

The Falls Village Congregational Church
December 28, 2025 10 a.m.
1st Sunday After Christmas
Pastor Kathy Loomis, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements
Ringling of the Bell
Prelude –

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship –
I will bless the Lord at all times; my Creator’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
O Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God’s name together.
I sought the Lord, and the Lord answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to God, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

Prayer for God’s Presence (Unison):
Loving God, help us remember that we are never alone. We ask that you give us the courage to face each day with hope and optimism, knowing that you are in control. Let our confidence in you grow, allowing our faith to overcome our fears. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn #22 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Prayer of Confession
Heavenly Creator, thank you for the promise of new beginnings. We are grateful that your mercies are renewed every morning. Forgive us for the times we have made choices that are not pleasing to you. As many times as you have pardoned us, grant us the grace to offer that same spirit of forgiveness and mercy to others. Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Responsive Reading - Psalm 121:1-8 p. 760
Gloria Patri #35 in hymnal
*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.*

Passing the Peace of Christ:
The Peace of Christ be with you
And, also, with you
Let us pass the peace

Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9
Philippians, 4:4-9

Prayer
Sermon: “Don’t Worry” Pastore Kathy Loomis

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory –

Pastoral 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, 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #143 “Joy to the World”

Benediction

Benediction Response- *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

*God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again*

Your tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at either entrance to the sanctuary.

Scripture Lessons for December 28, 2025

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely”; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.