



FALLS CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN

September 22, 2024
18th 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

Bach Partita No. 2, BWV 1004: I. Allemanda

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Regino Madrid, violin

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT

God of Every New Beginning

(traditional)

*God the Spirit, life-bestower, singing wind and dancing fire,
fount of faith's imagination, hope's endurance, love's desire:
come, renew your gifts among us, let them form our minds and wills;
fire us with the truth that frees us; breathe again the peace that stills.*

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Megan Klose

ONE: In times of scarcity and disquiet,

ALL: Christ is our peace.

ONE: In times of turmoil and darkness,

ALL: Christ is our peace.

ONE: In times of division and violence,

ALL: Christ is our peace.

ONE: As we gather today in that household of peace, let us worship God.

*** GATHERING HYMN 309**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

** Please rise in body or spirit*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Myra Bridgforth

ONE: My sisters and brothers, not out of dread and fear, but believing in the understanding and forgiveness of God, let us rid ourselves of what we need no longer carry. Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty...

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

ALL: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

ONE: Amen.

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ONE: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

ALL: Amen.

Personal prayer in silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Megan Klose

ONE: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

* SING GLORY TO GOD 581

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. 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, gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,". The score consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the". The second staff continues the lyrics: "Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -". The third staff continues: "gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,". The fourth staff repeats the final part of the lyrics: "gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,".

*** PASSING THE PEACE** Megan Klose

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

ALL: And also with you.

Children four years and older are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in Room 59.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Today a New Beginning

Asa Hull (1828-1917)



Once a-gain a new be - gin - ing, Yes - ter-day I've put be - hind,



To You, Lord, I come in seek - ing, For Your Words: bring them to mind.



Oh Lord, grant me Your rich speak - ing, Cause my spir - it filled to be,



Lord, my heart and thoughts trans - form - ing, That my life I live by Thee.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Myra Bridgforth

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

Rebekah Greniven

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's House

Rebekah Greniven

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 756**

O God of Every Nation

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

Megan Klose

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community... In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER FAITHFULLY STORY

Myra Bridgforth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Myra Bridgforth

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 Pastor Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

Please keep in your prayers ...

Allan Capon, Young Hobbie, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh, with continuing health concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Myra Bridgforth

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

Carolyn Bruce

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OFFERTORY

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Regino Madrid, violin

*Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears. The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands;*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary; they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry, “Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”*

*My God is reconciled, His pard’ning voice I hear; He owns me for a child, I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh, and, “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.*

* 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
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* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Megan Klose

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rebekah Greniven

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Healer of Our Every Ill

Marty Hagen (b. 1950)

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,

Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow. Amen, alleluia, amen.

POSTLUDE

Bach Partita No. 2, BWV 1004: IV. Gigue

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Regino Madrid, violin

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Myra Bridgforth
Ushers	Margo Thorning, Clay Warner
Audio/Video	Lexi Hess
Closing Sexton	Suzanne Martin
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ethel Leslie in gratitude for medical advances that save and improve lives.
Guest Musician	Regino Madrid, violin

Today's special music is sponsored by the Heiden Endowment Fund. Jon Heiden was FCPC's Director of Music from 1967 to 1997. Please consider donating to the Heiden Endowment Fund to support special music in worship.

Today's Guest Preacher

Rebekah Greniven is a Candidate for Ordination under care of the National Capital Presbytery. She currently serves as a pastoral associate at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church. Rebekah graduated with her M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary in May 2024. When not working in a ministry setting, Rebekah is making music of many genres including Celtic, musical theatre, and orchestral.

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. If you need to step out of worship, the service is being broadcast into the parlor, just across the hall from the narthex at the back of the sanctuary. Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex. 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, please talk to the pastor as you exit the sanctuary. More information can be found on our website.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Children's bulletins and coloring sheets are available for children of all ages at each entrance. **The Kids' Corner** in the front right of the Sanctuary is a space where children and their grownups can play, read, color, and participate in worship. **Children up to age 4:** BibleFun with Mr. Tom begins at 10:00 a.m. in Room 206. Paid nursery staff provide support to our youngest disciples. **Children 4 years old and up:** Godly Play is offered in Room 59 following the Passing of the Peace.

Fellowship Hour

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Announcements

Drop & Dash is today. Drop off donations for Knox Pantry and full-size toiletry items for Welcome Table at the white cupboard in the main hallway.

Stated Presbytery Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 5:00 p.m. FCPC's request for an exception to allow us to call Yena Hwang as our next called and installed pastor will be on the docket for the Sept. 24 Presbytery meeting at National Presbyterian Church. Congregants are invited to attend the meeting as a show of support for our request and will have an opportunity to speak to the request if they so desire.

Registration is required. See link in egram. Want to carpool? <https://bit.ly/3XmUaLS>

Worship Through Service Sunday, Sept. 29, 10:00 a.m. We will have a brief service in the sanctuary, then disperse to work on projects inside and outside the church.

Usher Training, Sept. 29, 11:00 a.m., Narthex. Learn all the secrets (including how to ring the bell!) in a short training after the Worship Through Service service.

Stand with Our Youth & Families on Sept. 29, 3:15–5:00 p.m. Did you know that youth in our area who are having a mental health crisis really have no place suitable to go? While funds have been allocated for a new youth Crisis Receiving Center in Northern Virginia, we are still waiting for the building process to begin. VOICE is working to change that! Join us in attending VOICE Fairfax's Behavioral Health Assembly at Fairfax High School. Want to carpool? <https://bit.ly/3MMJx07>

“I've been meaning to ask ...” New adult class begins Oct. 2. Get to know your FCPC friends and family better through a series of structured conversations. The class will run Wednesdays, Oct. 2-23, 6:30-8:00 p.m., on the third floor. A light dinner is served. Please register so we have enough food: <https://bit.ly/3XwpdpK>

Welcome, Yolanda! Yolanda Darden joined the FCPC staff on Sept. 10 to serve as our new financial administrator. Yolanda graduated from George Mason University with a degree in accounting and has more than 30 years of accounting experience. Please give Yolanda a warm welcome when you see her!

Congregational Meeting, Oct. 6. Session has called a congregational meeting following worship on Oct. 6 for the purpose of calling Yena Hwang as FCPC's next called and installed pastor and for approving her terms of call, if the way be clear following the Sept. 24 Presbytery meeting.

Congregational Meeting, Oct. 13. Session has called a congregational meeting following worship on Oct. 13 for the purpose of electing the 2024-2025 Congregational Nominating Committee.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 22

Drop & Dash Sunday, Bring food donations for Knox Pantry to main hallway
Matthew 25 Book Study, 9:00 a.m., Room 303
Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room
BibleFun (up to age 4), 10:00 a.m., Room 206
Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
The Bridge (Grades 3-6), 3:00 p.m., Third Floor Youth Lounge
Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Third Floor Youth Lounge

Monday, September 23 – No scheduled events

Tuesday, September 24

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 9:00 a.m., Zoom, contact Pastor Megan
Stated Presbytery Meeting, 5:00 p.m., National Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, September 25 – No scheduled events

Thursday, September 26

Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Friday, September 27 – No scheduled events

Saturday, September 28 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Sunday, September 29

Matthew 25 Book Study, 9:00 a.m., Room 303
Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room
Worship Through Service Sunday, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, various rooms/grounds
Usher Training, 11:00 a.m., Narthex
VOICE Behavioral Health Assembly, 3:15-5:00 p.m., Fairfax High School

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. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement

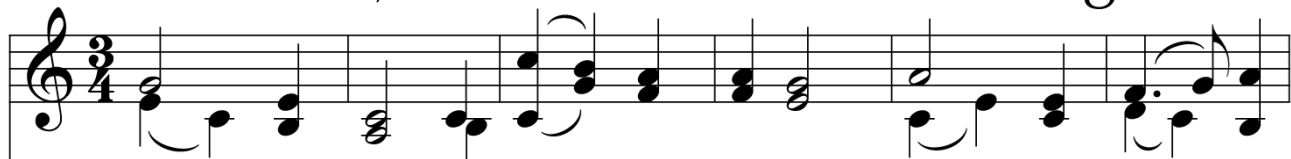
Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music; Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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309 Come, Great God of All the Ages



1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir-it, sure foun - da - tion,
3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra-tion, house - hold of the



mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing



let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each
let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and



mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the



work of build - ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.
faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

This text was written in 1987 for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. It is set here to a mid-20th-century tune created in wartime England to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

O God of Every Nation 756

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,


re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.


757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples




1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might-y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing




Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.