



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

**9AM & 11AM
HOLY COMMUNION**

"Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man."

(Mark 6:20)

Welcome from the Rector

Welcome! We're so glad you've joined us this morning!

Whether you're a long-time follower of Jesus or just curious about Christian faith, you're most welcome here at The Falls Church Anglican. We gather on Sundays to worship Jesus Christ through song, prayer, readings from Holy Scripture, preaching, and the Sacraments. As Anglicans, our worship is shaped by ancient liturgies—together we pray treasured old prayers and recite ancient creeds—all drawn from the *Book of Common Prayer*. Everything you need to know for our service is in this bulletin or will be projected on the screens up front, such as when to stand or sit, song lyrics, corporate prayers, and readings.

If you'd like to know more about us, please stop by our Connection Center in the lower lobby. We have a gift and information about our church we'd love to send you home with, and you can fill out a card there so we can follow up.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sam", with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel D. Ferguson
Rector

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Getting Connected to the Body of Christ

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY

Join us for some **coffee, donuts, and fellowship** downstairs after each service!

Are you new? Welcome! We'd enjoy getting to know you. Stop by downstairs at the **Connections Center** for our gift to you and more information on the church. Contact Erin O'Keefe (eokeefe@tfcanglican.org) to get connected.

NEWCOMERS RECEPTIONS

Today! | Following Both Services | Learning Center, Room 108 (First Floor Office Building)

If you're new, welcome! We invite you to one of our upcoming Newcomers Receptions on Sunday, August 16. Come to hear from staff, clergy, and meet other new people! Newcomers Receptions will take place following the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services in Room 108 of the Learning Center (office building, first floor). Reach out to Erin O'Keefe (eokeefe@tfcanglican.org) if you have any questions.

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 13 | Following 11 AM Service | Parking Lot

We're excited to bring you another fun-filled Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 13, starting around 12:30 p.m., following the 11:00 a.m. service. Kick off the fall and the ministry year with the whole church family!

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun. There will be live music and plenty of games for the kids. Whether you're catching up with old friends or meeting new ones, there's something for everyone. Don't miss it!

BECOME A FELLOWS HOST FAMILY

Open Your Home. Shape a Life.

This September, sixteen exceptional young adults will join the TFCA Fellows Program, and we're looking for families and individuals willing to welcome a Fellow into their home. If you have a spare bedroom and a desire to invest in the next generation of Christian leaders, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Bracey Fuenzalida at bfuenzalida@tfcanglican.org or Glenn Oeland at goeland@tfcanglican.org.

20s WORD & FELLOWSHIP

Sundays | 9:45-10:45 | Learning Center Room 110

Are you in your 20s? You're invited to Word & Fellowship on Sunday mornings in Learning Center Room 110! We meet from 9:45-10:45 to visit with one another, read and study Scripture, and pray together, before attending the 11am service. Questions? Email our Community Life Coordinator, Kristina Diaz (kdiaz@tfcanglican.org).

MINISTRY FAIR - SERVING TOGETHER

Sunday, August 30 | Following Both Services | Lower Narthex

Our annual Ministry Fair offers a chance to explore the various ministries within our church. On Sunday, August 30, you can stop by and visit the many tables set up in the Lower Narthex to learn about each ministry, and find your place to serve.

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

"God My King Thy Might Confessing" (9AM)

"God So Loved" | "Rock of Ages" (11AM)

THE ACCLAMATION

Leader: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"In Christ Alone" (9AM)

"How Great Is Your Name" (11AM)

THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Lesson: Isaiah 56:1-8 (Pew Bible, page 616)

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29 (Pew Bible, page 841)

Sermon, John Frederick

CREEDS & PRAYERS

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A "collect" is a short prayer. Here we are asking God to prepare our hearts to worship Him.

We read from different passages from the Bible because it is one, coherent story, and we desire to hear God speak to us through his Word.

We join Christians around the world and throughout history in affirming our faith through this ancient creed.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

We pray silently and aloud for those in need in our church, nation, and world, and give thanks for the many blessings of this life.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Keep your Church, O Lord, by your perpetual mercy; and because without you the frailty of our nature causes us to fall, keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

We confess our sins not to earn God's grace, but in response to it, being honest before Him and seeking deliverance from all darkness.

PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Having confessed our sins and been reminded of God's forgiveness, we share a greeting of peace with one another.

PARISH UPDATES

OFFERTORY

"I Cannot Hide from God" | Doxology (9AM)

"I Am Not My Own" | Doxology (11AM)

The offering of our resources to God is a tangible expression of His ownership of all things.

HOLY COMMUNION

**All baptized Christians are invited to come forward and receive the bread and wine. If you'd like a gluten-free wafer, please ask your server; for an alcohol-free option, please ask your usher.*

With this Sacrament of bread and wine, God feeds us spiritually, reminding us that of the things we need, we need Him most.

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)" | "Pie Jesu" | "At the Cross (Love Ran Red)" (9AM)

"Sending Out" | "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" | "Only a Holy God" (11AM)

BLESSING & COMMISSION

Blessing

"Lift High the Cross" (9AM)

Dismissal

With God's blessing, we are sent into the World to do the work He has given us to do.

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Today's Scripture Lesson: Mark 6:14-29

The Death of John the Baptist

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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Upcoming Events & Classes

Visit tfcanglican.org/upcoming-events for a full list

WEEKLY EVENTS & CLASSES

Evening Prayer (Daily M-F) - 5PM

Tuesday Men's Zoom Fellowship - 7AM

Tuesday Prayer for Revival and Evangelism - 6PM

Saturday Intercessory Prayer - 8:45AM

EVENTS & CLASSES CAN BE FOUND AT [TFCANGLICAN.ORG/UPCOMING-EVENTS](https://tfcanglican.org/upcoming-events)



MEN'S SUMMER BBQ

Thursday, Aug. 20 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Parking Garage (Upper Deck)

Join us for a special evening as TFCA men gather on the top deck of the parking garage to close out the summer together. We'll share dinner, enjoy a rooftop acoustic worship session led by John Frederick and friends, and then settle into a time of spontaneous prayer, following wherever the Holy Spirit leads. It's a simple chance for fellowship, some fun, joyful worship, and a pause to fix our eyes on Jesus.

- Feel free to invite friends and neighbors
- Bring a lawn chair
- RSVP online at tfcanglican.org/men by Aug 16 so we can plan enough food

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL KICKOFF

Mon. Sept. 14 | 7:30-9:15 p.m. | Sanctuary

Join us on Monday, September 14 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary and hear from Jess Blanchard as she shares a message: Rest Secure: Trusting God's Promises in Times of Uncertainty. Using Psalm 16 as our anchor, we'll explore the promises of God that hold us steady when life feels uncertain. Together, we'll discover how Scripture invites us to surrender what we cannot control, rest in God's unchanging character, and find lasting hope in His eternal promises—even in the hardest seasons of life. Register online at tfcanglican.org/women.

HYMN SING

Sun. Aug. 23 | 5-6 p.m. | Sanctuary

On August 23, join us for the Hymn Sing, where we will sing together songs from The Hymnal 1982. This time of worship will be led by Simon Dixon and held in the Sanctuary. The service is at 5 pm and is an hour long. Invite a friend, but childcare will not be available.

EDUCATORS IN PRAYER

Today! | 12:30-2 p.m. | Back 40 (3rd Floor Office Building)

As a new school year approaches, we want to pause, gather, and pray. Whether you're in a public, private, or homeschool setting—whether you teach, lead, support, or coach—this time is for you. There will be light lunch as we lift out hearts together in prayer. ***All educators welcome to attend the prayer portion of the event; lunch provided for those who registered in advance.***

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF

Sun. Sept. 13 | 5-7 p.m. | Ministry Center (Lower Level Office Building)

Students in 6th-12th grades are invited to join us on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for a fun time of community, dinner, games, worship, teaching, and small group time with their Youth Family leaders! Small groups remain a permanent discipleship community throughout the year and are divided by grade and gender with at least two Youth Family leaders. New and returning students, register online at tfcanglican.org/youth

Parents: Do you have a middle school or high school student who attends our TFCA Youth Group on Sunday evenings? Come join other parents during Youth Group for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. We meet in the Cranmer Chapel the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 5:15-7pm. This small group is launching on September 13. Questions? Email our Community Life Coordinator, Kristina Diaz (kdiaz@tfcanglican.org).