FALLS CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN

November 22, 2026
Christ the King/Reign of Christ
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

Morning Song arr. David Paxton (contemporary)

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

Crown Him with Many Crowns (traditional)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

WELCOME Yena Hwang

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
ALL: Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!
ONE: Know this! The Lord is God!
ALL: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
ONE: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and come into the sanctuary with praise.
ALL: Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name. Let us worship God!

*** GATHERING HYMN 363** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

CALL TO CONFESSION Drew Luten

ONE: This is a holy time and a holy place set aside for holy people; yet what makes us holy is not our perfection, it is Christ's. Every sin that is found outside of the church is found inside of it. The only difference is that here we acknowledge our sin and lay it before the One who has the power and authority to redeem us. Trusting in the promise that God is for us, let us confess our sins together:

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Almighty God, you are God of all creation, from beginning to end. All authority and power to direct the ways of the world are in your hands. Yet you saw fit to outfit humankind with the same freedom to choose and act that you have. We thank you for this power, but confess we often misuse it. We choose to do the things we know not to do. We take advantage, even as we sense our conscience pulling us away from what is wrong. We deny our own agency and claim "it is what it is" about the sufferings and injustices of the world when we should be working to make a change. Forgive us, Merciful God, of our shallowness of heart and slowness of action. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the Advocate for the least among us, that we be empowered to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly before you. Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

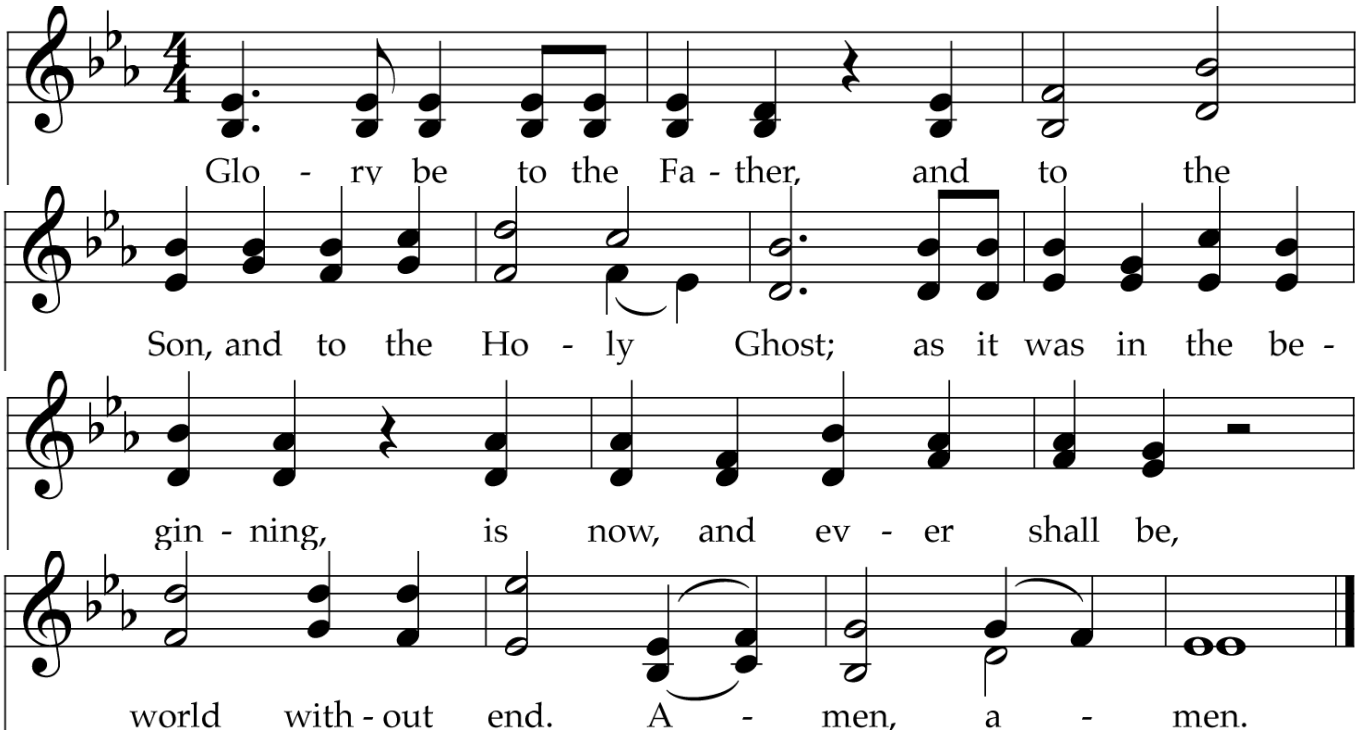
Megan Klose

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



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

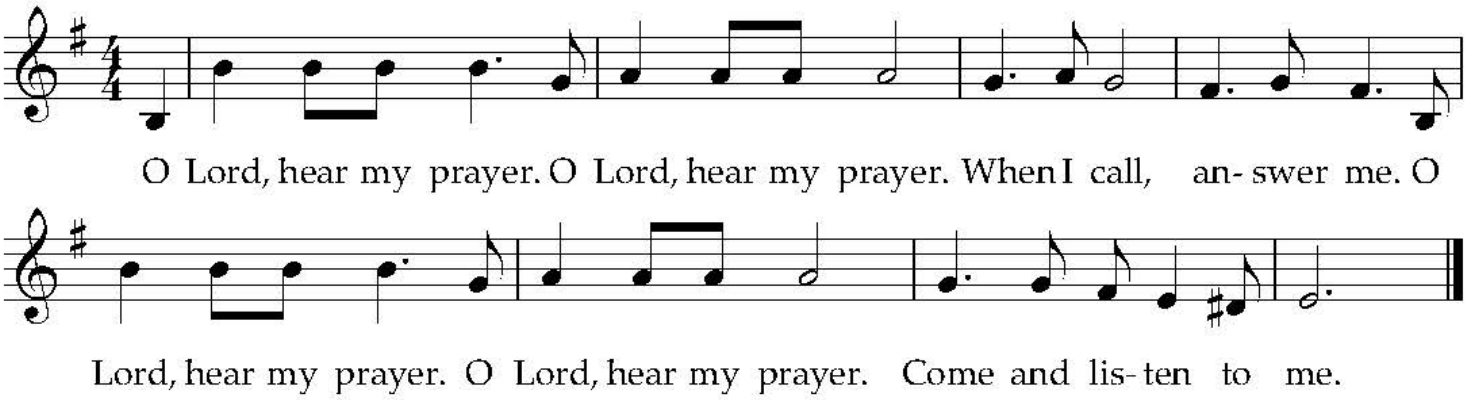
*** PASSING THE PEACE** Megan Klose

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*



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 Matthew 6:7-13 Drew Luten

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 1 Thessalonians 5:16-21 Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *When You Pray …* Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 735** *I Need Thee Every Hour*

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the Iona Abbey Worship Book) Yena Hwang

We believe in God in whom is 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 — Drew Luten

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:

Charlotte Volpe, recovering from gender-affirming surgery
Anne Mugler, recovering from 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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY — *NVFS Toy Drive* — Rex Campbell

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST — Yena Hwang

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

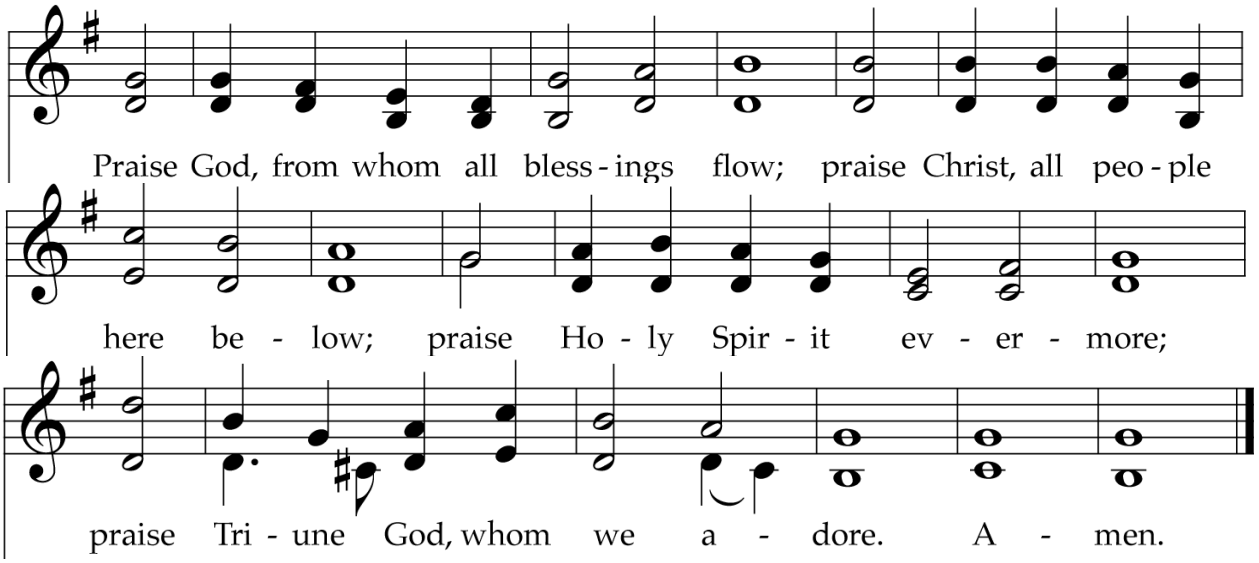
We Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

Chancel Choir

We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be, our God is present there.
Sing the great and mighty power of God!

* 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

Yena Hwang

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Megan Klose

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Shall Reign Forever G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

The Lord shall reign forever and ever!

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

POSTLUDE

Declare Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Drew Luten
Ushers	Tad Howard, Will Packard
Audio/Video	Cameron Zakreski
Sexton	Drew Luten
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jaimie Colleen DeBose, forever loved and grieved by her mom, Linda Lawrence, and sister, Shawn Reinis.

Fellowship Hour + Scout Troop 895 Holiday Fundraiser

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Scout Troop 895 will have a limited number of wreaths, White House ornaments, and maple syrup available for purchase.

Announcements

Deacon and Elder recommendations due today, 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).

Nourish Our Neighbors (Holiday Edition). During the next couple of months, food pantries will be stretched to provide food for families during school holidays. Donations of high-protein items such as canned meats, peanut butter, dried beans, and shelf-stable milk are needed at Knox Food Pantry. Check the QR code for other needed items. Simply drop items off at the white pantry in the main hallway anytime and they will be delivered to Knox.

Toiletry donations needed. As the holidays near and we enter the cold-weather season, please know that guests at our local shelters and our own Welcome Table are in need of individual, full-size toiletries. Most shelters do not provide these, so we ask that you consider picking up items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, and bars of soap, and drop them off at the white pantry in the main hallway for distribution.

Thanksgiving and Stewardship. As we approach Thanksgiving, we reflect on the abundant gifts God has bestowed upon Falls Church Presbyterian. Our commitments to the Generosity and Capital Campaigns are a reflection of that gratitude. Let us continue to steward our resources—both our annual ministry and our physical home—as we celebrate the blessings of this church family.

Holiday Hangout & Three Kings Market, Dec. 6. This year, the Holiday Hangout & Three Kings Market will take place immediately following worship. Join us in Fellowship Hall for holiday fun and fellowship with games and carol singing! **Please bring a main or side dish to share** (dessert will be provided). **Please also bring a canned food item** for Knox Food Pantry. Be sure to visit the Three Kings 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.

Queerly Gathered Advent Service, Dec. 6. Join Queerly Gathered for a special worship service led by queer clergy and local queer faith leaders on December 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Clarendon Presbyterian Church. Together, we will gather for prayer, reflection, music, and community, celebrating God's love and the sacred worth of every person. All are welcome, including allies, friends, and family members.

NVFS Toy Drive – Donations needed by Dec. 6. Mercy Ministry is seeking donations of new, unwrapped toys, games, puzzles, books, and gift cards for our 14th annual Northern Virginia Family Services Toy Drive. Donations can be left in the big, gift-wrapped box near the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Pick up a copy of the wish list at the big box or view it online through the link in the Friday egram.

Notary services available. We are pleased to let you know that we now have a notary on staff. FCPC Financial Administrator Renee Rumingan is available to provide notary services to members of our congregation. Renee is available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Email rrumingan@fallschurchpresby.org to schedule an appointment.

Calendar

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
Monday, November 23 – Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, November 24 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom
Wednesday, November 25 – *No scheduled events*

Thursday, November 26 – **Thanksgiving Day** – *Church office closed*
Friday, November 27 – *No scheduled events*
Saturday, November 28 – Bible Banter, 8:30 a.m., Parlor
Sunday, November 29 – First Sunday of Advent
Nourish Our Neighbors – Drop off donations for Knox Food Pantry
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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
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