FALLS CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN

November 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Ecumenical Service of Worship
5:00 p.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

All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Peter Hilliard (contemporary)

Elliott Mihelic, horn

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT

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!

WELCOME

Yena Hwang

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 100)

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

ALL: Serve the LORD with gladness and come into the Lord's presence with singing.

ONE: Know that the LORD is God.

ALL: It is God who made us; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

ONE: Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and praise.

ALL: Give thanks to the Lord; bless the Lord's name.

ONE: For the LORD is good

ALL: the Lord's steadfast love endures forever, and the Lord is faithful to all generations.

ONE: Let us worship God!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION Megan Klose

ONE: We are called to live in right relationship with God by living in right relationship with one another. We are called to love God, by loving our neighbors. I invite us to humbly confess our sins to the One who pardons our shortcomings and sins, so that we can be set on the path of righteousness through God's grace and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, we confess that we often take your love for granted. We know we are to show our love for you by loving our neighbors as ourselves. However, we have a hard time truly loving our neighbors. We know that you have filled our lives with the love of family and friends, the comfort of our homes, the challenges of work, and the support of our faith community, yet too often, we have taken all these for granted. We complain that we lack, that we need more, failing to see that everything we have is your abundant gift to us. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to see your abundance. Through the mercy of Jesus Christ, forgive us of our shortcomings. Renew us and fill us with the spirit of gratitude, so that our joy may exude in the world. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
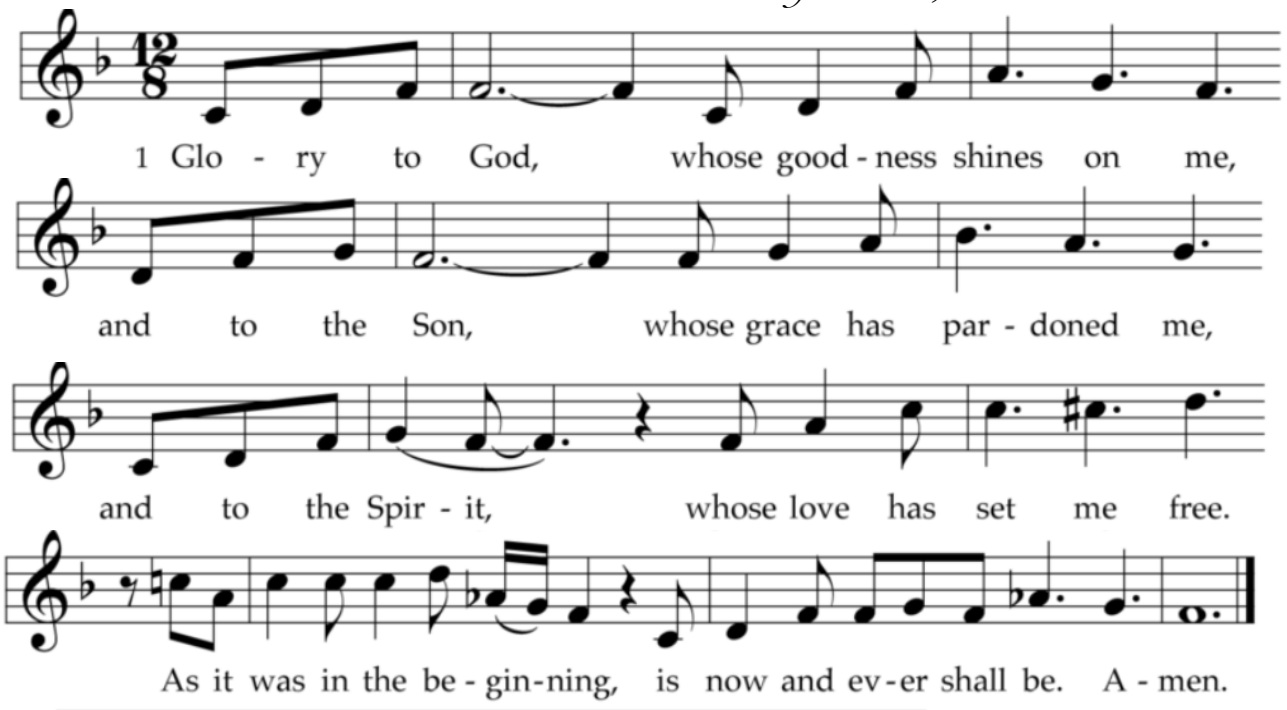
Megan Klose

ONE: The God of steadfast love hears our earnest prayers and forgives us our shortcomings. In the grace and mercy of the Almighty, you are forgiven. Rejoice!

ALL: We rejoice! We are grateful! Glory to God whose goodness shines on us!

* SING GLORY TO GOD 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
Text Adapt. and Music © 2008 Paul M. Vasile

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

* PASSING THE PEACE

Megan Klose
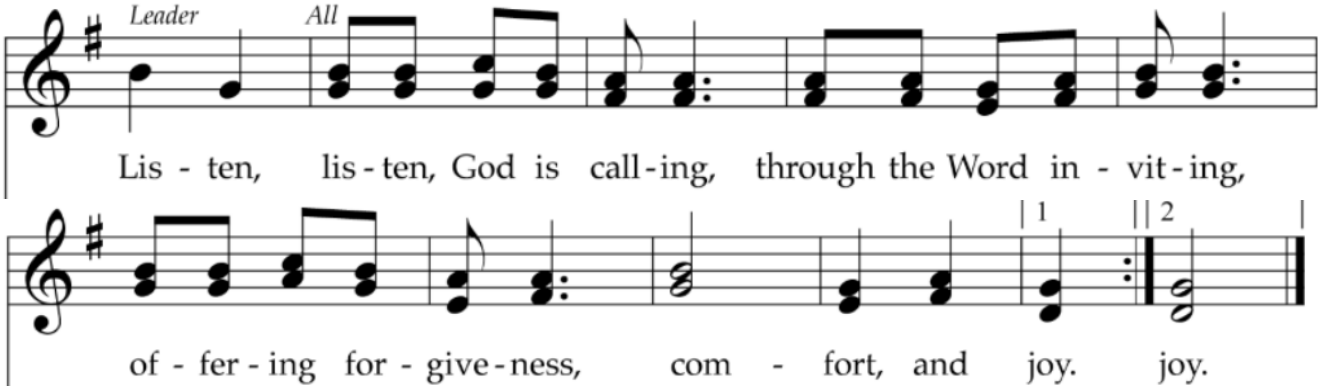
ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 456

Listen, Listen God Is Calling



TEXT: Kenyan; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1987
MUSIC: Kenyan; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1987
English Trans. © 1987 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira (admin. Augsburg Fortress)
Music Arr. © 1987 Austin C. Lovelace (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

NENO LAKE MUNGU
6.4.6.4 with refrain

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 65: 1-4 Joseph Moseray

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Thankful arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Don Armstrong, voice; Lisa Bloy, piano

Some days we forget to look around us. Some days we can't see the joy that surrounds us.
So caught up inside ourselves, we take when we should give.

So as Your church, we pray for what we know can be;
And in God's name, we hope for what we still can't see.
It's up to us to be the change, and even though we all can still do more,
There's so much to be thankful for.

Even with our differences, in God's love we're all connected.
Each of us can shine with Jesus' light.

So as Your church, we pray for what we know can be.
And in God's name, we hope for what we still can't see.
It's up to us to be the change, and even though this world needs so much more,
There's so much to be thankful for.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 8:7-18 J.P. Hong

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Do Not Forget* James Henry

We Respond to God's Word

*** A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING** Julius Rodriguez

(from the Office of Theology and Worship of the PCUSA)

ONE: For the rain that tickles our nose, the sun that brightens our eye, and snow for the making of angels,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For icy branches clacking in winter's winds and burgeoning buds that reveal quick in death,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For spring, first peeking shyly and then bursting into a riot of color,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For the green earth, fragrant and fruitful; for sun-ripened peaches, sweet corn, and tomatoes fresh from the vine,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For the crisp chill of sweater weather, the tang of apple cider, and crackling fires that draw us close,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For the joys of human life; for the mystery of birth born of love; and for the wide-eyed wonder of babies toddling with joyful laughter,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For children who share ice cream with dogs and sandwiches with those in need of a friend; for teens growing into responsibility while still hugging stuffed animals,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For loyal friends who always make time to talk, and for long conversations about what truly matters,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For the church that proclaims your goodness and, through Jesus Christ, claims us as its own,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For your River of Life flowing through us, baptizing us with resurrection do-overs in streams of mercy renewed each morning,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For learning that awakens curiosity and for vocations that serve your purposes in the world, in ways both great and small,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For all who serve the public good according to your desire for love, healing, peace, and justice: for wise leaders and peacemakers amid war; for those who heal bodies and the body politic; for those who remove our waste; and for those who fight pollution,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For the comfort and joy of loving touch; for family ties that hold us close in care,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For all your abundant provisions that fill our needs, so that we may provide for the world,

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For your breath of life moving through the universe and through us

ALL: We give you thanks, O Lord, by lifting our voices in unison this hymn of grateful praise.

*** HYMN 643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

ANNOUNCEMENTS Burl Salmon

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Jim Baucom

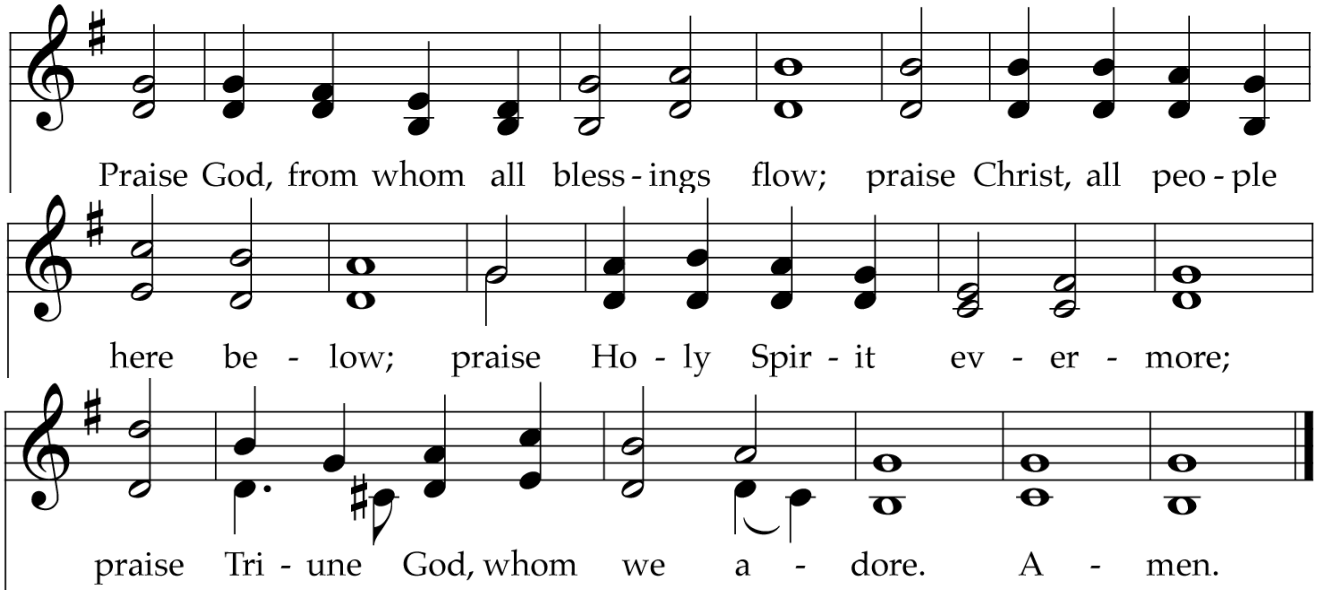
OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter (b. 1945)

Joint Choir, directed by Don Armstrong

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies
Over and around us lies.
Chorus: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*
For the beauty of the hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light
Sun and moon and stars of light. [Chorus]
For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild
For all gentle thoughts and mild. [Chorus]

*** DOXOLOGY 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*



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

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Jim Baucom

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 367** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING** James Henry

POSTLUDE

Alleluia W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Elliott Mihelic, horn

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

Songs reprinted with permission under One License #A-721003. All rights reserved.

Supporting Us in Worship Today

Christ Crossman United Methodist Church	The Rev. J.P. Hong
Columbia Church	The Rev. Jim Baucom
Dulin United Methodist Church	The Rev. James Henry
Falls Church Presbyterian Church	The Rev. Yena K. Hwang
	The Rev. Megan Klose
Galloway United Methodist Church	The Rev. Joseph Moseray
The Falls Church (Episcopal)	The Rev. Burl Salmon
	The Rev. Julius Rodriguez
Ushers	Lowell Schuyler, Marsha Schuyler
Audio/Video	Cameron Zakreski

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this afternoon.
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.

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

225 East Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046
703-532-6518 | www.fallschurchpresby.org