



*Carry the cross
and follow me.*

LUKE 14:27

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

September 4, 2016

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Andante

C. Reinecke

Yeri Jang, organist

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 139

Dr. Robert W. Perry

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and have known me,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it completely.**

Leader: For it was you who formed my inmost parts:
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**People: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
I try to count them - they are like sand.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

***Hymn of Praise**

Blessed Assurance

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***Opening Prayer and Words of Welcome**

Dr. Perry

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

Witness of Scripture

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Mary Wurl

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. Dick 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.

Solo

Precious Lord

T. Dorsey

Lunette Arledge, soloist

Witness of Scripture

Luke 14:25-33

Mary Wurl

Sermon

Things to Consider

Dr. Perry

Hymn of Preparation

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

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Celebrating around the Lord's Table

Invitation to Communion

Dr. Perry

Prayer of Blessing for the Bread and Cup

Shannon Jamison, 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. Anointing of Oil - You are invited to receive a blessing and consecration with oil from our healing ministers after receiving communion. This is entirely voluntary.

Gathering of the Offering

Dr. Perry

Offertory

Nocturne

F. Mendelssohn

*** Doxology**

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*Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
transform them into blessings on those we serve today.
Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill
the ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.*

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Shannon Jamison

Sharing in the Life of the Church

Bob McCoy, Moderator of the Congregation

*** Hymn of Discipleship**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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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

You Shall Go Out With Joy

D.E. Wagner

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

