



FALLS CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN

April 12, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter
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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

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

Yena Hwang

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Great is the mystery of the faith:

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

ONE: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

ALL: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

ONE: Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*** GATHERING HYMN 246**

Christ Is Alive!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lynn Wagner

ONE: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God's gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen.

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. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17) Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

* 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.

*** 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 454 (sung twice) *Take the Saving Word of God*

Take the sav - ing word of God;
put it first with - in your life.
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

DAWK'YAH TOWGYAH
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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-25

Lynn Wagner

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

Yena Hwang

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

Youth grades 7 and up are invited to continue their worship at Bagels & Bibles on the 3rd floor.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:26-31

Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Faith through Doubt

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Megan Klose

Today we receive as new members Kate Degnan, Caroline Mroz, Jim Mroz, Hank Schlenker, Andrew Weller, Sarah Weller, and William Wright, by reaffirmation of faith.

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

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, and 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

Lynn Wagner

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:

Gordon Storr, on the death of his cousin, Shirley Reid-Storr, on March 17 in Ottawa, Canada

Lisa Bales, Pete Kelly's sister, with dementia

Bill Bickel, undergoing treatment for cancer

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

Ongoing prayer concerns:

FCPC members: 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

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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Crooked Steeple Literary Festival

Jenny Lansbury

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

Lord, I Trust Thee

G.F. Handel

*Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee. Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!
On thy loving grace relying for the bread of life I'm sighing.
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease. Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.
When the breath of life has left me, may my soul be blended with thee.*

* 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!

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1989

MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1998

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Music Harm. © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

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(alternate harmonization, 10)

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Megan Klose

Gracious and loving God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you in celebration and thanksgiving for the good news of Easter. Give us your wisdom and grace to use what you have given us for ministries of love and compassion that will share the love of Jesus Christ. Accept what we give in response to what you have so freely given to us, your indescribable gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 295**

Go to the World!

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Megan Klose

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Risen

G.F. Handel

Risen! Risen! Christ is risen! Amen!

POSTLUDE

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. David Cherwien (b. 1957)

Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader

Lynn Wagner

Ushers

Marsha Schuyler, Shelly Skomra

Audio/Video

Mark Armstrong

Sexton

Lynn Wagner

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in grateful, loving memory of Mr. Tom, who loved all things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.

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 + Card Ministry Sunday

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team. Please stop by the Card Ministry table to write a note to someone who's celebrating a birthday or needs a word of encouragement or prayer. Cards and stamps provided.

Announcements

Historic Civil Rights display in Fellowship Hall through today. 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. To learn more about this 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.



Crooked Steeple Literary Festival, April 25. CSLF is proud to bring Jeffrey Dale Lofton to our stage. *Red Clay Suzie* is Loft's debut novel and was long-listed for the First Novel Prize at the Center for Fiction. 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. 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. Questions? Contact Mary Soule.

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.

Mark your (Youth) Calendars: Middle School (rising grades 6, 7, 8) Camp Massanetta, June 23-26. Staymission at FCPC (rising grades 7-12), July 27-31.

Calendar

Sunday, April 12 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Civil Rights Display in Fellowship Hall (last day)

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

VOICE Core Team, 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

Monday, April 13 – Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

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

Tuesday, April 14 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom

Session + Confirmation Class, 7:00 p.m., Library

Wednesday, April 15

Third Wednesday Welcome Table, 11:00 a.m.-7:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

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

Thursday, April 16 – Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Queerly Gathered Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Library

Friday, April 17 – The Bridge (grades 3-6), 6:00 p.m., Location TBD

Saturday, April 18 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Rusty Lynn Memorial Service, 2:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday, April 19 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Confirmation Sunday

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

Worship Service (led by Confirmands), 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online

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

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

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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