



October 11, 2026
20th 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

This Is My Father's World

arr. Don Wyrzten (b. 1942)

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

Be Thou My Vision

(traditional)

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night; Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: The heavens declare the glory of God!

ALL: The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

ONE: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound.

ALL: The night expounds God's knowledge without a word,

ONE: And yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

ALL: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

*** GATHERING HYMN 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rob Brock

ONE: Let us boldly confess our sin before the One who already knows our errors and is gracious to forgive our faults.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Like a nursing mother, like a loving father, you give us life and claim us as your own. Out of love you created us in your image, a reflection of your goodness. In our humanity we forget our dependence on you. We forget that our enemies are also created in your image, and that we are all siblings. We want what we want, no matter if it is ours to have. We take what we take, no matter if it is for us. Forgive us our scarcity mindset. Heal our fear of missing out. Give us your heart to love and care for each other as you care for us. 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 a single voice part on a four-staff system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. 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.'

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

Exodus 20:1-11

Rob Brock

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

Sarah Zakreski

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 20:12-17

Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Practicing God

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 308**

O God in Whom All Life Begins

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from Iona Abbey Worship Book)

Megan Klose

We believe in God who is full of power and compassion. We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe, set solar systems dancing in space, shaped molecules and mountains, and conceived beauty beyond our imagining. God's power topples tyrants and brings down walls of separation; God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father, encouraging and caring for each of us. We believe in Jesus, born in obscurity in an occupied land; a human being, vulnerable to hunger, thirst, persecution and grief. He understood the power of love and confronted the powers of evil, spoke the truth with courage and clarity, forgave his enemies and changed lives. In his living, dying and rising again he showed love strong enough to save the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit who sustains, comforts and empowers us, opens the scriptures, opens our minds, and illuminates earth's darkness. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rob Brock

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.

Prayers of Joy:

The marriage of Cali Bronkema and Erika Allen today, Oct. 11

Please keep in your prayers:

Izzy Martin, recovering from an appendectomy

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

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

Don Armstrong, recovering from wrist surgery on Sept. 22

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; Jack Moore, Scott Moore's father

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

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

Deep River

arr. John Leavitt (b. 1956)

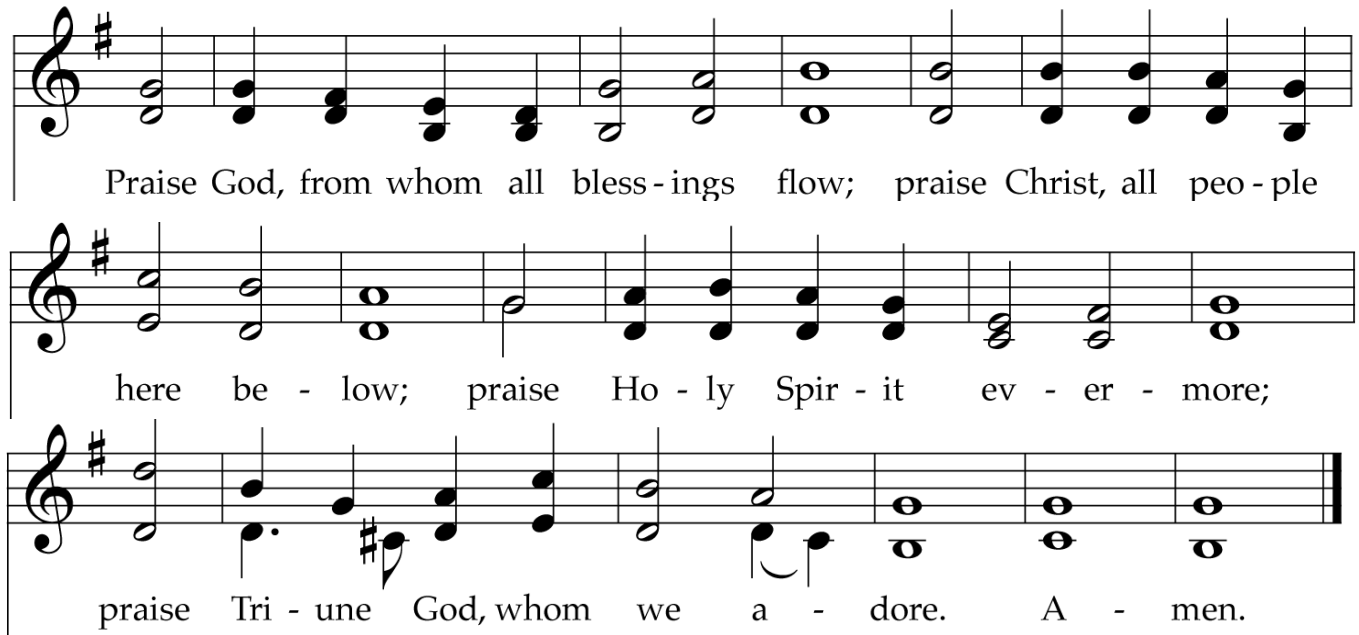
Chancel Choir

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast? That promised land, where all is peace?

*** 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**

Megan Klose

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Megan Klose

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Amen

Franz Schubert (1787-1828)

POSTLUDE

Go My Children, With My Blessing

Welsh melody

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** Please rise in body or spirit*

Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Rob Brock
Ushers	Clay Warner, Eleanor Osborn
Audio/Video	Cameron Zakreski
Sexton	Rob Brock
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given by the Hobbie family to the glory of God and in memory of our beloved immigrant wife, mother, and grandmother, Young Ei Shin Hobbie, whose nursing career helped so many.

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 PC(USA) 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. Special Offering envelopes are in the pews. Please give generously.

Capital Campaign Building Tour, today, Oct. 11. Today is the last scheduled day for building tours. The tour 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.

NOVA Nightsky Theater's production of *The Curious Case of the Cottingley Fairies* continues through Oct. 17 in Memorial Hall. See the Friday egram for more info.

Generosity and Capital Campaigns Town Hall meeting, Oct. 18, immediately following worship next Sunday. We'll remain in the Sanctuary and learn more about our joint campaign appeals. Bring your questions as we prepare for Commitment Sunday on Nov. 8.

Share the Feast Halloween Celebration, Oct. 25. Join us for a spooktacular time on Sunday, Oct. 25. Wear your costume to church and bring a potluck dish to share at Share the Feast immediately following worship. We'll have lunch, crafts, and Halloween treats (please make sure your costume isn't too scary or inappropriate for children!). Teenagers are needed to help run the festivities (service hours given). Contact Cali if interested.

Excursion to Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament, Oct. 25. Youth and families are invited to join us for the 5:00 p.m. show in Baltimore (\$45/child, \$80/adult, includes dinner and show). Sign up by Oct. 15 through the link in the Friday egram or email Cali Bronkema. Children 5th grade and younger must be accompanied by a parent; we will help organize carpools for older youth attending without parents.

The Falls Church Homeless Shelter, located at 217 Gordon Rd, Falls Church, will be open Nov. 15, 2026, through March 31, 2027. FCPC volunteers provide dinner for 14 each Monday night the shelter is open. Learn more and sign up through the link in the Friday egram or contact Sue Armstrong.

Calendar

Sunday, October 11 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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.

IT Governance Team, 11 a.m., Conference Room

Monday, October 12 – Indigenous Peoples' Day – *Church Office Closed*

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

Tuesday, October 13 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom

Session, 7 p.m., Library

Wednesday, October 14 – *No Scheduled Events*

Thursday, October 15 – *No Scheduled Events*

Friday, October 16 – *No Scheduled Events*

Saturday, October 17 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8 a.m., Parlor

Sunday, October 18 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

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Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room

Worship Service (New Members Received), 10 a.m., Sanctuary and online

Generosity & Capital Campaigns Town Hall, 11 a.m., Sanctuary

Continuing Antiracism Discussion, 11:30 a.m., Parlor

Youth Group Game Night with First Presbyterian Arlington, 6 p.m., Third Floor

Save the Date: Oct. 25 Halloween Share the Feast, **Nov. 8** Commitment Sunday

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 located 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

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