for the Easter egg hunt.

Easter Lilies Given to the Glory of God

In celebration of:

Our grandchildren, by Tobi and Rob Brock
Music, by the Cruse family
Family and friends, by Fran and Bill Darrow
The beauty all around us, by Ethel Leslie
My mother, Mary Ellen Replogle, on her 101st birthday, by Anne Mugler
Our family, by Bonnie and Mark Seklecki
Life, by Elizabeth Shipley-Moses
Hope, springtime, and life, by Isabelle Ulsh

In honor of:

My wonderful family, by Patsy Acheson
FCPC new members, by Susan Beeman
Our marriage, by Tobi and Rob Brock
My family, by Avery Burns
Teachers and all they do, by the Cruse family
The power of hope, by Eve Elgin
Bob and Bambi Setzer, by Whitney Owen
Julie André, by Anne Wiehe

In loving memory of:

Eric Beatty, Sam Beatty's brother, by Sam Beatty
Margaret and Sam Gilmore, parents of Ellen Gilmore, and Hayden Beatty, father
of Sam Beatty, by Sam Beatty
Our grandparents, by Tobi and Rob Brock
F. Page and Charlotte Burdette, and Evelyn Burdette, by Frank Burdette
Russell L. Paquette Jr., by Avery Burns
Our parents, Basil and Florence Cole, and Wally and Edie Schoenbeck, by Bill and
Carol Cole
Virginia E. Elgin, and to the risen Christ, by Eve Elgin
Bill Garvelink, by Linda Garvelink
Peter Mullin, from his cousins and family who miss him, by Nancy Gehron
David and Barbara Hansen, by Jason Good
A. Steven Graff, by Janet Graff and family
Steve Graff's parents, Bill and Roberta Graff, and Janet Graff's parents, Art and
Ann Hall, by Janet Graff
My beloved wife, Young Ei Hobbie, and my beloved grandson, Coley James
Hobbie, by Charles Hobbie

Ann and Joe Jones and Ruth and Gil Rowberg, by Nancy Jones and Dick Rowberg
Bill Kercheval for his service to the PC(USA) and FCPC's Welcome Table, by
Carol Kercheval and family
Mary and Bill McPherson, parents of Charlotte McPherson, by Charlotte McPherson
Aunt Goldie, we know you are with mom and we miss you, from Shelly, Andrew,
and Rachel Skomra
My friend Tom, you are so very missed, from Shelly Skomra
Lucille and Paul Moize, Orin and Lavonne Schuyler, and Laura Moize Fiegel, by
Marsha and Lowell Schuyler
Marie Smith, by Tony Smith
Eunice Whitney, by Beth Thomas
Loved ones, by Margaret and Michael Volpe
Tom Koger, Rusty Lynn, and Doug Ammons

Announcements

The Labyrinth is set up in the Fellowship Hall Loft and is open through the end of today. 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.

PC(USA)'s One Great Hour of Sharing will be received today. By giving to this offering, we are helping people around the world, including those forced to flee their homes in search of safety, communities recovering from disasters, organizations that help provide sustainable livelihoods, and partners who work for justice. Special offering envelopes are in your bulletins. Thank you for giving generously.

Crooked Steeple Literary Festival, April 25. CSLF is proud to bring Jeffrey Dale Lofton to our stage. *Red Clay Suzie* is Lofton's debut novel and was long-listed for the First Novel Prize at the Center for Fiction. The story is a "fascinating gay story of the South, and yet in the magic of this writer's skill, it transcends its own themes." A moving coming of age novel, it has been called a new, unique voice in Southern literature. Join us on April 25 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Queerly Gathered workshop, April 26. Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for a workshop led by Queerly Gathered, "Moving from Welcoming to Affirming: An LGBTQ+ Allyship Training." This two-hour training session will focus on how to be better neighbors and allies to our LGBTQ+ siblings. We will explore the history of the relationship between the queer community and the PC(USA), provide a safe space for questions, and identify actionable steps to improve our allyship. Lunch will be provided. Please register here:

<https://fcpc.breezechms.com/form/4a89ee>

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.

Thank you note from the Mercy Ministry Team. Thank you to all who took time out of their busy weeks to serve our guests at the Hypothermia Shelter in early March. Whether you set up, greeted, cooked, hauled pans and beverage jugs, served, cleaned up, locked up or unlocked, or started this all over again the next day, you took care of our brothers and sisters—providing them with sustenance and a warm, secure place to sleep. As one guest put it on the last morning, “You all showed me that people really do care.” A huge thanks also for your prayers and words of encouragement that you shared with us and for our guests. We are thankful to have been able to do this with you in a year where things certainly did not go as we planned, but we know they were part of God’s plan for all of us to come together and do His work and honor our beloved friend, Tom Koger.

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.



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 Monday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the library, and Sunday, April 12, at 9:00 a.m. on the third floor. 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.

Calendar

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

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

Monday, April 6 – Church office closed

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

Finance Team, 6:15 p.m., Conference Room

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

Tuesday, April 7 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom

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

Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Library and Zoom

Wednesday, April 8 – No scheduled events

Thursday, April 9 – Community Building Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m., Library

Friday, April 10 – Lydia Circle, 10:30 a.m., Waugh Residence

Saturday, April 11 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Tom Koger Memorial Service, 1:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday, April 12 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

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

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

Bagels & Bibles (grades 7 and up), Third Floor during worship

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

Youth Group Service Night, 6:00 p.m., Third Floor

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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