FALLS CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN

November 15, 2026
25th 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

Gift of Finest Wheat arr. Ron Schmoltze (b. 1936)

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing (traditional)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

WELCOME Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
ALL: Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.
ONE: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
ALL: Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
ONE: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
ALL: Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.
ONE: Let us worship together this day!

*** GATHERING HYMN 39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CALL TO CONFESSION Carolyn Bruce

ONE: We are a people who wander from the ways of God. We have not loved, served, and given of ourselves as we should. We have sinned. Let us then offer our prayer of confession, trusting in our Savior's infinite grace and mercy.

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

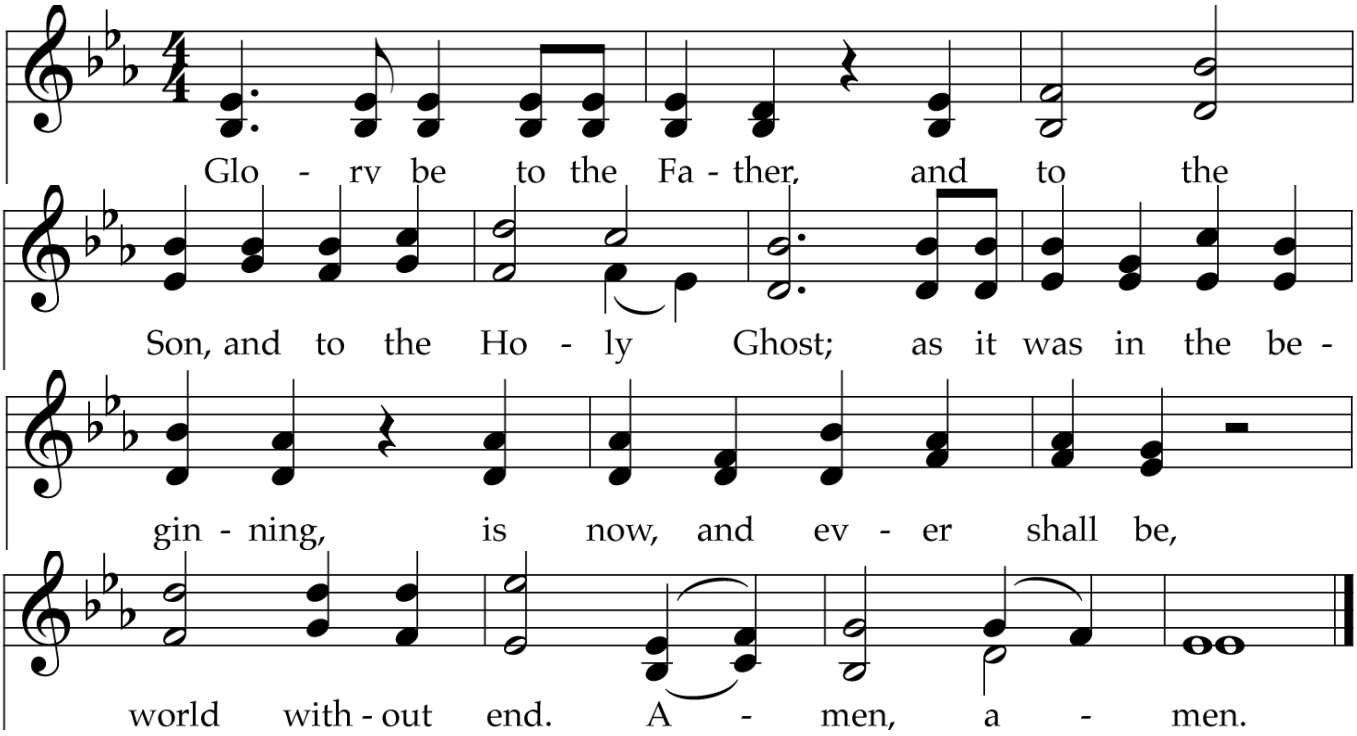
Yena Hwang

ONE: Hear the Good News! Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven. Be at peace. Amen.

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 Psalm 27 Carolyn Bruce

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 John 9:1-3, Corinthians 1:26-31 Yena Hwang

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

TESTIMONY Kate Ashbrook, A Purposeful Day

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN 661** *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?*

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the Iona Community Book of Prayer) Megan Klose

With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the spirit. With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purpose of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Carolyn 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:

Margaret Beatty, mother of Sam Beatty, in the hospital
Anne Mugler, with upcoming shoulder surgery on Nov. 18
Owen Bollinger, son of Kirsten Salpini and Matt Bollinger and great-nephew of Kirk and Mary Salpini, diagnosed with cancer at 15 months old
Tobi Brock, with a recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer

Ongoing prayer concerns:

FCPC members: Avery Burns; Winnie Harris-Zoellner; Mike Hugo; Ruth Mileham; Ken Waugh; *Relatives and friends:* Bill Armstrong, Don Armstrong's father; 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.*

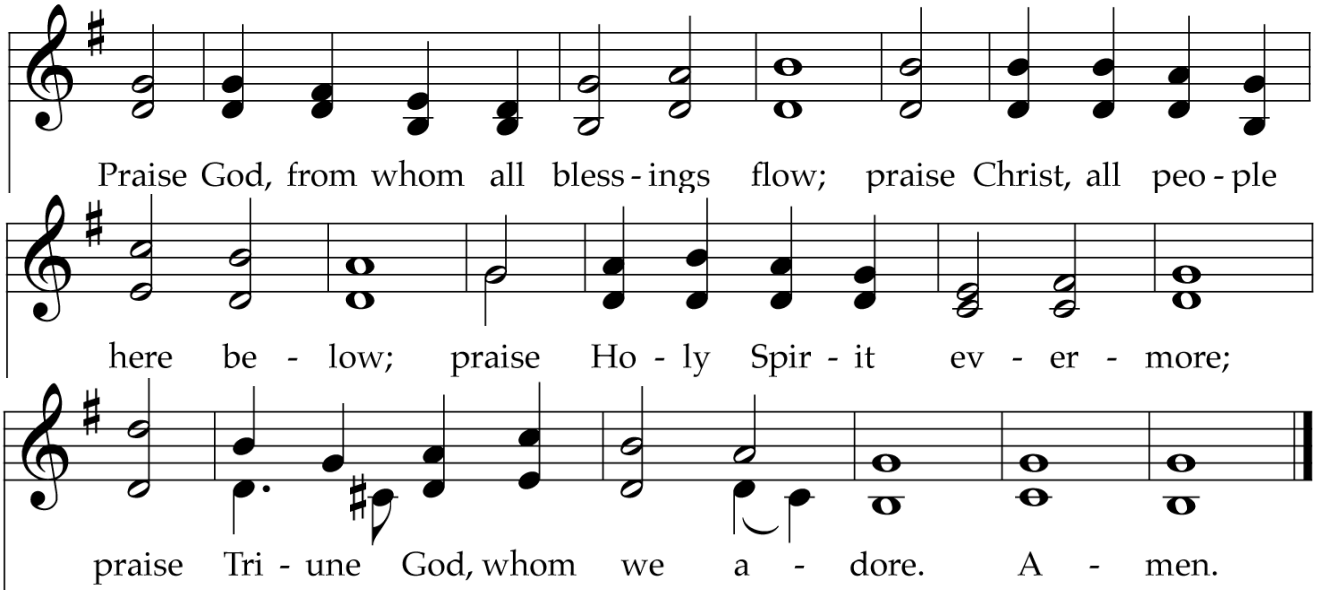
OFFERTORY

Celtic Laud — Craig Courtney (b. 1954)

Chancel Choir

For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat, for bread and for wine, the gift of your feast,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise, O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.
For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees, for coal in the fire, your Spirit in me,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise, O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.
For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light, for every new birth, for grace and for life,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise, O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

*** 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

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 450** *Be Thou My Vision*

*** 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

Haymaker's Dance Betty Roe (1930-2026)

***** *Please rise in body or spirit*

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Carolyn Bruce
Ushers	Carol Kercheval, Clay Warner
Audio/Video	Cameron Zakreski
Sexton	Carolyn Bruce
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given by to the glory of God by the Kercheval family in loving memory of Bill Kercheval and his service to the PC(USA) and FCPC's Welcome Table.

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.

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.

Announcements

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service today at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This year, the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service for the greater Falls Church community will be held at FCPC, with Rev. James Henry of Dulin United Methodist preaching. Plan to attend and help welcome our neighbors.

Youthsgiving is TODAY! Families with children in grades 3–12 and all those who have chaperoned a youth event in the last year are invited to join us today at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Loft for our Youthsgiving celebration! We'll share a meal, play games, and enjoy time building community together. We'll provide Raising Cane's chicken fingers and ask families to help complete the feast by bringing a dish based on the first letter of your last name: A–H bring a side dish, I–M bring a dessert, and N–Z bring drinks (juice, soda, or sparkling cider). We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Newbies Trivia Night, Nov. 18. Join the Newbies on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6:45 p.m. at the Hawk & Griffin in Vienna for Trivia Night. No prior trivial experience or Newbies class attendance is necessary! If you are interested, please email Chuck Anderson (canderson@captrade.com) so he can put you on the team roster.

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 welcomes your 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).

A Season of Gratitude. We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support on Commitment Sunday. To those who have returned their joint Generosity and Capital Campaign Pledge Form, thank you for your faithfulness. If you have not yet had the opportunity to return your form, it is not too late to submit your pledge as we move forward together with our shared mission.

Holiday Hangout & Christmas Market, Dec. 6. This year, the Holiday Hangout & Christmas Market will take place immediately following worship. Join us in Fellowship Hall for Holiday fun, food, and fellowship! Be sure to visit the Christmas Market in the Fellowship Hall Loft for some great deals on new and gently used Christmas gifts. Proceeds from the Market support our Welcome Table program.

NVFS Toy Drive. Mercy Ministry is seeking donations of new, unwrapped toys, games, puzzles, books, and gift cards for our 14th annual Northern Virginia Family Service Toy Drive. Donations can be left in the big, gift-wrapped box near the entrance to Fellowship Hall. **Contributions are needed by Dec. 6.**

Calendar

Sunday, November 15 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8:45 a.m., Choir Room; 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Congregational Nominating Committee, 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
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 5 p.m., Sanctuary
Youthsgiving (grades 3-12 & their families), 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft
Monday, November 16 – Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom
Sarah Circle, 6 p.m., Parlor
Spiritual Growth Ministry Team, 7 p.m., Third Floor
Wednesday, November 18
Third Wednesday Welcome Table, 11 a.m.–7:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Newbies Group Trivia Night, 6:45 p.m., Hawk & Griffin, Vienna
Personnel Team, 7 p.m., Zoom
Thursday, November 19 – *No scheduled events*
Friday, November 20 – *No scheduled events*
Saturday, November 21 – Bible Banter (formerly known as Saturday Morning Bible Study & Fellowship Group), 8:30 a.m., Parlor
Sunday, November 22 – Christ the King/Reign of Christ
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8:15 a.m., Choir Room; 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Congregational Nominating Committee, 9 a.m., Library
Serendipity Class, 9 a.m., Conference Room
Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary and online

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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