



August 2, 2026
10th 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

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

arr. Aaron David Miller (contemporary)

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Cali Bronkema

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: God is here to meet us!

ALL: **God meets us where we are.**

ONE: God is here to bless us!

ALL: **God satisfies us with divine presence and provisions.**

ONE: We are here to meet and bless the One who holds us in love.

ALL: **In gratitude and love, we worship you, O Lord our God!**

*** GATHERING HYMN 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rex Campbell

ONE: In unison voice, let us confess our sins in the presence of the One who
blesses us and meets our need.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: **God of compassion, we come humbly before you, asking for your forgiveness. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of trusting in your promise to provide. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those who need our help. We constantly doubt your promise to provide for all our needs. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to live into the promise we made in our baptism to follow you. Amen.**

Personal Prayer in Silence

** Please rise in body or spirit*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Shani McIlwain

ONE: The steadfast love of our God is everlasting. In Christ, we are healed,
forgiven, filled, and transformed.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen!

* SING GLORY TO GOD 583

Two staves of music in 6/8 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!". The second staff continues the melody with 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.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979

Music © 1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

GLORIA (Taizé)

* PASSING THE PEACE

Shani McIlwain

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

Two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of D major. The first staff is labeled "Leader" and "All". The melody is: "Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.". There are first and second endings marked at the end of the second staff.

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

Matthew 14:13-21

Rex Campbell

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.

SERMON

Count Again

Shani McIlwain

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 460**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the Iona Community Book of Prayer) Cali Bronkema

With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the spirit. With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purpose of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rex Campbell

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
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

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.

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

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

Anastasia Waits and Don Armstrong, voice

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up; It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. [Chorus]

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness I will keep on singing: 10,000 reasons for my heart to find. [Chorus]

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing your praise unending: 10,000 years and then forever more. [Chorus]

* 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.

G C Am7 G Am7 D G

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008
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PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
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* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Cali Bronkema

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 846**

Fight the Good Fight

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Shani McIlwain

POSTLUDE

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Rex Campbell
Ushers	Jay Campbell, Carol Kercheval
Audio/Video	Mark Armstrong
Sexton	Jay Campbell, Rex Campbell

Guest Preacher Elder Shani McIlwain works as an independent writer at the intersections of faith, justice, and pop culture. A bestselling author, preacher, speaker, and executive coach, she believes freedom is central to faith, and that truth-telling is a spiritual practice. A ruling elder at Faith Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., and former moderator of the National Capital Presbytery, More Light Presbyterians board member, and coach for NEXT Church, Shani helps communities interrogate power, challenge oppressive systems, and imagine more liberated ways of living and believing. You can find her on Substack with her weekly series “Sometimes Church Looks Like” and co-hosting the podcast “Embracing Race: Conversations with Truth and Intention.”

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.

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 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

Hunger Offering received today. Mercy Ministry asks you to prayerfully consider the needs of our wider community. During the summer, when no meals are available for children at school, more families are in need of support and increasingly rely on food provided by Knox Food Pantry, the Little Food Pantry, and Welcome Table. Special envelopes are in the pews. Thank you for your generosity.

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!

Back to School - Send Ready Kids! In conjunction with our support for the Knox Pantry, our friends at Knox Presbyterian have asked us to help with a school supply collection for Elementary and Middle Schools in the area. Between now and **August 16**, we will be collecting supplies for delivery, and you can leave them at our cabinet in the main hall. Here is the wish list:

Box #2 Pencils	Glue Sticks	Blue & Red Pens
Pink & White Erasers	White Glue	Pkg. Washable Felt Markers
Pocket Folders	Pkg. Lined Paper	Pkg. Pencil Crayons
1" Binders	Highlighter Pens	

Thank you for your kindness in making sure kids are ready for the school year!

Sign Up for Team Kate Blood Drive, Aug. 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 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.

Worship through Service Sunday, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. Mark your calendar! We will have a short service in Fellowship Hall, followed by 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.

Protein Challenge for Knox Food Pantry: To date, 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 donations at the white cabinet in the main hallway over the coming weeks.

Week of	Requested items
August 2 & 9	Canned beans
August 16 & 23	Shelf-stable milk
August 30	Peanut butter

Calendar

Sunday, August 2 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Hunger Offering received

Knox Food Pantry Protein Challenge, drop off donations in the main hallway

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

Monday, August 3

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

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

Tuesday, August 4

National Night Out, 6-8 p.m., Cherry Hill Park

Building & Grounds Team, 7 p.m., Conference Room

Wednesday, August 5

First Wednesday Welcome Table, Food prep, serving & cleanup, 11-7 p.m.

Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Generosity Team, 7 p.m., Zoom

Thursday, August 6 – *No scheduled events*

Friday, August 7 – *No scheduled events*

Saturday, August 8

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

Sunday, August 9 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost – Communion Sunday

Knox Food Pantry Protein Challenge, drop off donations in the main hallway

VOICE Team, 9 a.m., Third Floor

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

Team Kate Inova Blood Drive, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., FCPC front parking lot

Tithe Task Force, 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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