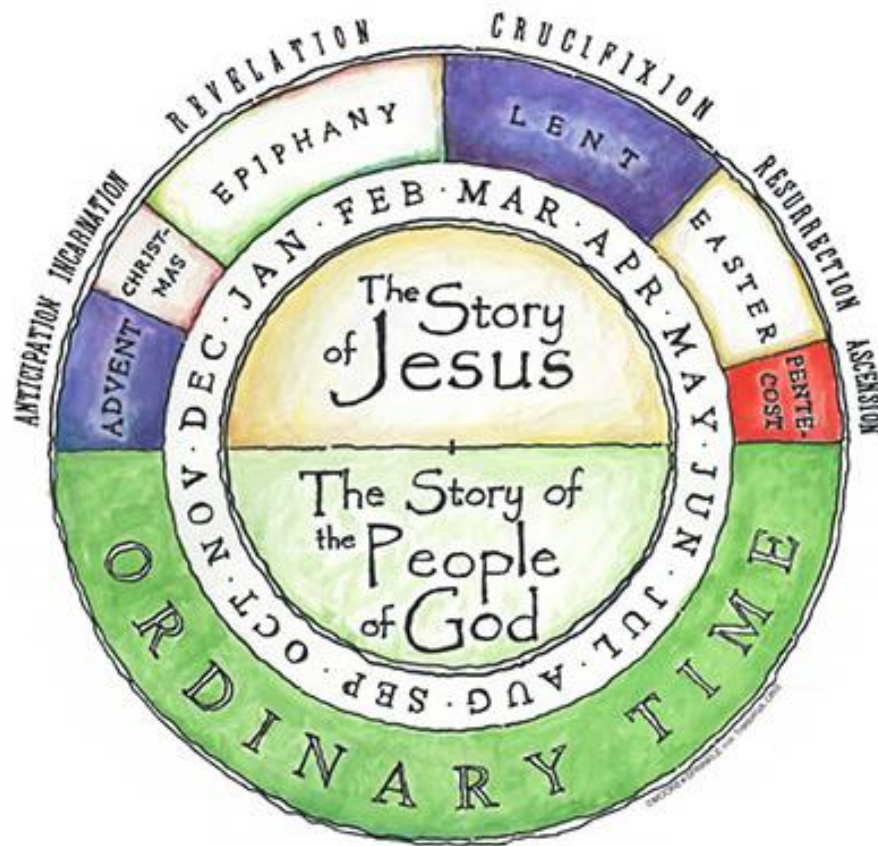


Gathering those who fear they are not enough,  
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



## ***We Gather to Praise God***

### **PRELUDE**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

arr. Lawrence Grant (contemporary)

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **INTROIT**

*Sing Praise*

Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving. Come in with a heart full of love.  
Sing praise to your Creator and King. Sing praise to God above!*

## WELCOME

Yena Hwang

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Give thanks, praise God's name, tell all that the Lord has done.

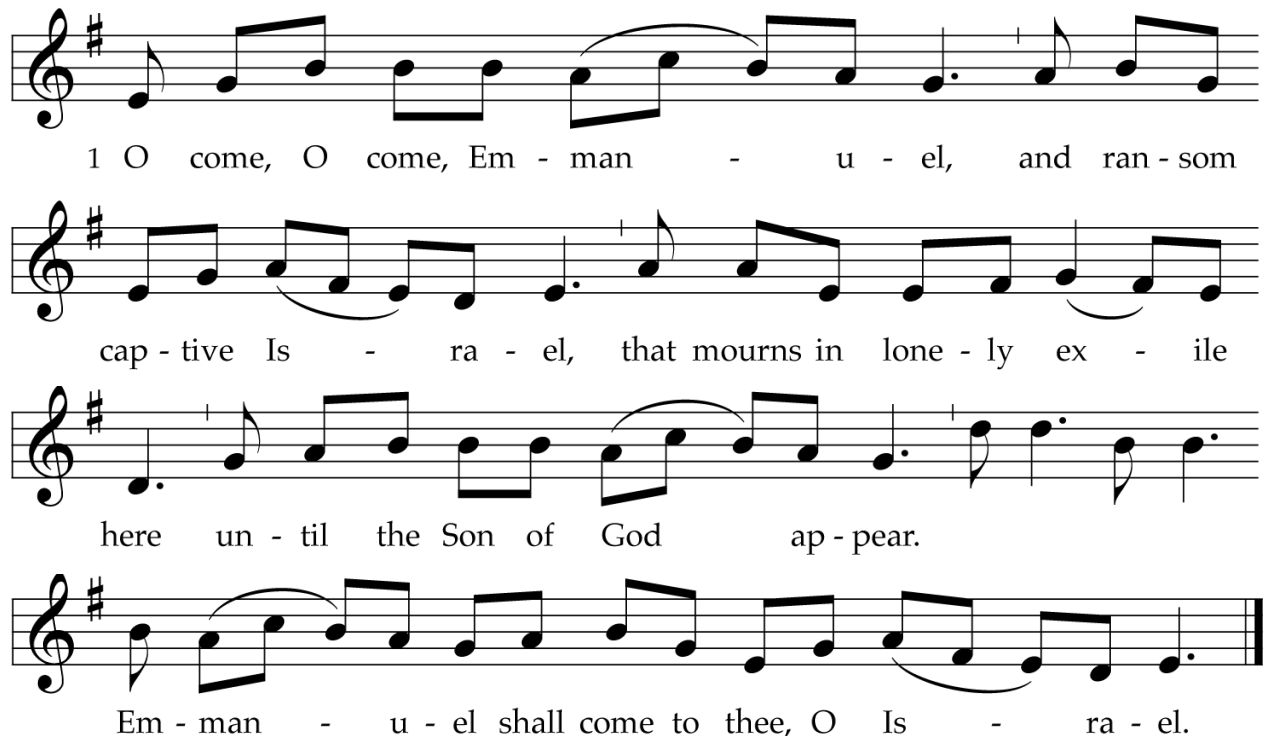
ALL: **Sing songs and tell the stories of the Lord's mighty wonders!**

ONE: Revel in God's holy name, delight in seeking the Lord. Look always for the presence and power of God!

ALL: **God remembers God's sacred word. God brings out the beloved with joy and so we sing our songs of joy!**

### \* GATHERING HYMN 88 (v. 1)

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

TEXT: Latin prose, pre-9th cent.; trans. composite  
MUSIC: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1988  
Music Arr. © 1990 John Weaver

VENI EMMANUEL  
LM with refrain

## ***Expecting the Gift – The Season of Advent***

*The liturgical year begins with the season of Advent. “Advent” means coming or arrival, and in this season we anticipate Jesus’ return. The season of Advent comprises the four Sundays preceding Christmas Day. Its color is purple or blue.*

### FIRST READING

Luke 1:26-38

Marnie Sarver

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

## Receiving the Gift – The Season of Christmas

*The season of Christmas begins on Christmas Day, December 25, and lasts for twelve days.  
Its colors are white and gold.*

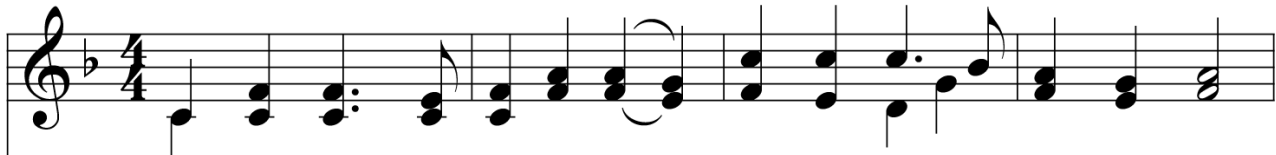
**SECOND READING**

Luke 2:1-14

Tom Bruce

**HYMN 119** (vv. 1 and 3)

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*



1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.  
MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

MENDELSSOHN  
7.7.7.7.D with refrain

## ***We Listen for God's Word***

### ***Commissioning the Gift – Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord, and Transfiguration of the Lord***

*Epiphany is celebrated on January 6. We mark the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles by remembering the visitation of the magi. Its color is white.*

**THIRD READING**

Matthew 2:1-12

Sue Armstrong

**HYMN 151** (v. 1)

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.

*Refrain*

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,  
west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the refrain. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

TEXT and MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1857, alt.

KINGS OF ORIENT  
8.8.8.6 with refrain

*Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the first Sunday after Epiphany. Its color is white.*

**FOURTH READING**

Matthew 3:13-17

Yena Hwang

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

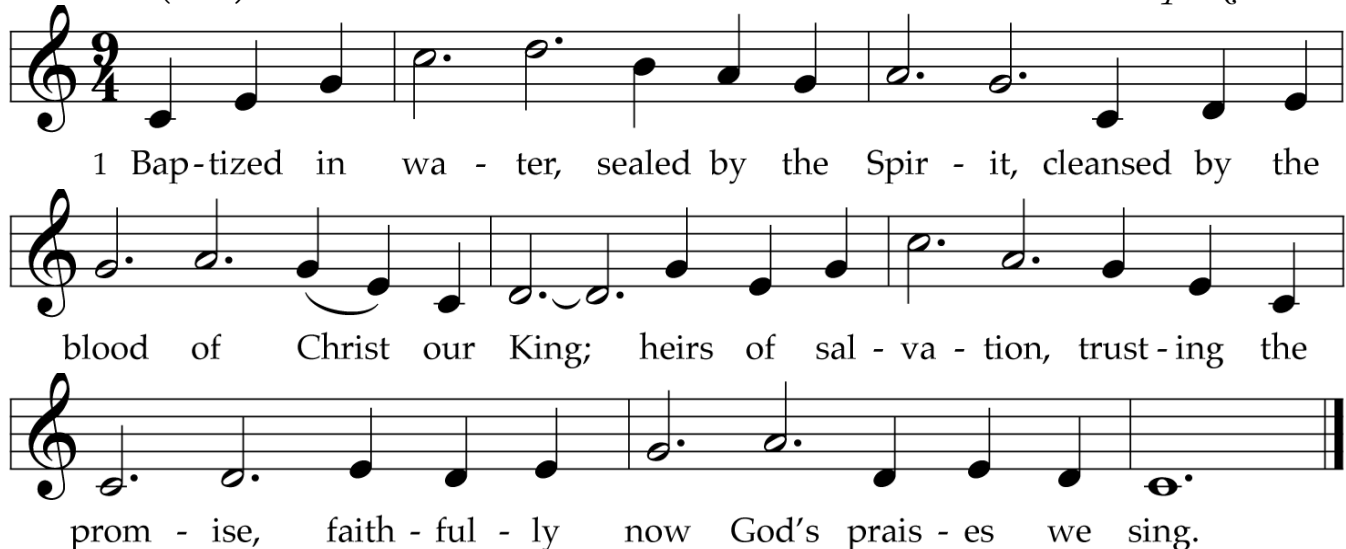
*We rejoice today as Fiona Marie Olson Dowty, daughter of Cassandra Dowty and Dana Olson, is joined to the body of Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism.*

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### HYMN 482 (v. 1)

*Baptized in Water*



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

TEXT: Michael A. Seward, 1981

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

BUNESSAN

5.5.8.5.5.9

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

*Transfiguration of the Lord is celebrated the Sunday before Lent. We remember the disciples' witness of Jesus' transfiguration and the appearance of Elijah and Moses with him.*

*Its color is white.*

**FIFTH READING**

Matthew 17:1-8

Steve Rutsch

## ***Meditating on the Gift – The Season of Lent***

*The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. It is a time when we reflect on our mortality and our need for God's saving grace. Lent lasts for six and a half weeks before Easter. Its color is purple.*

### **SIXTH READING**

Luke 4:1-13

Christopher Bongardt

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Marnie Sarver

ONE: Created in love, we fall short of who God hopes us to be. Confident of God's faithfulness, let us turn our hearts to our Creator and ask for help.

**ALL: Holy One, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach us who bear his name to follow the example he gave us. May our faith, hope, and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life. We ask this through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Personal Prayer in Silence*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Megan Klose

ONE: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. Christ came not to condemn the world, but to save it. Through faith, by grace, we have eternal life, and life in abundance. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

Megan Klose

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all!

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

# Holy Week

## Palm/Passion Sunday

*Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter Sunday. It begins with Palm/Passion Sunday, when we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his passion on the cross.*

**SEVENTH READING**

Luke 19:28-38

Marnie Sarver

**HYMN 196** (v. 1)

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!  
1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.  
MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN  
7.6.7.6.D

## Maundy Thursday

*Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of Holy Week. We remember Jesus the servant-leader washing the disciples' feet. We also remember Jesus' instituting the Lord's Supper as he ate with his friends before offering himself up for arrest and crucifixion.*

**EIGHTH READING**

John 13:2b-10b; Matthew 26:26-28

Megan Klose

**HYMN 218** (v. 1)

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!

TEXT: Johann Heermann, 1630; trans. Robert Seymour Bridges, 1899, alt.  
MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1640

HERZLIEBSTER JESU  
11.11.11.5

## Good Friday

*Good Friday is the Friday of Holy Week, when we remember Jesus' death on the cross. There is no liturgical color for Good Friday or Holy Saturday. The chancel is stripped bare.*

**NINTH READING**

Mark 15:25-39

Yena Hwang



**HYMN 228** (vv. 1 & 5)

*Were You There?*



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru- ci - fied my Lord?  
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, \_\_\_\_\_



some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble; \_\_\_\_\_



— Were you there when they cru- ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

TEXT: African American spiritual  
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987  
Music Arr. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

WERE YOU THERE  
Irregular

***Rejoicing with the Gift –  
The Resurrection of Our Lord and Easter Season***

*Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter Day celebrates Jesus' rising from the dead. The season of Easter lasts seven weeks. Its color is white.*

**TENTH READING**

Luke 24:1-9

Megan Klose

# HYMN 232 (vv. 1-3)

# Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Je - sus Christ is ri - sen to - day,  
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. But the pains which he en - dured,  
our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, —  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
who did once up - on the cross,  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
suf - fer — to re - deem our loss. —  
sin - ners — to re - deem and save. — Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the — an - gels e - ver sing. —

TEXT: Stanzas 1–3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740  
Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea  
MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749  
Korean Trans. © The Christian Literature Society of Korea

EASTER HYMN  
7.7.7.7 with alleluias

## We Respond to God's Word

### JOURNEYING TOGETHER FAITHFULLY STORY

Rob Brock

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Marnie Sarver

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@fallschurchurchpresby.org](mailto:prayers@fallschurchurchpresby.org).*

*Prayers of Joy ...*

Katie and Robert Wintersteen on the birth of their son, Jules,  
with congratulations to grandparents Nancy and Michael Gehron

*Please keep in your prayers ...*

Anna Dente, recovering from pneumonia

Theresa Brown, recovering from surgery on Nov. 14

Linda Garvelink, after a recent hospitalization

Avery Burns, in rehab following hip replacement surgery on Nov. 7

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Marnie Sarver

**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.**

## ***Filled with the Gift – Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Ordinary Time***

*Pentecost marks the continuation of the Christian church begun in Jesus. We remember the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples' heads and equipping them to spread the good news of the gospel to the ends of the earth. The color of Pentecost is red.*

### **ELEVENTH READING**

Acts 2:1-4

Clay Warner

*Trinity Sunday is observed the Sunday after Pentecost. It focuses on the doctrine of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons in one godhead. Its color is white.*

### **TWELFTH READING**

Romans 5:1-5

Clay Warner

*Ordinary Time is the time between Trinity Sunday and Christ the King/Reign of Christ, which marks the end of the liturgical year. It is called Ordinary Time because the weeks are counted with ordinal numbers following Pentecost. The color for Ordinary Time is green.*

### **THIRTEENTH READING**

Acts 2:43-47

Clay Warner

### **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](http://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)

*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*

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  
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDREDETH  
LM

### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Yena Hwang

**ALL:** Accept these gifts, O God, as a token of our gratitude. By the power of the Holy Spirit use our offerings and our lives to spread your word of healing, love, and salvation to the ends of the earth. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

# We Go into the World to Serve

## Celebrating the Eternal Glory of God, the Three in One – Christ the King

*Christ the King/ Reign of Christ Sunday marks the end of the liturgical year.*

*We give thanks and praise for the sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation.*

*We also look forward to his glorious return. The color for this day is white.*

### \* HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.;  
Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Spanish trans. Juan B. Cabrera  
MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948  
Korean Trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea  
Music Desc. © 1948, ren. H. W. Gray Co., Inc. (a div. of Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp.)

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11.12.12.10

### \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Megan Klose

### \* CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Amen in F*

Timothy Shaw (b. 1976)

## POSTLUDE

*Epilogue for Trumpet*

Tom Birchwood (contemporary)

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### ***Supporting Us in Worship***

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Worship Leaders   | Marnie Sarver, Sue Armstrong, Christopher Bongardt,<br>Tom Bruce, Steve Rutsch, Clay Warner   |
| Ushers            | Clay Warner, Gail Warner  |
| Audio/Video       | Alexi Hawkins   |
| Closing Sexton    | Marnie Sarver   |
| Sanctuary Flowers | The flowers today are given by Linda Lawrence to the glory of<br>God and in memory of her daughter, Jaimie Colleen. Forever<br>loved and always remembered, Jaimie is missed in countless ways<br>never imagined. |

### ***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](http://www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon).

If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please talk to one of the pastors 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 aged 4 and up:** Godly Play is offered in Room 59 following this morning's baptism.

### ***Fellowship Hour***

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments.

## ***Announcements***

**Drop & Dash Sunday.** As the holiday season approaches, please help care for our neighbors in need by purchasing a few non-perishables and toiletry items and dropping them off at the white cupboard in the main hallway. Thank you for your generosity.

**Advent begins Dec. 1.** We will mark the season with a Photo-A-Day Advent calendar, Arts and Soul gathering in the 9:00 hour, hybrid Wednesday morning Bible study, and devotionals. More information will be coming soon!

**SOS: Seeking Online Santas!** As we enter the home stretch of our annual NVFS Toy Drive, we can now place orders **through December 4** at <https://a.co/d4KnY9X> for direct delivery to Northern Virginia Family Service who will distribute toys to children of families in need. Providing joy to children (and their grateful parents) who may otherwise go without couldn't be easier! Or, if you prefer hands-on toy shopping, there is still *plenty* of room in the Toy Drive donation box at the entrance to Fellowship Hall, where you can drop off donations through **December 8**. Your FCPC Mercy Ministry elf will deliver them to NVFS the next day.

**Holiday Hangout & Christmas Market, Dec. 8,** 5-7 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share), crafts, carol singing, and the Christmas Market where all ages can shop for previously loved treasures at excellent prices!

**The Generosity Team** extends another heartfelt thank you to all who have already submitted their Estimate of Giving for 2025. Since last week's update, we now have 101 pledges, totaling \$695,288.50. We urge those who have not yet submitted their pledge to do so this week online. We live into the certainty that we serve a God of abundance, and that that abundance is made manifest through all of us working together. Our hope is to wrap up the pledge season before Advent so we can enter this season of anticipation and joy with a sense of peace and readiness. Thank you for journeying with us faithfully and supporting the life of our church.

### ***Did You Know? – Arts and Soul***

**Did You Know** that Arts and Soul is part of the Worship Ministry team and is doing great things to bring more art into our Sanctuary? Visual art can help people have a more meaningful worship experience. The banners, lights, signage, and other elements add a vibrancy to our service and serve as an expression of what we believe, reflecting who we are as a community. Have you noticed the new paraments in the sanctuary over the last few weeks? They were created by Arts and Soul, starting with just a few sprouts and growing week by week into the full flowers you see today. If you are interested in learning more about Arts and Soul, contact Shelly Skomra at [skomras@gmail.com](mailto:skomras@gmail.com).

## **Church Calendar**

**Sunday, November 24** – Youth Keep Awake Retreat (Day 3/3)

Drop & Dash Sunday

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

Bible Fun, 10:00 a.m., Room 206

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person or online

**Monday, November 25** – *No scheduled events*

**Tuesday, November 26**

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 9:00 a.m., Zoom

**Wednesday, November 27** – *No scheduled events*

**Thursday, November 28** – Thanksgiving Day – *Church Office Closed*

**Friday, November 29** – *Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, November 30**

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

**Sunday, December 1** – 1st Sunday of Advent

Hunger Fund Offering Received

Bible Fun, 10:00 a.m., Room 206

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person or online

Card Ministry Sunday at Fellowship Hour

Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Room 303

*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.*

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The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement

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