

GATHERING

Prelude *“There’s Power In the Blood”*
Pianists Isabelle Munch and Erin Bayko

Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace

Celebrations & Gratitudes

*Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

P: His love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the God of gods.

P: His love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

P: His love endures forever.

L: He remembered us in our low estate

P: His love endures forever.

L: And freed us from our enemies.

P: His love endures forever.

L: He gives food to every creature.

P: His love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

P: His love endures forever.

(From Psalm 136:1-3; 23-26)

*Prayer

*Hymn #45

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer of Confession

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.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 519** *“It is Well with My Soul”* (Vs. 3 only)

THE WORD

Reading from the Holy Scriptures:

Psalm 103:8-13 (pg. 554)

Anthem: *“Big God”* Joyful Voices Choir

Children dismissed for Children’s Church

Reading from the Holy Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 13 (pg. 175)

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Silent Reflection

Sermon: “The Most Excellent Way”

OUR RESPONSE

***Hymn #489** *“Jesus Paid It All”*

Bridge:

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt

And raised this life up from the dead

**Privilege of Giving

Offertory: *“Soon and Very Soon”* Andre Crouch

*Hymn 809 “Doxology”

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Commissioning:

Ellie Nicklas, Youth Ministry Intern

***Hymn 492** *“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”*

Benediction

Please process to the grave of Colonel Benjamin Chambers.

Serving as Ushers today are Renee & John Brink.

*Please stand in body or in spirit

**You may give online at pcfallingspring.org, on Church Center, or by texting any amount to 84321, following the prompts.

THE ROSE RENT SERVICE

Reading from the Deed

Jamie Santora, Board of Trustees

“Deed for ground of Falling Spring Church dated January 1, 1768, from Benjamin Chambers and Jane, his wife, to Patrick Vance, Mathias Wilson, Edward Cook, Robert Patterson, William Lindsay, Jr., William Goss, and William Brotherton, in trust for the Presbyterian Congregation of Falling Spring now professing and adhering to and that shall hereafter adhere to and profess the Westminster Confession of Faith and the mode of Church Government therein contained; witnesseth that the said B. Chambers and Jane his wife as well for their regard to the true religion of the blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ the Son of God, and for and in consideration of their regard to the interest and advantage of said congregation, and in consideration of the rents, convey to the Trustees yielding and paying therefore and thereout unto said B. Chambers, his heirs or assigns, at the said town of Chambersburg on the first day of June next after this date, the yearly rent of consideration of one Rose, if required.”

Presentation of the Memorial Rose

“This rose, presented by the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring, symbolizes the gratitude of this generation to the vision of Colonel Benjamin Chambers, and to the sustaining love of Almighty God who has brought us to this day.”

Proffer of the Rose

Rose Smith

“On behalf of the congregation and the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring, I offer this rose, cut from one of the Memorial Rose Bushes, in payment of the annual rental, in fulfillment of the original deed from Colonel Chambers to the Church.”

Acceptance of the Rose

Sara Ashton Garcia and her daughter Margaret Alice Lenard, 8th and 9th generation descendants of Colonel Benjamin Chambers and his wife, Jane Williams Chambers. Sara is the daughter of Katie Gartenberg and Jeff Garcia, granddaughter of Margaret and Frank Derbyshire.

“On behalf of the descendants of Colonel Benjamin Chambers, we accept this rose in payment of the annual rental of the church grounds.”

HYMN: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Rev. Isaac Watts, 1719, Tune, 1708, William Croft

O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come, Our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home;

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its years away; They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

The Presbyterian Church of FALLING SPRING

Rose Rent Sunday

June 1, 2025, 10:00 AM



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