



August 9, 2026
11th 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

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
arr. Daniel Kelley

Elliott Mihelic, horn

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Yena Hwang

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: O give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name.

ALL: Proclaim the deeds of the Lord to all the peoples.

ONE: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God.

ALL: Tell of all God's wonderful works.

ONE: Glory in God's holy name;

ALL: Seek the presence of the Lord, rejoicing with all your heart. Let us worship our God with joy.

*** GATHERING HYMN 305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

** Please rise in body or spirit*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Victoria Lippincott

ONE: Let us seek the mercy of our Lord who promised unconditional love for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are so afraid of failing that we don't even try sometimes. Forgive our shortcomings and our wrongdoings. Forgive us for our timidity, doubt, and our lack of courage. Help us and embolden us to live into the promise you made to us, we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: God who sees all and knows all—forgives all and restores all—through our Lord Jesus Christ. Receive the peace that comes with this grace.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* SING GLORY TO GOD 583

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with 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, 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, indicating specific liturgical points.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Leader and the second for All. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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

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

English Trans. © 1987 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

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

NENO LAKE MUNGU

6.4.6.4 with refrain

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

Victoria Lippincott

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

Anne Mugler

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

SERMON

Step Out in Faith

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

* **SERMON HYMN 463** (vv. 2 and 4)

How Firm a Foundation

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Barbara Hedges-Goettl. Used with permission.) Victoria Lippincott

As the church, we are the salt of the earth. We are the light of the world. We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed. We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells. As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death. God conquers irreconciliation, hatred, and bitterness. As the church, God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world. We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation—servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Victoria Lippincott

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:

John Loyd and family on the death of John's brother, Chuck, on July 27

Ongoing prayer concerns:

FCPC members: Avery Burns, Winnie Harris-Zoellner, Mike and Ellen Marrone, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh. *Relatives and friends:* Carolyn Armstrong, Scott Armstrong's mother; Lisa Bales, Pete Kelly's sister

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Yena Hwang

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 at fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online or by using the QR code, or texted to give at 7037751355.



OFFERTORY

Holy Thy Name

trad. Welsh
arr. Fettke & Grassi

Summer Pickup Choir

*God of love and truth and beauty, Holy Thy name;
fount of order, law, and duty, holy Thy name.*

*As in heaven Thy hosts adore Thee, and their faces veil before Thee,
so on earth, Lord, we extol Thee, holy Thy name.*

*Lord, remove our guilty blindness, holy Thy name;
show Thy heart of loving kindness, holy Thy name.*

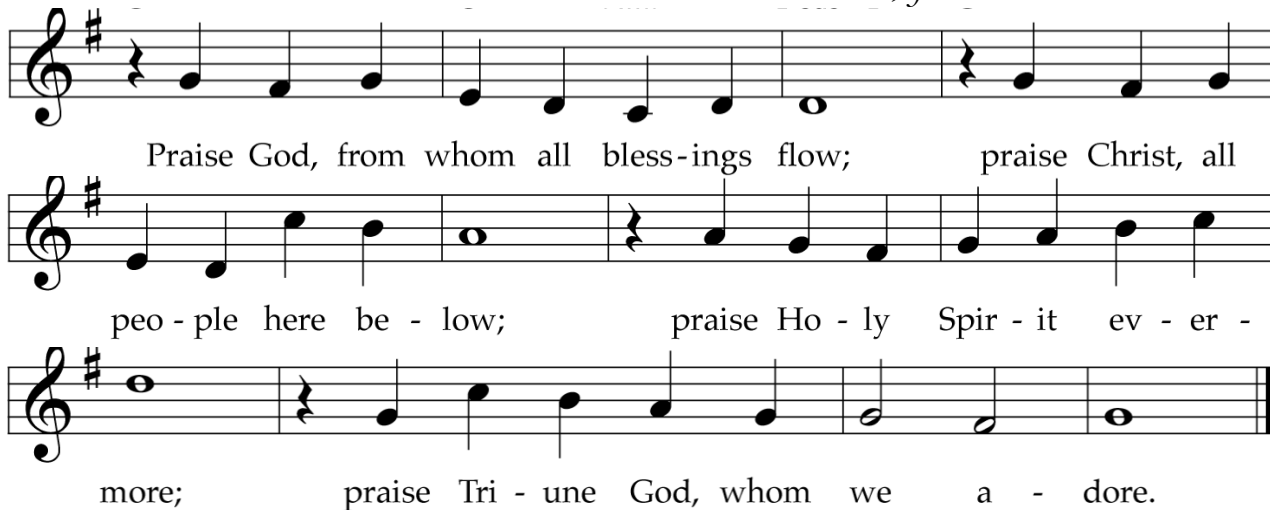
*By our heart's deep-felt contrition, by our mind's enlightened vision,
by our will's complete submission, holy Thy name.*

In our worship, Lord most holy, holy Thy name; in our work, however lowly, holy Thy name.

*In each heart's imagination, in our praise and adoration, in the conscience of the nation,
holy Thy name.*

* DOXOLOGY 608

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg
Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
LM

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Yena Hwang

Invitation to the Lord's Table and Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Come forward by the center aisle, take bread, dip it into the cup and eat, then return to your pew by a side aisle. Bread is gluten-free, cup is non-alcoholic, and yeast-free wafers are available.

A tray with bread and cups will be brought to those who wish to remain seated.

Communion Music

Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822–1890)

Elliott Mihelic, horn

Prayer after Communion

Yena Hwang

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Yena Hwang

POSTLUDE

Alleluia

W.A. Mozart (1756–1791)

arr. Daniel Kelley

Elliott Mihelic, horn

Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Victoria Lippincott
Ushers	Patsy Acheson, Steve Rutsch
Audio/Video	Mark Armstrong
Communion	Jenneke Fijn van Draat, Gail Warner
Sexton	Victoria Lippincott
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by a grateful member of FCPC.

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 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

Team Kate Blood Drive, today. Thank you to all who signed up to donate blood in honor of Nattie Good's friend, Kate. While the signup is full, you are welcome to stop by the Inova Blood Mobile in the front parking lot between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to see if they can squeeze you in.

Back to School: Send Kids Ready! 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 area elementary and middle schools. Now through Aug. 16, we are collecting the following (drop off donations by the white cabinet in the main hallway):

#2 pencils	glue sticks	blue & red pens
pink & white erasers	white glue	washable markers
pocket folders	lined paper	colored pencils
1" binders	highlighters	

Cali and Erika Celebration, Saturday, Aug. 29. All are invited to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Cali Bronkema and Erika Allen on Aug. 29 from 2-3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Family-friendly games and cake and ice cream will be provided! In lieu of gifts, Cali and Erika ask that friends and family share their favorite dinner recipes. If you would like to share a recipe, there will be a recipe box in Fellowship Hall over the next few weeks. Take a recipe card from the box, jot down your favorite recipe, and bring it back with you on the day of the celebration!

Worship through Service Sunday: Rise Against Hunger, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. We'll 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.

Protein Challenge for Knox Food Pantry: To date, **86 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. Drop off requested items at the white cabinet in the main hallway.

Week of	Requested items
August 9	canned beans
August 16 & 23	shelf-stable milk
August 30	peanut butter

Calendar

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

Summer Pickup Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

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

Monday, August 10

Prayer & Pose Yoga – *Canceled this week*

Tuesday, August 11

Session, 7 p.m., Library

Wednesday, August 12 – No scheduled events

Thursday, August 13

Concert in the Park (Andrew Acosta Band), 7 p.m., Cherry Hill Park, Falls Church

Friday, August 14 – No scheduled events

Saturday, August 15

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

Sunday, August 16 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room

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

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

New Members Class, 11:30 a.m., Parlor

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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