

Sometimes
we all feel lost.



*First Christian Church, Falls Church
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

September 11, 2016

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Toccata in C

G.P. Telemann

Yeri Jang, organist

Introit

We Lift Up Our Hearts and Voices Charpentier/Kauffmann

Christopher Roussey, trumpet

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Dick Brooks

Leader: Let your minds ponder the manifold works of God.
Let your spirits soar amid the wonders of creation.

**People: There is pulsating life all around us.
The earth is full of God's creatures.**

Leader: Sun and rain proclaim God's infinite imagination.
Moon and stars sing the glory of the Eternal One.

**People: It is God who shares with us wisdom and understanding.
We depend on God for the gift of life.**

Leader: We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.
We come to learn from the God we only dimly perceive.
Celebrate the manifold works of God!

***Hymn of Praise**

All My Hope on God Is Founded

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***Opening Prayer and Words of Welcome**

Dr. Robert W. Perry

If you are visiting with us, please sign the red friendship pads that we may know you better.

Witness of Scripture

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Cathy Brooks

Children's Moment

Dr. Perry

*Carol Choir will not rehearse today.
Children are asked to remain in the sanctuary with their families.*

A Time of Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Brooks

Pastoral Prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Dr. Perry

Our Father (Creator God), 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Gloria

J. Haydn

*Glory to God in highest heaven and on Earth,
peace and goodwill to all people.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.*

Witness of Scripture

Luke 15:1-10

Cathy Brooks

Sermon

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Dr. Perry

Hymn of Preparation

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Celebrating around the Lord's Table

Invitation to Communion

Mark Fredenburg, Elder

Prayer of Blessing for the Bread and Cup

Mary Wurl, Elder

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Welcome to this Table of Grace where the living Christ meets us in love. All are invited to share in this sacred meal. Please come forward, beginning from the front pews or as you feel called, to receive the bread and dip it in the cup. If you prefer to remain seated, a deacon will serve you. We use non-alcoholic, gluten-free, vegetarian elements.

Gathering of the Offering

Mark Fredenburg

Offertory

In Heavenly Love Abiding

J. Pethel

*** Doxology**

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all people here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Mary Wurl

Sharing in the Life of the Church

Bob McCoy, Moderator of the Congregation

*** Hymn of Discipleship**

How Firm a Foundation

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(Would you like to commit yourself to following in the path of Christ? Would you like to live that commitment here at First Christian Church? Persons desiring to make their confession of faith in Christ and be baptized into His body, or to transfer their membership to this congregation, or to renew their Christian commitment, may come forward as the congregation sings this hymn of discipleship.)

*** Benediction**

Dr. Perry

Postlude

Toccata

D.H. Hegarty

Following worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for Coffee & Conversation.

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