FALLS CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN

November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment 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

Variations on "Kirken" arr. Dorothy H. Sheets (1915-2011)

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

Joyfully Sing to God Forever Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Joyfully Sing to God forever. Praise the Lord!
Sing to God forever. Praise the Lord!

WELCOME Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Give ear, O my people, and listen to the words of my mouth.
ALL: We will tell the coming generations of the Lord's glorious deeds and the wonders God has done.
ONE: Let us set our hope in God and not forget the works of the Lord.
ALL: As we wait, we will tell the story and keep the commandments.
ONE: We come together to worship the living God.

*** GATHERING HYMN 336** *We Gather Together*

CALL TO CONFESSION Lynn Wagner

ONE: If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, we seek to begin again. With confidence that God hears us as we pray, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world, our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of creation and sing your praises through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

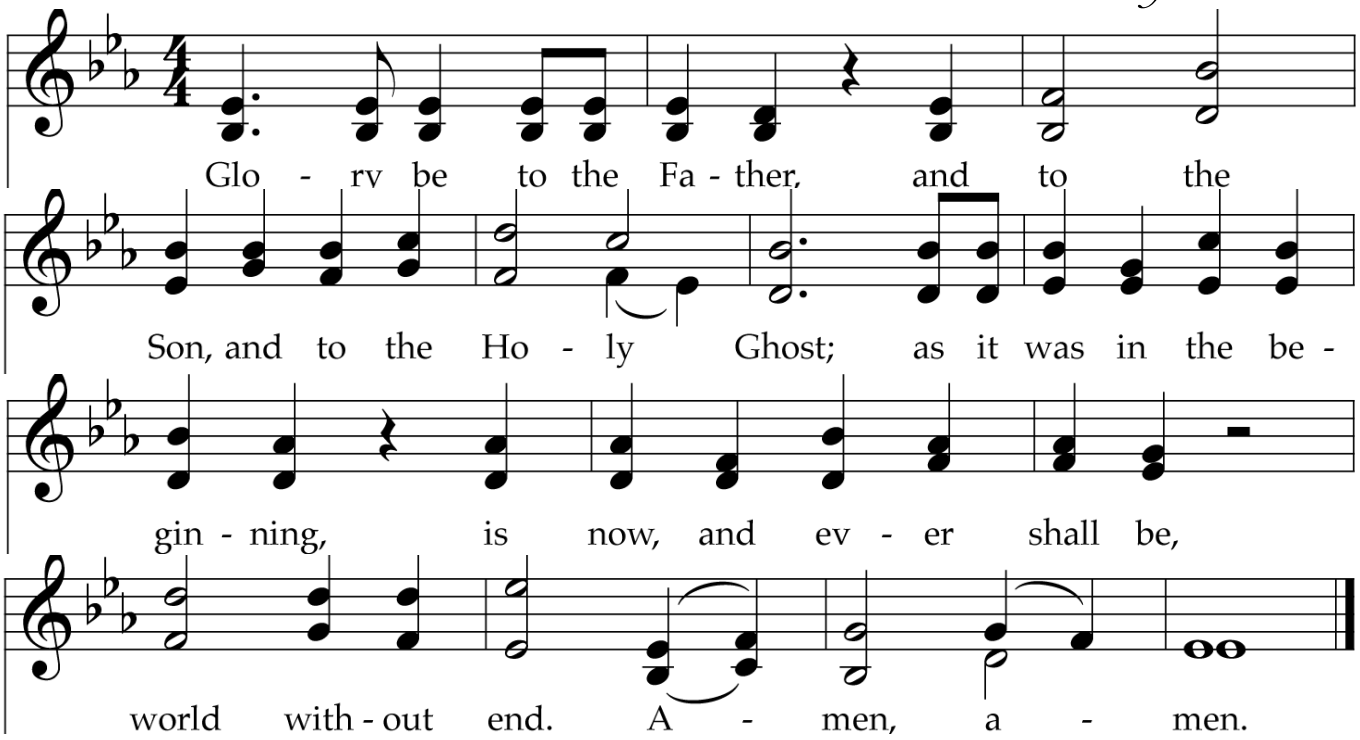
Yena Hwang

ONE: Siblings in Christ, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save. God comes to us in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen us in Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

* SING GLORY TO GOD 581

Glory Be to the Father



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*



TEXT: Taizé Community, 1982, 1991 HEAR MY PRAYER
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982 5.5.6.D
Text and Music © 1982 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Lynn Wagner

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 Amos 5:18-24 Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *In Sincerity and Faithfulness* Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the Belhar Confession, part 1) Megan Klose

We believe in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the Church by Word and his Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian Church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called 'blessed' because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness, both by word and by deed, to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Amen.

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:

Owen Bollinger, 15-month-old son of Kirsten Salpini and Matt Bollinger and great-nephew of Kirk and Mary Salpini, diagnosed with cancer

Tobi Brock, with a recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer

Bill Armstrong, father of Don Armstrong

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

MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY Linda Garvelink

GENEROSITY TEAM'S INVITATION TO OFFERING Linda Garvelink

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.*

Commitment Sunday: You are invited to bring your **Generosity & Campaign Pledge Card** forward during today's offering and place it in the basket. Pledge cards are available from the ushers. If your pledge was made online or you previously mailed it to the church office, you are welcome to come forward and touch the basket as a symbol of your commitment.

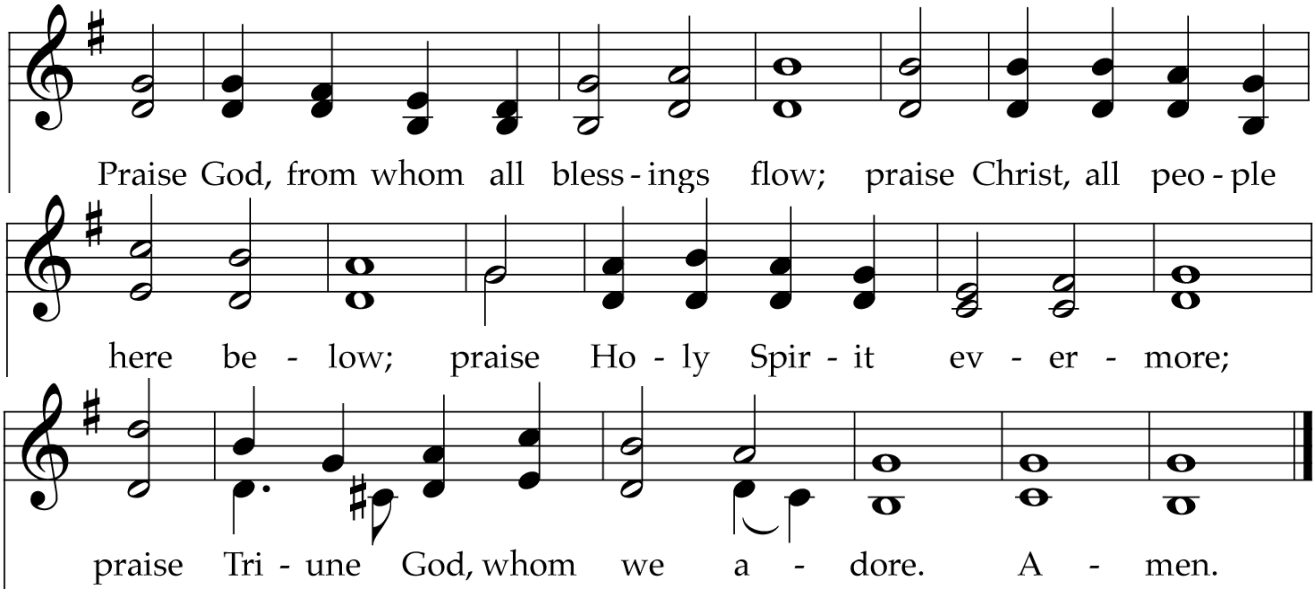
OFFERTORY

Steal Away arr. John Leavitt (b. 1956)

Refrain: *Steal away, steal away; Steal away to Jesus! Steal away, steal away home.*
I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me, He calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within a-my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here. [Refrain]
Green trees are bending; Poor sinners stand a-trembling. The trumpet sounds within a-my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here. [Refrain]
My Lord, he calls me, He calls me by the lightning. The trumpet sounds within a-my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here. [Refrain]

* DOXOLOGY 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

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* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Megan Klose

Generous God, thank you for providing for all our needs. We are promising to give our talent, time, and treasure as a token of our gratitude for all your generous gifts to us. We ask that you receive our humble offerings and multiply them to be used for your Kin-dom. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Yena Hwang

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen in B Flat (traditional)

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Lynn Wagner
Ushers	Marsha Schuyler, Shelly Skomra
Audio/Video	Cameron Zakreski
Sexton	Lynn Wagner
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given by Kathy Chavez to the glory of God and in honor of her three grandchildren.

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.

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.

Commitment Sunday

Today is Commitment Sunday! We invite every household to complete the Generosity and Capital Campaign Pledge Form. By coming together as people of God, we can accomplish far more than any one of us could on our own. Thank you for your prayers, your persistence, and your faithful support of Falls Church Presbyterian Church.

Generosity Campaign – Thank You for Your Faithfulness and thank you for your generous heart. By pledging to *Deep and Wide: Digging Deeper*, you have ensured that the mission and ministry of FCPC will remain strong and vibrant throughout 2027. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to the church we love and the future we are building together!

Capital Campaign – With Gratitude. Your participation in the *Sustaining Our Future* Capital Campaign is a tremendous act of faith. With your pledges, we will move forward with a clear, sustainable vision for our building, ensuring it remains a welcoming home for ministry for years to come.

Announcements

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. Learn more and register for this event through the link in the Friday egram.

Scouting for Food, Nov. 14. Scouts will be in the church parking lot between 9 and 10:30 a.m. Food donations are welcome and will go to Knox Food Pantry.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Nov. 15, 5 p.m. This year, FCPC is hosting the ecumenical Thanksgiving Service for the greater Falls Church community, with Rev. James Henry of Dulin United Methodist Church preaching. Please plan to attend and help welcome our neighbors!

Deacon and Elder recommendations due Nov. 22. Are you interested in becoming a deacon or an elder? Is there someone you would recommend? The Congregational Nominating Committee is asking for recommendations. Forms are available in Fellowship Hall; online forms are available through the link in the Friday egram. Questions? Contact Scott Armstrong (scottarmstrong@me.com).

15,120 Rise Against Hunger meals sent to El Salvador! The meals we packed at our RAH event on Aug. 30 have landed in El Salvador, the smallest and most densely populated country in Central America. Read more in the Friday egram.

Calendar

Sunday, November 8 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost – Commitment Sunday
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
IT Governance Team, 11 a.m., Conference Room
Youth Group (grades 6-12), Game Night, 6 p.m., Third Floor
Monday, November 9 – Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft
Tuesday, November 10 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom Session, 7 p.m., Library
Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans Day – Church Office closed
Thursday, November 12 – *No scheduled events*
Friday, November 13 – *No scheduled events*
Saturday, November 14 – Bible Banter (formerly known as Saturday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship Group and previously meeting at 8 a.m.), 8:30 a.m., Parlor
Crooked Steeple Literary Festival, 2 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 15 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost
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
Continuing Antiracism Discussion, 11 a.m., Parlor
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 5 p.m., FCPC Sanctuary
Youthsgiving, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

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
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