



August 23, 2026
13th 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

Laudate Dominum KV 339

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Kathryn Brode, soprano

*Laudáte Dominum omnes gentes omnes populi; Quóniam confirmáta est súper
nos misericordia eius et véritas Domini mánet in æternum. Amen.*

*Praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise him, all ye peoples. For his loving kindness (mercy)
has been bestowed upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures for eternity. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Yena Hwang

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We believe ...

ALL: ... in life and in death we belong to God.

ONE: We believe ...

ALL: ... in God the Creator, who created us out of love and waits in love
for us to return.

ONE: We believe ...

ALL: ... in God the Redeemer, crucified and risen to free us from the
power of evil.

ONE: We believe ...

ALL: ... in God the Spirit, the giver and renewer of life who makes us
brave.

ONE: We believe ...

ALL: ... only God is worthy of our praise. Let us worship God!

** Please rise in body or spirit*

* GATHERING HYMN 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nancy Jones

ONE: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and
too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our
hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming
fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open
us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to
grow more and more in your likeness and image. 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

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

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 'Leader' and the second for 'All'. 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 melody is simple and repetitive, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The 'All' part includes a first ending (marked '1') and a second ending (marked '2').

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 28:16-20

Nancy Jones

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Cali Bronkema

God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you.

In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations. There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring—of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become. God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all.

Be with us as we ride the bus. Be with us as we walk. Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip up jackets, and tie shoes. However we get there, and whatever we wear, bless this journey into something new.

For the grown-ups going back to school, be with them too. Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders, and for all they do to help us learn and grow. God, our friend who's full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands. Amen. (*From Illustrated Ministry*)

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

SERMON

Presbyterian Confessions

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Romans 8)

Yena Hwang

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Nancy Jones

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:

Scott Armstrong and family on the death of Scott's mother, Carolyn Armstrong, on August 14, 2026

Ongoing prayer concerns:

FCPC members: Avery Burns, Winnie Harris-Zoellner, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh. *Relatives and friends:* 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.

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 through our secure giving portal (fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu from Requiem

John Ruttter (b. 1945)

Kathryn Brode, soprano

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis réquiem; dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them rest; grant them eternal rest.

* 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

Yena Hwang

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 307 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

God of Grace and God of Glory

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Megan Klose

POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader

Nancy Jones

Ushers

Nancy Gehron, Lowell Schuyler

Audio/Video

Mark Armstrong

Sexton

Susan Loyd

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Linda Garvelink in loving memory of Bill Garvelink.

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 + Remembering Merry Huley

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Following today's memorial plaque dedication for Merry Huley, we will celebrate Merry's memory with cake. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Announcements

Merry Huley Memorial Plaque Dedication, today following worship. We will gather along the Fairfax Street garden bed to dedicate a memorial plaque for longtime member Merry Huley, who died on May 13, 2020. Merry loved making the church more beautiful and welcoming, and freely shared her gifts of creativity, hospitality, gardening, and more. Following the dedication, we will move to Fellowship Hall where we will celebrate Merry with cake and a slideshow.

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. Take a recipe card from the recipe box in Fellowship Hall, jot down your favorite recipe, and bring it back with you next Saturday!

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.

Diane Maloney Ordination and Installation, Aug. 30. FCPC's former Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement, Diane Maloney, will be ordained and installed at Burke Presbyterian Church on Aug. 30 at 3 p.m. FCPC is Diane's sponsoring church, and all are welcome to her ordination and installation. In honor of this achievement, FCPC is presenting Diane with an Advent stole. All are invited to contribute to the cost of the stole and make any additional financial gifts. Checks should be written to FCPC with Diane Maloney in the memo line or indicated on FCPC's Online Giving Page. *Deadline to contribute is today, Aug. 23.* Questions? Contact Anne Mugler (annermugler@gmail.com).

Fall Kickoff, Sept. 13. Our program year kickoff will take place after worship on Sunday, Sept. 13. Fellowship Hour will feature a catered lunch and information stations for our various ministries and activities. Please join us!

Online Giving Page update. For those who give to the church online, you may notice the Online Giving page has an updated look. We've added a reminder to choose the appropriate fund from the dropdown menu and included this note about processing fees: *When choosing between payment by Credit/Debit Card or ACH Bank Transfer, please keep in mind that credit/debit card transactions carry a higher processing fee. The church is grateful to those who cover the cost of these fees.*

Protein Challenge for Knox Food Pantry: We are up to **112 bags and boxes** delivered to Knox. Last week's delivery included a generous amount of shelf-stable milk and boxed black beans. Thank you for your continued generosity! As we wrap up the Summer Protein Challenge, please keep those donations coming. *Requested items for week of Aug. 23: shelf-stable milk; week of Aug. 30: peanut butter.*

Calendar

Sunday, August 23 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room

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

Merry Huley Memorial Plaque Dedication, 11 a.m., Fairfax Street Garden Bed

Children's Playdate, 11:30 a.m., Frady Park

Worship Ministry Team, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room

Monday, August 24 – Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

Tuesday, August 25 – Tithe Task Force, 7 p.m., Zoom

Wednesday, August 26 – Called Session Meeting, 7 p.m., Zoom

Thursday, August 27 – *No scheduled events*

Friday, August 28 – *No scheduled events*

Saturday, August 29 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8 a.m., Parlor

FCPC Leadership Training, 9 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 30 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room

Worship Through Service: Rise Against Hunger, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall

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

Diane Maloney Ordination & Installation, 3 p.m., Burke Presbyterian

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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