



September 13, 2026
16th 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

Après un Rêve

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Patrick Lin, violin

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Wesley (1810-1876)

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only
That makest me dwell in safety.*

WELCOME

Cali Bronkema

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

ALL: Bless God's holy name.

ONE: God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.

ALL: Bless God's holy name.

*** GATHERING HYMN 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lynn Wagner

ONE: Before we can hear God's truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love.

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 581

Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

* PASSING THE PEACE

Megan Klose

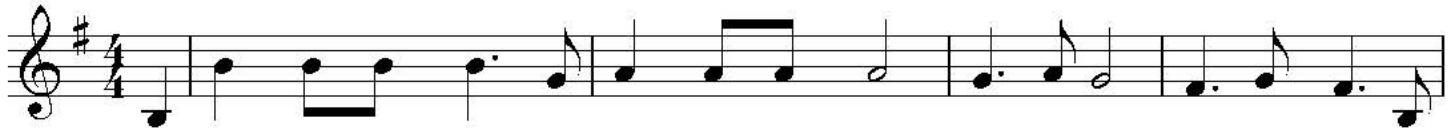
ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 471

O Lord, Hear My Prayer



O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an-swer me. O



Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1982, 1991

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

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HEAR MY PRAYER

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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 114:1-8

Lynn Wagner

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

Cali Bronkema

Children ages 3 and up are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in Room 204.

SERMON

Digging Deeper

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

BAPTISM OF KLEO MROZ

Megan Klose

Today we baptize Kleo Adele Mroz and welcome her as a baptized member of our church.

Presentation

*** PROFESSION OF FAITH** (The Apostles' Creed)

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer/ Baptism

Welcome

*** SERMON HYMN 486**

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Chuck Anderson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynn Wagner

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 Hugo

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

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

Let Me Walk with You

Joel Raney (b. 1965)

Chancel Choir with Patrick Lin, violin

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;

Tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;

Teach me the wayward feet to stay and guide them in the homeward way.

Refrain: O Master let me walk beside you, let me take you by the hand.

Guide my feet and light the pathway till I reach the promised land.

Master, order my steps, keep them strong and true. O Master, Savior, let me walk with you.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,

In work that keeps faith sweet and strong in trust that triumphs over wrong:

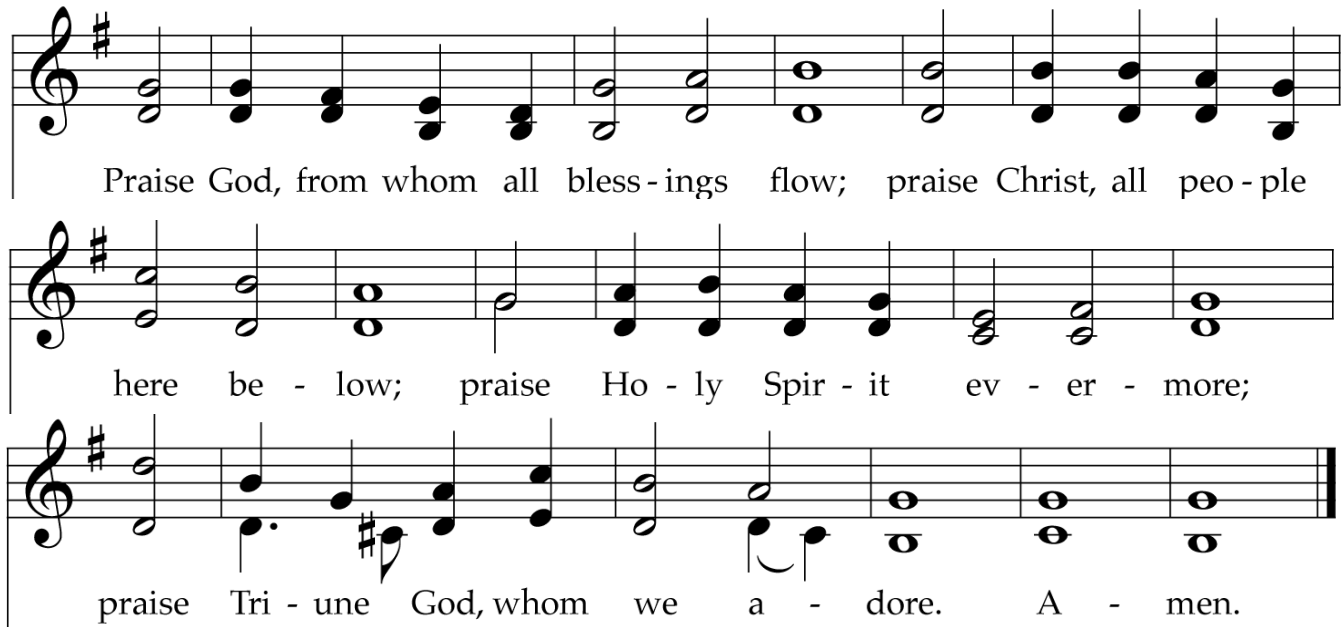
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;

In peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live. [Refrain]

Keep my faith steady, keep my heart ever true. Master, let me walk with you.

*** DOXOLOGY 607**

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. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Cali Bronkema

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Megan Klose

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Go with Us, Lord

Tallis Cannon

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*

POSTLUDE

Mercy

Max Richter (b. 1966)

Patrick Lin, violin

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Jon Heiden was FCPC's Director of Music from 1967 to 1997. Please consider
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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Lynn Wagner
Ushers	Nancy Gehron, Carol Kercheval
Audio/Video	Mark Armstrong
Sexton	Nancy Gehron
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Michael and Margaret Volpe in memory of loved ones.

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 has sensory toys and headphones. **Children up to age 4:** Child care is offered in Room 201 by paid nursery staff. **Children age 3 and up:** Godly Play is offered in Room 204 following Senses of Scripture.

Program Year Kickoff and Catered Brunch

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship where we will kick off the program year! We will enjoy a catered brunch, play games, and share information about our various ministries and activities. Come and see what's planned for the upcoming year and learn how you can become involved! Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Announcements

Staff changes at FCPC. Catherine Payling, our former financial administrator, has returned to her home country of England to be closer to family. While we were sad to see Catherine go, we are pleased to announce that Renee Rumingan has joined our staff as FCPC's new financial administrator. Renee has already been seen volunteering at Welcome Table and worshiping with us on Sunday morning. Please give Renee a warm welcome when you see her!

McClendon Scholar Program, Sept. 15. Skye Perryman, President and CEO of Democracy Forward, will be featured in a free webinar on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. Her topic will be "Defending Democracy: The Vital Role of People of Faith." Register using the link in the Friday egram. Time Magazine recently included Skye Perryman on their list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

The Chancel Choir invites you to give choir a try! Weekly rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. This is a great time to give the Chancel Choir a try! Questions? Email Don Armstrong at darmstrong@fallschurchpresby.org.

Looking for ways to connect? Newbies Class begins Sept. 20. Led by Chuck Anderson, this is a new offering for people who have recently joined the FCPC community. Chuck's hope is that this class will become a small group for people who would like to connect and grow with others at FCPC. The group will be self-directed. Bible or book studies, museum tours, social justice actions? We'll decide what we'd like to do as we go along. Group will meet Sundays at 9 a.m. in the library.

Death and Taxes Advance Planning Class. This three-week class led by Pastor Megan will guide members through making an advance care plan. If you already have an advance care plan but have had a life event since it was written—kids have grown, you've retired—it's a good idea to revisit your plan. If you have a partner or friend who might act as your medical power of attorney, it is recommended that you take the class together. Class meets Sept. 20, 27, and Oct. 4, at 11:15 a.m. in the library. Advance care plans are a good idea for adults at all stages of life.

College-Age Care Packages. Labor Day is behind us, our college youth are settling into the new semester, and we want to let them know that we at FCPC are thinking about them. On Oct. 15, we will mail care packages with Halloween treats to all college youth for whom we have addresses. Don't let your student be left out! Please update their address using the form in the Friday egram or contact Cali (cbronkema@fallschurchpresby.org) or Cat McCormack (cmacdonald@linchpinstrategies.com).

Updated Child Protection Policy. Guided by our commitment to provide a secure and loving community for all, the Session has updated our Child Protection Policy. These revisions strengthen our standards for the protection of children, youth, and vulnerable adults, and we ask all staff and volunteers to review the document, which was emailed on Sept. 10. To ensure everyone is prepared to implement these changes, please attend one of our upcoming informational meetings on September 13, 20, or 23. Details are in the Friday egram. Questions? Email Cali Bronkema at cbronkema@fallschurchpresby.org.

Congregational Meeting, September 27. The FCPC Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing a Congregational Nominating Committee on Sunday, September 27, immediately following worship.

Generosity and Capital Campaigns: Commitments for Growth

A well-maintained and managed church home enables all generations to gather and serve confidently. The *Sustaining Our Future* Capital Campaign highlights essential improvements that protect and preserve our building as a hub for our mission and the *Deep and Wide: Digging Deeper* Generosity Campaign raises the funds for the people and items that make all of this possible day to day.

You will soon receive a joint packet for both appeals. We invite you to prayerfully consider two distinct pledges: a one-year pledge for the Generosity Campaign (2027 budget) and a three-year pledge for the Capital Campaign. These two pledges work together to provide the necessary foundation for our church life. A Town Hall will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18 with Commitment Sunday on Nov. 8.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our campaign consultant, Richie Musser, at rmusser@kirbysmith.com or 484-364-0781. Members of our Generosity Team and Capital Campaign Task Force would also be happy to speak with you!

Generosity Team members: Kathy Chavez (Lead), Linda Garvelink, Yena Hwang, Carol Kercheval, Catriona McCormack, Zachia Murray, and Jeni Porter.

Capital Campaign Task Force members: Dawn Lenert (Lead), Callie Hawkins, Carly Kelly, Drew Luten, Zachia Murray, and Judy Zakreski.

Calendar

Sunday, September 13 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

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

Program Year Kickoff and Catered Brunch, 11 a.m., Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, September 14

Prayer & Pose Yoga – *Canceled this week*

Tuesday, September 15

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

Sarah Circle, 6 p.m., Parlor

Spiritual Growth Ministry Team, 7 p.m., Third Floor

Skye Perryman of Democracy Forward free webinar, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16

Third Wednesday Welcome Table Food Prep, Distribution, Cleanup, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Capital Campaign Task Force, 6 p.m., Zoom

Personnel Team, 7 p.m., Zoom

Thursday, September 17 – *No Scheduled Events*

Friday, September 18

Youth Fall Retreat, Lake Anna (Day 1/3)

Saturday, September 19

Youth Fall Retreat, Lake Anna (Day 2/3)

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

Sunday, September 20 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Youth Fall Retreat, Lake Anna (Day 3/3)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8:15 a.m., Choir Room; 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Newbies Class, 9 a.m., Library

Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room

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

Death & Taxes (without the Taxes) Advance Planning Class, 11:15 a.m., Library

Worship Ministry Team, 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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