



July 26, 2026
9th Sunday after Pentecost
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

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

arr. John Carter (b. 1930)

Lisa Bloy and Don Armstrong, piano duet

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Cali Bronkema

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God's name.

ALL: We have gathered to worship your holy name.

ONE: For great is God's steadfast love for us.

ALL: We give thanks with our whole heart.

ONE: God delivers our souls from depths.

ALL: We glorify God's name for God's faithfulness to us.

*** GATHERING HYMN 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

CALL TO CONFESSION

Stacey Nahrwold

ONE: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Trust in God's grace, let us confess our sin together.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Loving God, while we were sinners you sent Christ to die for us that we might be justified by grace through faith and have peace with you. Yet we continue to live in sin. We know what is good and right, but we fail to do them. We live according to the flesh and resist the work of the Spirit. We fail to love our neighbors. We do not extend hospitality to strangers. We ignore the groaning of creation and forget the hope of the gospel. Forgive us, loving God. Pour out your spirit into our hearts, that we may learn to live in your will through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: What can separate us from the love of Christ?

ALL: Nothing.

ONE: Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

ALL: No one.

ONE: We cannot be separated from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen!

* SING GLORY TO GOD 583



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979
Music © 1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

GLORIA (Taizé)

* 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 456

Listen, God is Calling

Leader All

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.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:26-29

Stacey Nahrwold

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

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

SERMON

Separation Anxiety

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 823** (v. 1 Don Armstrong only, vv. 2 & 3 congregation)

Shall Tribulation or Distress

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (adapted from Brian McLaren)

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We believe that God the Parent, Good Creator, and giver of life, calls us to love all creation and care for it as respectful stewards, to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. We believe that Jesus Christ is God come to save and lead us, who teaches us to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We see Jesus in the poor, oppressed, condemned, and forgotten, and so we embrace all people with God's true compassion. We believe that by the Holy Spirit, God unites us in the eternal dance of love, empowers us diversely to serve and love, and fills us that we may overflow with grace, truth, beauty, and life as Christ's agents in this world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Stacey Nahrwold

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:

Mike Marrone, recovering from a stroke, and Ellen Marrone as she cares for Mike
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.

MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY

Marc Robarge

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), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance/To God Be the Glory

arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

Lisa Bloy and Don Armstrong, piano duet

* DOXOLOGY 608

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg
Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
LM

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Cali Bronkema

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Yena Hwang

POSTLUDE

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Stacey Nahrwold
Ushers	Patsy Acheson, Carol Kercheval
Audio/Video	Xander Burdette, Rick Choi
Sexton	Stacey Nahrwold
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ethel Leslie in honor of her parents, Jim and Louisa Leslie, and in gratitude for their love.

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.fallschurchurchpresby.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@fallschurchurchpresby.org) or Pastor Megan (mklose@fallschurchurchpresby.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 + 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

Youth Staymission, July 27-31. This week, several of our youth will be joining youth from First Presbyterian Arlington and Immanuel Presbyterian for a week-long "Staymission." They'll be volunteering with local non-profit organizations to learn more about the needs of our immediate community, and how the organizations work to address those needs. Partner organizations are Path Forward Arlington, Point of Pride, Clothesline of Arlington, Arlington Food Assistance Center, A Purposeful Day, Alexandria Black History Museum, and Friends of Dyke Marsh. Please keep our youth in your prayers, that this week might challenge and fulfill them.

Sign Up for Team Kate Blood Drive, 7/31 or 8/9. FCPC member Nattie Good's friend Kate had a recurrence of cancer that required many blood transfusions during her treatment. Nattie and Molly Good are organizing a blood drive in Kate's honor, and the Inova bloodmobile will be in the FCPC parking lot for donations on July 31 and Aug. 9. They are also collecting food for Knox Food Pantry, and all are invited to participate! Sign up through the Friday egram or email molly.s.good@gmail.com.

National Night Out, Aug. 4. The Falls Church Police Department and Sheriff's Office are sponsoring National Night Out, a free, family friendly event at Cherry Hill Park (312 Park Ave.) on Tuesday, August 4, from 6-8 pm. The event will feature food from local restaurants, games and giveaways, demonstrations (Touch a Cruiser or SWAT truck), and the ever-popular Dunk-a-Cop! FCPC Deacons will be there to represent FCPC. Stop by our table to say hello and play a fun game!

Worship through Service Sunday, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. Mark your calendar! Instead of a service in the Sanctuary, we will be packing nutritious meals for **Rise Against Hunger** to send to one of the neediest places on the planet. Our goal is to surpass last year's total and pack over 10,000 meals. This is a fun, fast-paced event, so dress casually and invite a friend! Super-fashionable hairnets provided! Signup coming soon!

Welcome Table served 400 guests in July. Many thanks to the chefs and volunteers who persevered in the kitchen. Volunteers are needed for our Aug. 5 and 19 dinners. Sign up through the link in the Friday egram or church website.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Venezuela. PDA is coordinating emergency response—including shelter, food, and medicine—for victims of the Venezuela earthquakes. FCPC's Mercy Ministry Team has sent \$1000 to PDA and would welcome your gift to support this cause. You can give by check or cash using a pew envelope or online at <https://fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online>.

Protein Challenge for Knox Food Pantry UPDATE: 56 bags of protein-rich dried and canned beans, jars of peanut butter, and canned tuna and chicken have been delivered to Knox Pantry. Thank you! Your generosity helps ensure that children, seniors, and families in our community have access to nutritious food throughout the summer. Please continue to drop off donations at the white cabinet in the main hallway over the coming weeks.

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

Calendar

Sunday, July 26 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Nourish Our Neighbors, drop off food donations in the main hallway

Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room

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

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

Children's Playdate, 11 a.m., Frady Park

Monday, July 27

Youth Staymission (Day 1/5), 9 a.m.-3 p.m., third floor and offsite

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

Tuesday, July 28

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

Youth Staymission (Day 2/5), 9 a.m.-3 p.m., third floor and offsite

Wednesday, July 29

Youth Staymission (Day 3/5), 9 a.m.-3 p.m., third floor and offsite

Thursday, July 30

Youth Staymission (Day 4/5), 9 a.m.-3 p.m., third floor and offsite

Friday, July 31

Youth Staymission (Day 5/5), 9 a.m.-3 p.m., third floor and offsite

Team Kate Inova Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m., FCPC Front parking lot

Saturday, August 1

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

Silent Witness for Racial Justice, 12-1 p.m., Broad Street in front of FCPC

Sunday, August 2 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Hunger Offering received

Worship Service, 10 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

Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music | Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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