



# Morning Worship Service



Prelude Mrs. Sandy Stamets

Welcome and Announcements Elder Donna Steele

\* Praise Music Elder Larry Stamets and Praise Team

\* Choral Call to Worship

\* Opening Prayer Elder Kathy Goodell

Call to Reconciliation Rev. Cushwa

## Unison Prayer of Confession

God our God: we fill our souls with the empty sounds of our culture, and wonder why we are so empty when we need words of hope, of grace, of comfort. We are careful to follow the prescriptions our doctors give us, yet pay little heed to your hopes for us. We puff out our chests over what good people we are, yet do not notice how our pride trips those who seek to follow Jesus.

Forgive us, Holy One, and be gracious to us: astound us with your words, so we may learn your ways; nourish us with your mercy, so we may be filled with life; enter our empty souls, till they overflow with praise for your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Prayers may be offered

## Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Of all the astounding works of God, this may be the most wonderful: God is gracious and merciful - to us!

People: What has this to do with us? Everything! What is this? Good news, of the very best kind! We are forgiven. We give thanks to our God with all our hearts. Amen.

\* Congregational Response "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Goodell

Gospel Lesson 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Pew Bible Page 1043

## Food Offered to Idols

8 Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. 2 Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; 3 but anyone who loves God is known by him.

4 Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." 5 Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth – as in fact there are many gods and many lords – 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

7 It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. 9 But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? 11 So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. 12 But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. NRSV

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

Children's Time

Elder Campbell

Children are encouraged to attend "Children's Church" following the Children's Time

Anthem

"This Is the Day"

Children's Choir

Sermon

"The Struggle For Freedom"

Rev. Cushwa

\* Hymn #262 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" NATIONAL HYMN

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Call for Offering

Psalms 24:11

Master Stuart Lantz

Offertory

Mrs. Stamets

\* Doxology #592

Genevan Psalter

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn #371

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Response "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

\* You are invited to stand.

Participants in today's service:

Liturgist: Kathy Goodell and Stuart Lantz

Greeters: Donna Steele, Helen Brown and Robin Brown

Nursery Attendants: Nancy and Lacy Linton

Children's Church: Yvonne Lantz and Fawn Fleagle

THOUGHT PROVOKERS:

Whatever other philosophers may have been,  
Jesus alone is a teacher from heaven;  
he alone was able to teach certain and eternal wisdom;  
he alone taught things pertaining to our salvation,  
because he alone is its author;  
he alone absolutely practiced what he preached,  
and is able to make good what he promised.

Desiderius Erasmus

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Jesus does not merely HAVE the Word,  
He IS the Word.  
His teaching reveals God's secret.

Emil Brunner

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I call the attention of you young people to Jesus,  
the greatest leader, the most proficient teacher,  
the most absolutely right person the world has ever known.  
I tell you that the only way this world can be saved is by Jesus.

William Lyon Phelps

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The church (the universal church) is not a democracy.  
It can never be subject to majority rule.  
Its authority comes not from the consent of the governed,  
but from Christ, its Head,  
who rules through Scripture and the Holy Spirit

Chuck Colson



Falling Waters Presbyterian Church was established in 1745 just south of the ford of the Potomac River at Falling Waters, Virginia. In 1796 the place of worship was moved from the bend of the Potomac to Spring Mills. The present brick structure was built in 1834 after a fire had destroyed the original wooden edifice.

• Minister •

The Rev. John W. Cushwa

• The Session •

Ruth Berg, Clerk of the Session

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Kelsey Shipper	Nancy Linton	Brenda Carper
Donna Steele	Howard Mann	John Cormack
Ernie Weidman	Paula Tobin	Fawn Fleagle

• The Trustees •

John MacDonald Tink Manor Ron Hansen Diana McKinley

• Church Staff •

Fawn Fleagle, Secretary - Sandy Stamets, Organist  
Jeanie Cushwa, Choir Director  
Custodians, Bill and Barbara Cole

• Church Activities •

Worship Service	Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Choir Practice	Wednesdays at 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study	Sundays at 6:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Dinner	Last Sunday of every month following Worship
Session Meeting	Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Church Office Hours	Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Pastor's Study Hours	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

• Falling Waters Presbyterian Church Mission Statement •

Jesus taught us "to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourselves." We, as members of the body of Christ and Falling Waters Presbyterian Church, strive to be an extended family reaching out to one another, our community and the world. In accordance with the constitution of PCUSA, we endeavor to achieve:

"The great ends of the church which are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; and the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world."

In offering ourselves to this sacred mission, we will show the way of Christ so that the community and the world in which we live may learn "to do justice, love mercy, and to walk humbly with God." -- Micah 6:8

# FALLING WATERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." Westminster Catechism



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10:00 a.m.

"Fourth Sunday after Epiphany"

The Rev'd. John W. Cushwa, Minister