



September 6, 2026
15th 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

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

ALL: Offering to teach us, guide us, and lead us to live an abundant life.

ONE: Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight!

ALL: With our whole heart, we will turn to you and walk in your path and choose an abundant life!

*** GATHERING HYMN 331**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

CALL TO CONFESSION

Myra Bridgforth

ONE: When sins weigh us down, we struggle to live in freedom and joy. Let us turn now, confessing our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: From evil, even when it masquerades as good,

ALL: Merciful God, deliver us.

ONE: From selfishness and vain desires,

ALL: Merciful God, deliver us.

ONE: From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,

ALL: Merciful God, deliver us.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

ONE: From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,
 ALL: **Merciful God, deliver us. Turn us away from the death sin inflicts.**
Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray,
and teach us to forgive others. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: We are a new creation, claimed and cleansed by Christ Jesus. We live in the light of the One who has redeemed us and reconciled us, to live in freedom.

ALL: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to live into this new life!**
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**

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

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 119:33-40

Myra Bridgforth

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

Cali Bronkema

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

Marking Time

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word*** SERMON HYMN 233***The Day of Resurrection!***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Megan Klose

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Myra Bridgforth

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:

The family and friends of Ethel Leslie, who died on August 23, 2026

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 (fcp.breezechms.com/give/online), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (b. 1948)

Bailey Coleman, soprano

*Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you*

* 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Yena Hwang, Megan Klose

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.

Prayer after Communion

Yena Hwang

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 526**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

POSTLUDE

Epilogue for Trumpet

arr. Tom Birchwood (1934-2015)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader

Myra Bridgforth

Ushers

Tad Howard, Will Packard

Communion

Jenneke Fijn van Draat, Linda Garvelink, Margaret Veatch

Audio/Video

Mark Armstrong

Closing Sexton

Myra Bridgforth

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tom Koger, who always gave flowers on this day in honor of those who sacrificed their lives or their wellbeing for others on September 11, 2001, and in its aftermath.

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

Fall Kickoff, Sept. 13. Our program year kickoff will take place after worship next week! Fellowship Hour will feature a catered lunch and information stations for our various ministries and activities. Come and see what's planned for the upcoming year!

Chancel Choir invitation. Have you considered singing with the choir? Beginning this fall, our regular weekly rehearsals will move to Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m., followed by the 10 a.m. worship service. This means that most weeks, choir members will have just one weekly commitment, with only occasional additional rehearsals before larger musical programs. If you've thought about joining us, this is a great time to give choir a try! Questions? Email Don Armstrong (darmstrong@fallschurchpresby.org).

Generosity and Capital Campaigns. We learned through our recent CAT and Feasibility Study that both generosity and capital efforts need to move forward in tandem. The Generosity Campaign supports the “Present”—the daily worship and outreach that fuel us today. The Capital Campaign represents our “Future,” funding building and ministry needs. While our Generosity Campaign is conducted annually each fall, it will look a bit different this year as we kick off our Capital Campaign. These initiatives are joining forces in an especially fortuitous way, and each household will be receiving materials for both the Generosity and Capital Campaign efforts together in one package, arriving in mailboxes the week of Sept. 21. A Town Hall will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18, with Commitment Sunday on Nov. 8.

Summer Food Drive for Knox Food Pantry. We delivered a total of 135 bags and boxes of high-protein items to Knox over the summer. A heartfelt thanks from Knox and the Fairfax County Department of Family Services for providing nutritious choices for those impacted by the hiatus of food programs during the summer. You helped fill an urgent need in our community!

Rise Against Hunger. You came, you saw, you wore a hairnet, and you packed 15,120 meals last Sunday as a Worship Through Service event! This was our biggest RAH session in recent memory, and many hands made light work. Thank you for attending and bringing your friends and energy with you! Stay tuned for information on where our meals are shipped to help those places in famine status.

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.*

Calendar

Sunday, September 6 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Hunger Offering Received

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

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day – Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, September 8

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

Welcome Table Planning Team, 1 p.m., Zoom

Session, 7 p.m., Library

Wednesday, September 9 – *No scheduled events*

Thursday, September 10

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Choir Room

Friday, September 11

The Bridge (grades 3-6), 6 p.m., Ammons Residence

Saturday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 13 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

VOICE + Justice Ministry Team, 9 a.m., Third Floor

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Choir Room

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

Program Year Kickoff and Lunch, 11 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Dinner & Devos (youth), 6 p.m., Panera Falls Church

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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