



July 12, 2026  
7th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 a.m.

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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**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Kevin Hildebrand (contemporary)

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **WELCOME**

Cali Bronkema

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 119:105-112)

ONE: All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

**ALL: God's Word lights the way for us.**

ONE: God has promised to abide with us.

**ALL: So let us commit to walk in God's ways.**

ONE: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

**ALL: God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!**

### **\* GATHERING HYMN 9**

*The Play of the Godhead*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Allison Hoak

ONE: God does not promise us a life without struggle or hardship, yet how often do we make what is already difficult even more so? The grace of God is that the sorrows we inflict upon ourselves cannot last forever. So let us unburden ourselves, confessing the ways in which we struggle against God that we may receive that grace anew.

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good. Out of it you called a pilgrim people to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality and goodness. Yet we, whom you have called “Beloved,” often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace, justifying injustice, and downplaying suffering. Meet us in our weakness. Turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Personal Prayer in Silence*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Megan Klose

**ONE:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**ALL:** Thanks be to God!

## \* SING GLORY TO GOD 583

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". There are asterisks above the first and third measures of each staff, indicating a repeat sign.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979

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GLORIA (Taizé)

## \* 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 456**

*Listen, God is Calling*

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the vocal line, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It begins with a 'Leader' part (single notes) and an 'All' part (chords). The lyrics are: 'Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing, of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.' The second staff is for the piano accompaniment, also in G major, with a treble clef. It features chords that support the vocal line. There are two endings marked '1' and '2' at the end of the piece.

TEXT: Kenyan; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1987

MUSIC: Kenyan; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1987

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Music Arr. © 1987 Austin C. Lovelace (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

NENO LAKE MUNGU

6.4.6.4 with refrain

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 119:105-112

Allison Hoak

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

### **SENSES OF SCRIPTURE**

Cali Bronkema

*Children are invited to continue their worship at Sunday Storytime in the library.*

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Megan Klose

### **SERMON**

*Good Soil*

Megan Klose

## ***We Respond to God's Word***

### **\* SERMON HYMN 53**

*O God, Who Gives Us Life*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (adapted from Iona Abbey Worship Book) Cali Bronkema

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, from sun to moon, from water to earth, from male to female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Allison Hoak

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](mailto:prayers@fallschurchpresby.org).*

*Please keep in your prayers:*

John Replogle, Anne Mugler's brother, experiencing seizures

*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; Bill Bickel, Janet Bickel's husband

## 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

Cali Bronkema

## 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](https://fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online)), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.*



## OFFERTORY

*Come, All Servants of the Lord*

Stan Pethel (b. 1950)

Summer Pickup Choir

*Come, all servants of the Lord and praise His holy name;  
from early dawn to setting sun His glory now proclaim.*

*His ways are just, and glad's the heart that makes His mercy known.*

*Believers, come to praise His name and bow before the throne.*

**\* DOXOLOGY 608**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Musical score for 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics, with chord symbols (G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G) written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.'

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008  
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Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)  
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**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Cali Bronkema

***We Are Sent into the World***

**\* SENDING HYMN 295**

*Go to the World!*

**\* CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Megan Klose

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude in C Major*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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## ***Supporting Us in Worship***

Worship Leader	Allison Hoak
Ushers	Steve Rutsch, Gail Warner
Audio/Video	Mark Armstrong
Sexton	Allison Hoak
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jason Hobbie and his wife Callie and son Fletcher.

## ***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 or from an usher.

A recording of today's service can be found at [www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon](http://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](mailto:yhwang@fallschurchpresby.org)) or Pastor Megan ([mklose@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto: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 of all ages: Sunday Storytime is offered in the library following Senses of Scripture.

## ***Fellowship Hour***

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

## **Announcements**

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Venezuela.** On June 24, Venezuela experienced two powerful back-to-back earthquakes. PDA is coordinating an emergency response with local partners and the Latin America and Caribbean forum of ACT Alliance. Emergency response includes shelter, food, medicines, and more. FCPC will be sending \$1000 to PDA to support their mission in Venezuela. If you would like to contribute to this effort, drop a check in the offering plate or give online at <https://fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online>.

**In the Beginning, meets today and July 19.** Join Pastor Megan at 9 a.m. in the library for *In the Beginning*, a class that considers Genesis from the viewpoints of four women. On July 19, we will read Genesis 6-8 from the perspective of Noah's wife.

**Protein Challenge for Knox Food Pantry.** As a church family, we have an opportunity to help ensure that children, seniors, and families in our community have access to nutritious food throughout the summer. We invite you to drop off protein-rich foods at the white cabinet in the main hallway over the coming weeks.

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Requested items</b>	<b>Week of</b>	<b>Requested items</b>
July 12	Peanut Butter	August 2 & 9	Canned beans
July 19 & 26	Canned Chicken/Tuna	August 16 & 23	Shelf-Stable Milk
		August 30	Peanut Butter

## **Calendar**

### **Sunday, July 12 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost**

In the Beginning, 9 a.m., Library  
Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room  
VOICE + Justice Ministry Team, 9 a.m., Third Floor  
Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary and online

### **Monday, July 13**

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

### **Tuesday, July 14**

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

### **Wednesday, July 15**

Third Wednesday Welcome Table, 11 a.m.–7:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall & Kitchen  
Personnel Team, 7 p.m., Zoom

### **Thursday, July 16**

Spiritual Growth Ministry Team, 7 p.m., Mugler Residence  
Queerly Gathered Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Library

### **Friday, July 17 – *No scheduled events***

### **Saturday, July 18**

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

### **Sunday, July 19 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost**

In the Beginning, 9 a.m., Library  
Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room  
Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary and online  
Worship Ministry Team, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room

*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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