



October 25, 2026
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
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

Day by Day

arr. Craig Courtney (b. 1954)

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

Let Us Make a Joyful Noise

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise.

Praise, O praise the Lord! And make a joyful noise evermore!

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We gather here to worship God.

ALL: We are here, with heart, soul and mind.

ONE: We gather here as Christ's body.

ALL: We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.

ONE: The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.

ALL: We are here to worship and to be transformed.

ONE: Let us worship the Triune God.

*** GATHERING HYMN 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

Allison Hoak

ONE: We recognize the well-worn paths of sin in our lives and the world. Let us confess our sin together, so that we may delight in God's laws of love.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Holy God, we are often good at following rules while neglecting the heart of your commandments. We place ourselves in the congregation of the righteous, but take our seat among the scoffers. We seek approval of our friends, family, and others, forgetting that our call is to please you, above all. You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness. You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases. You call us to love our neighbors, but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length. You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind, but we have held parts of ourselves back. Have mercy on us, God. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with our whole selves. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: God's mercy is eternal. We are made blameless through Jesus Christ.
We are made whole in God's love and righteousness.

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 'men'.

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*** 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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Allison Hoak

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

Cali Bronkema-Green

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Holiness and Love

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 828**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Cali Bronkema-Green

What is the greatest commandment?

We believe that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind. And a second is to love our neighbor as ourselves. Everything else rests on these two commandments.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Allison Hoak

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:

For Bonnie and Mark Sekleki on the birth of their granddaughter, Charlotte, born Oct. 11 to Emily and Duncan Rimmer

The marriage of Cali Bronkema and Erika Allen on Oct. 11

Please keep in your prayers:

The Heavner family on the Oct. 17 death of Kate Heavner, dear friend of Nattie Good

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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Crooked Steeple Literary Festival

Tony Smith

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Cali Bronkema-Green

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

“Lacrimosa” from *Requiem*

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Chancel Choir

Lacrimosa dies illa, Qua resurget ex favilla, Judicandus homo reus.

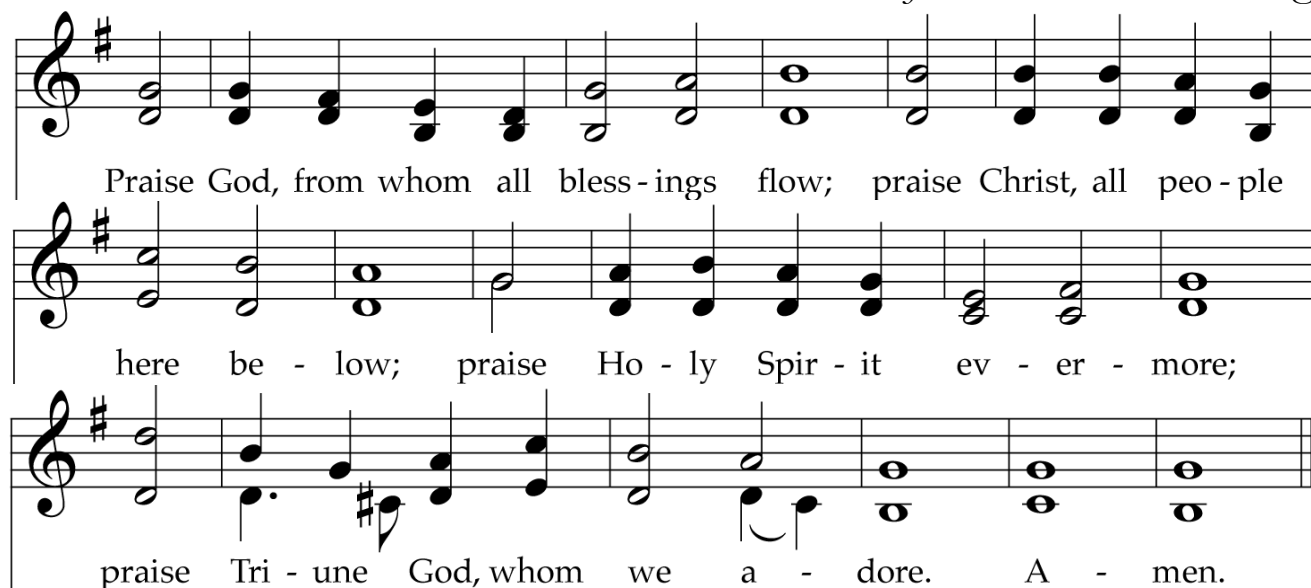
Huic ergo parce, Deus, Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem.

Translation: Full of tears will be that day on which once more will rise
from the ash a guilty man to face the judgement.

Therefore, God, spare this man. Merciful Lord Jesus, Grant them rest.

* 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

Cali Bronkema-Green

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 300

We are One in the Spirit

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Yena Hwang

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Have Heard Your Word

Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)

We have heard Your Word, O Lord, and together sung Your praise.

Help us now, O Lord, to take what we've learned into the coming days.

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in D minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Allison Hoak
Ushers	Steve Rutsch, Gail Warner
Audio/Video	Cameron Zakreski
Sexton	Allison Hoak
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given by the Cruse family to the glory of God and in celebration of Chris and Sherry Kerns' wedding anniversary.

Share the Feast Today!

Join us for a spooktacular time immediately following worship. Costumes and potluck contributions are welcome! Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Announcements

Wilbur's Redemption, Nov. 6. Dust off your dancing shoes! You're invited to a free, family-friendly evening of live music on Nov. 6 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. While tickets are not required, we'd appreciate it if you could click on the QR code and RSVP so we can prepare for your arrival. Bring a friend and join us for a great night!



Commitment Sunday, Nov. 8. As we approach Commitment Sunday on Nov. 8, we understand that making a pledge requires prayerful reflection. We ask that you give as a way of returning to God from what God has so generously given to us all. Whether you are able to give in new ways or continue your current support, every pledge is a vital act of faithfulness.

Crooked Steeple, Nov. 14. The Crooked Steeple Literary Festival is proud to bring Edward W. Beal, MD, to our stage. His compelling book, *War Stories From the Forgotten Soldiers*, brilliantly describes the psychological aftermath of war. Dr. Beal spent over 5,000 hours listening to the stories of GIs from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. As a civilian psychiatrist and a former soldier during the Vietnam war, he is uniquely qualified to write about the experiences he hears from returning veterans. "We certainly owe our men and women in uniform a great deal of gratitude for their sacrifices. But equally important ... we also owe them a greater understanding of what they face upon returning home. This book, rooted in first-hand accounts by service members, is that source for greater understanding and compassion." – *Senator Bob Dole*
Register for this event through the link in the Friday egram.

Scouting for Food. On Nov. 14, Troop 895 and Pack 657 Scouts will collect non-perishable food items from neighboring homes, sort them in the FCPC parking lot, then deliver them to Knox Food Pantry. Church members can drop items off at the church in advance or deliver them to the Scouts in the church parking lot on Nov. 14 between 9 and 10:30 a.m.

The Falls Church Homeless Shelter will be open Nov. 15, 2026, through March 31, 2027. FCPC volunteers provide dinner for 14 each Monday night throughout the hypothermia season. See the Friday egram to sign up.

Calendar

Sunday, October 25 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Nourish Our Neighbors – Drop off donations for Knox Food Pantry

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

Congregational Nominating Committee, 9 a.m., Library

Newbies Class, 9 a.m., Room 303

Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room

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

Share the Feast Halloween Celebration, 11 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Youth Group & Families, 5 p.m., Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament, Baltimore

Monday, October 26 – Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

Tuesday, October 27 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom

Community Building Ministry Team, 7 p.m., Library

Wednesday, October 28 – Worship Ministry Team, 7 p.m., Zoom

Thursday, October 29 – *No scheduled events*

Friday, October 30 – *No scheduled events*

Saturday, October 31 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8 a.m., Parlor

Sunday, November 1 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost – *Daylight Saving Time Ends*

All Saints' Day, Hunger Offering Received

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Congregational Nominating Committee, 9 a.m., Library

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

Bagels & Bibles (grades 7-12) during worship, Third Floor

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

Children's Playdate, 11 a.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

Parlor Refresh Task Force, 11:15 a.m., Parlor

Youth Group (grades 6-12), 6 p.m., Panera Falls Church

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.

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-Green, Director of Children & Youth Ministry

Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music

Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist