



Morning Worship Service



Prelude "Christmas Lullaby (Medley)" arr. Albin C. Whitworth

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Debra McKune

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: *Praise God from the heavens.*

Leader: Young men and women alike,

People: *old and young together!*

Leader: Let us praise the name of the Lord,

People: *whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven.*

Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn of Praise #143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

***Opening Prayer** Mrs. Judith Lawrensen

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music "Joy to the World" arr. Catherine Rollin
Nat Hylton and Gary Mullenax, piano

Time With Children Elder Renee Campbell

Prayer for Understanding

Mrs. Judith Lawrensen

First Reading Galatians 4:4-7

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading Luke 2:22-40

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Meditation "Contemplating Expectations" Rev. McKune

***Hymn #136** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer #469 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Responsive Prayers of the People

(Please respond with "Loving God, hear our prayer.")

The Lord's Prayer

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. 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.

Invitation to the Offering Kadence Blaine

Offertory "Manger Prayer" Michael Shea

***Doxology #609**
*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:*

*Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn #546** "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

Postlude "Hark! The Herald Angles Sing" arr. James Denton

***please stand**

Participants in today's service:

Greeters: Rob and Tina Sloan

Nursery: Kristie and Steve Redding

Liturgists: Judith Lawrensen, Kadence Blaine

Announcements

Welcome to Falling Waters Presbyterian Church. May the joy of Christmas and the steadfast love of our Creator stir up our hearts so that we may properly know we have been with the Lord today. **Please join us following worship for cookies and coffee in Fellowship Hall.**



Please be sure to fill out a guest card and wear the guest name tag so people will know you are worshiping with us for the first time. The Pastor will ask first time guests to identify themselves so you can be given a gift bag from the congregation. There are hearing aides on the table in the vestibule for the use of those who have difficulty hearing the service. They are easy to operate.

Please keep the following folks in your hearts and prayers: Mary Hodges, Jimmy Cloud, Virginia Snyder, Bill Zombro, Pete and Scott Mekkelson, Kenny Cushwa, Joyce Ludwick, Pastor Debra, Mtn. Chapel, our Session, our President and President-elect, the nation at large and our armed forces, our sister churches in Ethiopia and Shenandoah Presbytery and our missionary, Nadia Ayoub in the Ukraine.



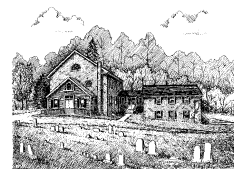
There will be a **Congregational Meeting** immediately following worship this morning.

New Offering Envelopes for 2018 are on the front left pew. When taking a box, please sign your name next to the corresponding number on the yellow legal pad.

Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, January 7.

We will collect our **Four Cents A Meal Offering** next Sunday.

The **January Newsletter** is available in the vestibule for those who did not receive it via email.



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.

☛ **The Session** ☛

Ruth Berg, Clerk of the Session

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
John Fleagle	Kate Lewis Brown	Ruth Berg
Renee Campbell	Crystal Mason	Kathy Goodell
	Donna Pill	John MacDonald

☛ **The Trustees** ☛

Tink Manor 2017 Sam Tobin 2017
Diana McKinley 2018 Becky Hawthorne 2019 John Fleagle 2019

☛ **Church Staff** ☛

The Rev. Debra McKune, Pastor and Head of Staff
The Rev. Carl Howard, Parish Associate
Fawn Fleagle, Secretary
Gary Mullenax, Organist
Radonna Mullenax, Choir Director
Bill and Barbara Cole, Custodians

☛ **Church Activities** ☛

Worship Service	Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Adult Choir	Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Dinner	Last Sunday of every month following Worship
Session Meeting	Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Church Office Hours	Monday 9-noon, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Pastor's Study Hours	Monday thru Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

☛ **Falling Waters Presbyterian Church Vision Statement** ☛

Because God first loved us, we are called
to love, serve and witness.

Mission Statement

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 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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December 31, 2017
10:00 a.m.

"First Sunday After Christmas Day"

The Rev. Debra McKune, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. John W. Cushwa, Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. Carl Howard, Parish Associate
Ministers - All the People