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



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We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. Don Wyrzten (b. 1942)

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

O Sing, O Sing, This Wonderful Morn

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

*O sing, O sing, this wonderful morn. Our highest praises now we bring;
To Christ, the morning light, we sing, Alleluia!*

WELCOME

Megan Klose

* CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Let us come joyful before God.

ALL: Let the righteous be joyful and rejoice before God!

ONE: Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praise to God most High.

ALL: From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

ONE: Let the righteous be joyful and let them rejoice before God!

ALL: Let us all be jubilant with joy!

* GATHERING HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carolyn Bruce

ONE: Siblings in Christ, God not only desires our repentance, but longs to offer us forgiveness. Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you eternally.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: The spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you; rise up and give God thanks!

ALL: We rise up to give God our thanks and praise. Amen.

* 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,

** Please rise in body or spirit*

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.

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MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
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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;
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
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DAWK'YAH TOWGYAH
7.7.9

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 17:1-11

Carolyn Bruce

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

Acts 1:6-9

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

No Other Plans

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 298** (vv. 1-2)

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Today the Session ordains and installs Rob Brock, Nancy Gebron, Victoria Lippincott, and Tony Smith as ruling elders; and Rex Campbell, Jeni Porter, Alan Shankle, and Margaret Veatch as deacons. Session also installs Tom Bruce and Jenneke Fijn van Draat as deacons.

Profession of Faith

ONE: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the way of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

ALL: I do.

ONE: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

ALL: I do.

ONE: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

ALL: I will, with God's help.

The 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, 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.

Constitutional Questions for Candidates

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Ordination and Installation Prayer

Recognition of Outgoing Officers (Elders Marnie Sarver, Katharine Stewart, and Clay Warner; and Deacons Susan Beeman, Zachia Murray, and Gail Robarge)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carolyn Bruce

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:

Rob Brock, undergoing shoulder surgery on May 21

Leslie Duncan and family on the death of Chet De Long on April 26

Bill Bickel, in the hospital

Ongoing prayer concerns:

FCPC members: Avery Burns, Winnie Harris-Zoellner, Ruth Mileham, Ken

Waugh; *Relatives and friends:* Carolyn Armstrong, Scott Armstrong's mother;

Lisa Bales, Pete Kelly's sister; 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.

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

Look at the World

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Look at the world: Everything all around us. Look at the world and marvel every day.

Look at the world: So many joys and wonders; So many miracles along our way.

Refrain: Praise to thee, O Lord for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see all the gifts we share and every blessing. All things come of thee.

Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flowers. Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain.

Look at the hills. Look at the trees and mountains: Valley and flowing river, field and plain. [Refrain]

Think of the spring. Think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.

Everything grows. Everything has a season 'til it is gathered to the father's fold. [Refrain]

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love. We are his hands, Stewards of all his bounty. His is the earth and his the heavens above. [Refrain]

*** 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!

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LASSI UNS ERFRUEN
IM with alleluia
(alternate harmonization, 10)

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Megan Klose

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 298** (vv. 3-5)

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

We Have Heard Your Word

Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)

*We have heard Your Word, O Lord, and together sung Your praise.
 Help us now, O Lord, to take what we've learned into the coming days.*

POSTLUDE

Variations on "Pisgah"

arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

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About today's cover art

JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

In this beautiful rendering of the ascension, Jesus holds out his hands in blessing as he begins to rise to the heavens. The disciples, among whom is one of the women, gaze up at him. Their faces express mixtures of adoration, amazement, curiosity, fear, sadness, and joy. The disciples are finally beginning to realize and understand Jesus' mission. May we too realize that we can embody the risen Christ in the world—loving extravagantly, living abundantly, and promoting justice and peace for all peoples.

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Carolyn Bruce
Ushers	Carol Kercheval, Marsha Schuyler
Audio/Video	Mark Armstrong
Sexton	Carolyn Bruce

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.

Announcements

Nourish our Neighbors donations collected May 31. Pick up a grocery bag after worship today, scan the code for most-needed items at Knox Food Pantry, fill the bag this week, and return it to church next Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

A Memorial Service for Chet De Long will be held at Murphy Funeral Home, Falls Church, on Saturday, May 30, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. A longtime FCPC member, Chet died April 26, 2026, at age 101.

Calendar

Sunday, May 17 – 7th Sunday of Easter

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

VOICE + Justice Ministry Team, 9:00 a.m., Third Floor

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

Monday, May 18 – Prayer & Pose Yoga – *Canceled this week*

Antiracism Training, 7:00 p.m., Library

Tuesday, May 19 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom

Sarah Circle, 6:00 p.m., Parlor

Wednesday, May 20 – Third Wednesday Welcome Table, 11:00 a.m. – 7:15 p.m.

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

Thursday, May 21 – Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room

Spiritual Growth Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m., Third Floor

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

Friday, May 22 – *No scheduled events*

Saturday, May 23 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Sunday, May 24 – Day of Pentecost

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

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

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

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