



September 20, 2026
17th 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

Immortal, Invisible

arr. Marriane Kim (b. 1972)

Don Armstrong and Lisa Bloy, piano duet

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

With Joyful Singing, Praise God

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

With joyful singing, praise God, be joyful in the Love of God.

Be joyful in the peace of God. Be joyful in the Lord.

WELCOME

Yena Hwang

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples!

ALL: **We will sing praises to God! We will tell everyone about all of God's wonderful works.**

ONE: Seek the LORD and his strength. Seek the LORD continually.

ALL: **We glory in God's holy name! Our hearts rejoice!**

ONE: Let us worship God.

*** GATHERING HYMN 4**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CALL TO CONFESSION

Scott Armstrong

ONE: God loves us and calls us by name. Too frequently, we stake our claim on that tenderness and use it as a weapon against others, forgetting that God's love does not build walls but knocks them down. Let us set down our burdens and our defenses as we confess our sins in front of God and one another.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Almighty God, when we allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend mercy, love and redemption to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard good things for ourselves. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. 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 581

Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text reads: '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.'

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.

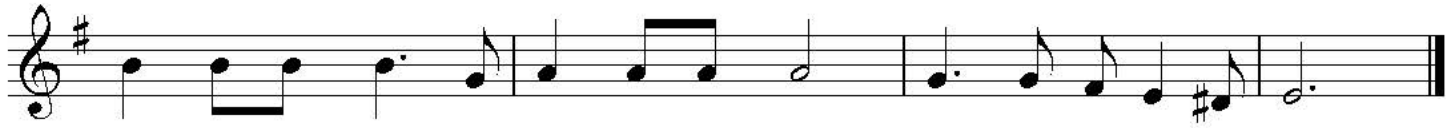
We Listen for God's Word

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
Text and Music © 1982 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

HEAR MY PRAYER
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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 9:35-36

Scott Armstrong

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.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-15

Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Unalienable Love

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life, From sun to moon, From water to earth, From male to female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of compassion, he died forsaken; he descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb; he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present; and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

*** SERMON HYMN 315 (v. 1-3)**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Scott Armstrong

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

Ongoing prayer concerns:

FCPC members: Avery Burns, Winnie Harris-Zoellner, Mike Hugo, 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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Zachia Murray

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

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

arr. John Carter (1928-1991)

Chancel Choir

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:

all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

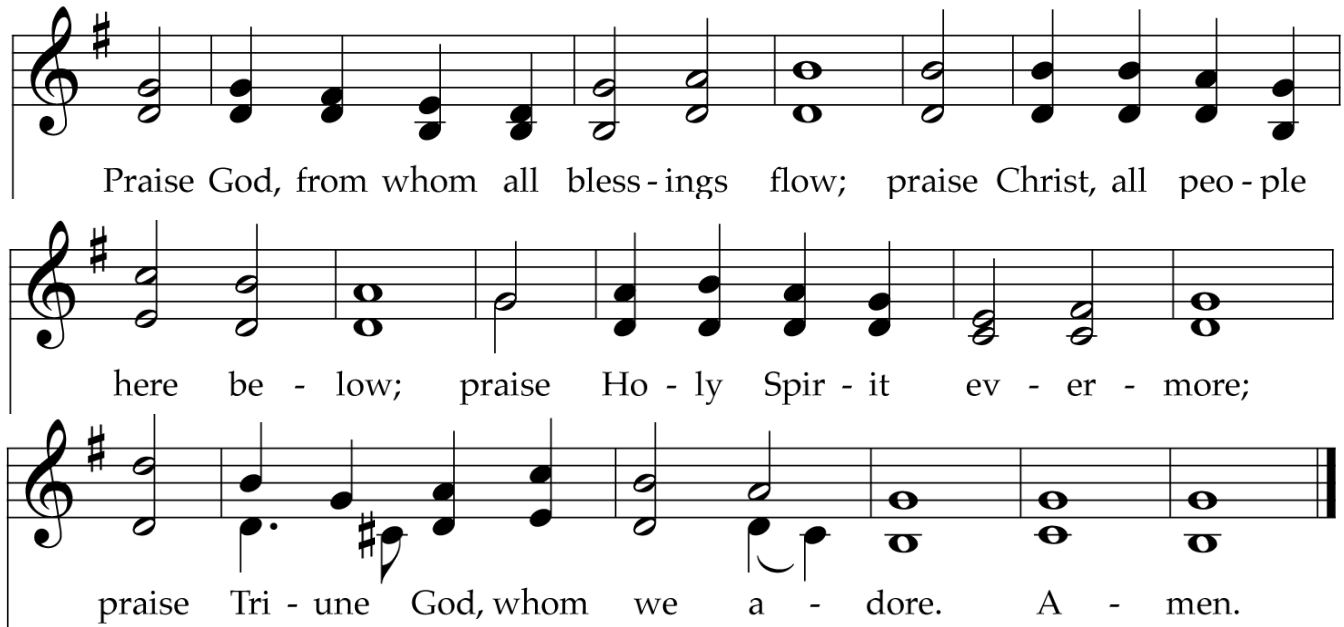
*When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]*

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand!

*** 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
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

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*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Yena Hwang

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 733**

We All are One in Mission

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Megan Klose

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Amen in A

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace

arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

Don Armstrong and Lisa Bloy, piano duet

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader

Scott Armstrong

Ushers

Tad Howard, Clay Warner

Audio/Video

Mark Armstrong

Sexton

Scott Armstrong

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in fond memory of Ethel Leslie, who had planned to donate today, in gratitude for the contribution of doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals. We share her gratitude and we miss her.

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.

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

Newbies Class begins today, Sept. 20. Led by Chuck Anderson, this new offering is for people who have recently joined the FCPC community. We hope 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 meets Sundays at 9 a.m. in the library.

Death and Taxes Advance Planning Class, Sept. 20, 27, and Oct 4. 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 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. 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! Update their address using the form in the Friday egram or contact Cat McCormack (cmaedonald@linchpinstrategies.com).

Updated Child Protection Policy. Guided by our commitment to provide a secure and loving community for all, Session has updated our Child Protection Policy. These revisions strengthen our standards for the protection of children, youth, and vulnerable adults. We ask all staff and volunteers to review the document, which was emailed on Sept. 10, and attend one of our upcoming informational meetings on Sept. 20 or 23. Questions? Email cbronkema@fallschurchpresby.org.

Refreshing the Parlor. The Session has approved the creation of a Parlor Refresh Task Force to explore how the parlor is used by all groups and congregants. The parlor has not been updated in quite some time, and we are excited about how this space may be rejuvenated for maximize potential use. If you are interested in serving on this task force, contact Carolyn Bruce (cabruce@rcn.com) by Oct. 9. We would love for each ministry team to have a voice in this exciting endeavor!

Congregational Meeting, Sept. 27. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sept. 27 immediately following worship for the purpose of electing three members-at-large to the Congregational Nominating Committee. Session elected Scott Armstrong as the elder representative to the CNC. As such, he will also serve as chair. Deacons have elected Jenneke Fijn van Draat as their representative to the CNC.

Generosity and Capital Campaign Activities

Storytelling. As we begin this year's annual Generosity Campaign, we invite you to reflect with us on our theological theme, *Deep and Wide*. In the weeks ahead, we'll share stories and reflections from our congregation about where we experience the impact of FCPC's ministry, what we value and seek to cultivate together, and how our gratitude finds expression through generosity. We also invite you to share your own story of life at FCPC—what has made a difference to you, and how does that experience shape your giving? Please contact Linda Garvelink or a member of the Generosity Team.

Capital Campaign & Building Tours. At the same time, our *Sustaining Our Future* Capital Campaign looks to the long-term stewardship of our church home. Join the Building & Grounds Team for a firsthand look at our facilities, their current needs, and the spaces the campaign aims to improve. Tours will be offered three Sundays after worship on Sept. 27, Oct. 4, and Oct. 11.

Calendar

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

Continuing Antiracism Discussion, 11 a.m., Parlor

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

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

Monday, September 21 – Prayer & Pose Yoga – *Canceled this week*

Tuesday, September 22

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

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

Wednesday, September 23

Personnel Team, 7 p.m., Zoom

Thursday, September 24 – *No Scheduled Events*

Friday, September 25 – *No Scheduled Events*

Saturday, September 26

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

Sunday, September 27 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Newbies Class, 9 a.m., Third Floor

Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room

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

Capital Campaign Building Tour, 11 a.m. Meet in the Narthex.

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

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

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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