
Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



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We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Tokyo"

Philip Jones (1928-2000)

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

This Is the Day

Pablo Sosa (b. 1933)

This is the day; that God has made!

Open, now, open the doorways of justice! Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.

This is the place where the righteous may enter, singing to God with thanksgiving and praise.

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Come, people of God! Out of your separateness, come and enter into unity with one another.

ALL: We come, seeking unity with all those who seek the presence of Jesus Christ.

ONE: We seek unity with Christ through breaking of the bread and sharing of the wine.

ALL: We seek unity with God who is here with us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ONE: Come, let us worship the Holy One!

*** GATHERING HYMN 391**

This Is the Day

CALL TO CONFESSION

Tom Bruce

ONE: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess the sin that separates us from God and from one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our human siblings. We close our ears to voices of pain when spoken with accents other than our own. We lack the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign also bear your image as your children. We lack the imagination to believe that expressions of faith can look, sound, and feel different than what we are familiar with. Forgive us for thinking that we have a special claim on truth and faith. Forgive us and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of openness, compassion, humility and love. Fill us with the vision of unity made possible in Christ. Make us worthy of your bread and wine of the new covenant. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: Friends, the good news in Christ is that God is more willing to forgive our sins than we are to acknowledge them. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

ALL: We glorify and worship you, O God, who brings reconciliation and peace. Thanks be to God!

** Please rise in body or spirit*

* SING GLORY TO GOD 581

Glory Be to the Father

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

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 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

Exodus 20:1-11

Tom Bruce

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.
Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to Bagels & Bibles on the Third Floor.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 20:12-21

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Idols

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

* SERMON HYMN

O God, By Your Mercy, We Come to this Place

Tune: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Used with permission.

1. O God, by your mercy we come to this place.
We feast at your table on gifts of your grace.
We taste your forgiveness, then learn what to do:
“Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly” with you.
2. O Christ, we're not strangers or enemies here.
For we're at your table, and you've made it clear:
We all are God's children, and blessed from above,
we're global, connected, and shaped by your love.
3. O Spirit, we pray that you'll move through the church,
till peace, love and unity cover the earth.
O God, bless these gifts with your grace from above,
till others find joy in the feast of your love.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Megan Klose

(adapted from Global Ministries 2026, World Communion Call to Communion)

We believe God made all peoples, all places, all traditions.

We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

We come as one people, gathered in Christ, whether we are from the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East—we come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.

We believe Christ welcomes us all, whether we come singing, or grieving, or doubting, or longing. We believe that the walls that divide us do not have the final word, because in Christ, language does not divide us, geography does not divide us, culture does not divide us. So, we come to receive God's love. We come to remember. We come to belong. We come to share. We come to inspire others to open their hands and hearts to receive God's grace. We are united in God's love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Tom Bruce

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:

Cheryl and Charles Young on the death of Christa Young on Sept. 23

Kate Heavner, friend of Nattie Good, and her family—Diane, Bryce, and Liam—during this very difficult time of transition in Kate's fight against cancer
Comfort and Peace for Jack Moore, father of Scott Moore, with dehydration and pneumonia

Tom Guszowski, Judy Zakreski's father, recovering from surgery on Sept. 25

Don Armstrong, recovering from wrist surgery on Sept. 22

The Kinser family on the Sept. 19 death of former member Roland Kinser

Ongoing prayer concerns:

Avery Burns; Winnie Harris-Zoellner; Mike Hugo; Ruth Mileham;

Ken Waugh; Lisa Bales, Pete Kelly's sister

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Megan Klose

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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

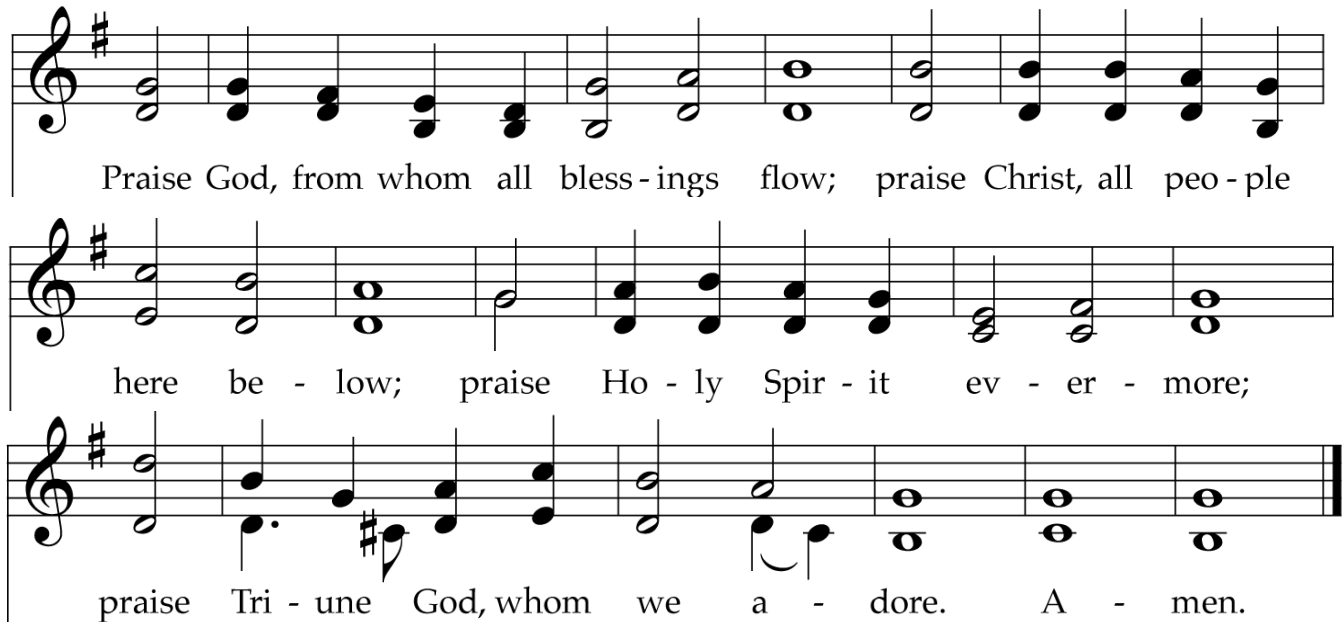
Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Chancel Choir

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in Your name,
Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment's hem.
As disciples used to gather, In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the giver, Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living, make as sacraments of You,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.*

* 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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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.

Communion Music

Panis Anglicus

Cesar Frank (1822-1890)

Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum. Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum. O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum; Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis; Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.

*The angel's bread becomes the bread of all. The heavenly bread ends all symbols.
Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish the poor, poor, and humble servant;
The poor, poor, and humble servant.*

Prayer after Communion

Yena Hwang

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Yena Hwang

May God prosper you.

May your days be long and your nights serene.

May your friendships honor you, and your family love you.

May you eat at your table, and may you be gathered into to God's embrace with a smile.

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Give Thanks to the Lord

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

*Give Thanks to the Lord. Sing together with praise! Give thanks to the Lord,
Join in song all our days! The glory of God from on high we proclaim!
We gratefully honor the Lord's holy name!*

POSTLUDE

Variations on "For the Beauty of the Earth"

James Clemens (b. 1966)

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** Please rise in body or spirit*

Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leaders	Tom Bruce
Ushers	Patsy Acheson, Eleanor Osborn
Communion	Sue Armstrong, Rex Campbell, Jenneke Fijn van Draat, Alan Shankle, Shelly Skomra
Audio/Video	Cameron Zakreski
Sexton	Tom Bruce
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe Beeman by the Beeman family.

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

The World Communion Offering received today focuses on reconciling all peoples from all nations around the globe. This Special Offering is one of the single, largest ways that Presbyterians join together to make a lasting impact in the world. The World Communion Offering will support peacemaking efforts, racial and gender justice, global witness, and nurturing ecumenical and interfaith relations.

Capital Campaign Building Tours are happening today and next Sunday, Oct. 11. The tours will highlight areas of the building that need attention and repair. Please join us! You will learn something new about this old church that you did not know before. Meet in the Narthex immediately following worship.

Generosity and Capital Campaigns Town Hall meeting, Oct. 18. This will be a great time to learn more about our joint campaign appeals, so bring your questions as we prepare for Commitment Sunday on Nov. 8. We will remain in the sanctuary following worship for the Town Hall.

Newbies Class. Led by Chuck Anderson, this group is for people who are new(ish) in the FCPC community and would like to connect and grow with others at FCPC. Meets Sundays at 9 a.m. in Room 301.

A Parlor Refresh Task Force is forming to assess how congregants and various groups utilize the church parlor. The parlor has not been updated in quite some time, and we are excited about giving it a fresh look while maximizing its potential use. If you would like to participate in this effort, contact Carolyn Bruce (cabruce@rcn.com) by Oct. 9. We'd love for each ministry team to have a voice in this exciting endeavor!

Flower Calendar. If you are looking for an opportunity to enhance our worship service with flowers, the following Sundays are still available: Oct. 25 and Nov. 8. See the Friday egram to sign up or contact Marnie Sarver.

Email Phishing Reminder. PLEASE NOTE: Emails that appear to be from Pastor Yena or other church staff continue to be a problem. All staff email addresses end with @fallschurchpresby.org. Never respond to an email if it seems suspicious.

Calendar

Sunday, October 4 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost - World Communion Sunday

Deacon Sunday

World Communion Special Offering Received

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

Bagels & Bibles (grades 7-12), following Senses of Scripture, Third Floor

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

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

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

Youth Group (grades 6-12) Dinner & Devos, Chipotle Falls Church

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

Tuesday, October 6 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom

Building & Grounds Team, 7 p.m., Conference Room

Deacons, 7 p.m., Library

Wednesday, October 7 – Welcome Table Food Preparation, Serving & Cleanup, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Fellowship Hall and Kitchen

Thursday, October 8 – *No Scheduled Events*

Friday, October 9 – *No Scheduled Events*

Saturday, October 10 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8 a.m., Parlor

Sunday, October 11 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Newbies Class, 9 a.m., Room 301

Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room

VOICE Team, 9 a.m., Room 303

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

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

Capital Campaign

Sustaining Our Future

Understanding the Pledge

The Capital Campaign is a three-year commitment. Pledges can be spread over 1, 2, or 3 years. With the opportunity to spread your pledge over three years, we hope to provide every household with the opportunity to participate in a meaningful way. We invite you to review the packet mailed to each household, and available online, to see how these funds will be used to transform our building into a more sustainable home. Want to learn more about the critical needs of our building? Stop by one of our Capital Campaign Building Tours! Tours will be held today and next Sunday, Oct. 11. Meet in the Narthex immediately following worship. Don't have time for an in-person tour? Videos are posted on our Capital Campaign page. Scan the QR code or go to www.fallschurchurchpresby.org/campaign.



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

Questions? Contact our Campaign Consultant, Richie Musser, at rmusser@kirbysmith.com or 484-364-0781.



Generosity Campaign

Deep and Wide

The Annual Commitment

The Generosity Campaign asks for a one-year commitment. It is the bedrock of our annual operating budget. Thank you for making these annual commitments that empower us to maintain staff, support our music and education programs, and keep our doors open to those in need of grace and community. This week, we are highlighting the work of our Mercy Ministry Team.

MERCY MINISTRY – For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. (Matthew 25:35)

- We provide twice-monthly meals to our guests at Welcome Table. We also help stock the food pantry at Knox Presbyterian through Nourish our Neighbors. We work with our Scout Troop through Scouting for Food. Globally, we participate with Rise Against Hunger to support worldwide hunger programs.
- In the area of shelter care, we continue to support the Falls Church Homeless Shelter with hot meals and cold-weather wear. In the winter, we host a week-long Hypothermia Shelter in conjunction with Fairfax County.
- We also provide help to communities through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the wake of natural disasters.

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

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.

An ADA-compliant, gender-neutral restroom is available at the rear of the Conference Room.

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.

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