

A special note to children and their parents:

We welcome all children in worship! Please pick up a worship bag filled with activities to engage the children, right outside the Sanctuary. For infants and toddlers (up to 4 years old) the nursery is available in room 245. For those wishing to attend the service with children outside the Sanctuary, the Gathering Room is located up the stairs from the Narthex and is equipped with a television that shows the service. Toys are also available.

Sunday Express is our Sunday morning program for PreK-5th grade children. This comprehensive program begins at 10 am in room 244. Children will learn Biblical stories and music, then join the adult, in worship at 11:15 am, where children are invited to "Conversation with Children." After the Conversation, children will be dismissed to join Sunday Express.

If you need a hearing assistance device please see an usher. The sanctuary is equipped with a T Loop System; set your hearing aid to the "T" position.

**Service For The Lord's Day: 26th Sunday after Pentecost
8:45 & 11:15 a.m. Services of Worship**

*Please stand, if you are able. #The ushers will seat worshippers.

Gather Around God's Word

PRELUDE *Prelude in D minor*
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
Sanghwa Lee, Organist

INTROIT *Fanfare for Bells*
Mary G. McCleary

* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) **Henry Brinton**

L: Christ is the image of the invisible God,

P: The firstborn of all creation;

L: For in him all things were created,

P: Things visible and invisible.

L: Let us worship Christ the Lord.

P: In him, all things hold together.

(Based on Colossians 1:15-17)

WELCOME

#* HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

* CALL TO CONFESSION **Yena Hwang**

L: Far too often, we do not want a savior to rule us. We would prefer Jesus to be subject to us. Let us confess our failure to obey him:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord Jesus, we admit that we have our own plans and agendas. We do not want to offer you our complete allegiance and obedience. Forgive our arrogance and selfishness. We know that everything we have is a gift from you, but we are forgetful, rebellious and stubborn. Thank you for not giving up on us. We ask for forgiveness and restoration, so that we can serve you better. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: In Christ, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

P: God made peace with us through the blood of Christ's cross.

L: Hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: Alleluia! Amen.

* RESPONSE TO OUR ASSURANCE #581 *Gloria Patri*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it
was in the be - gin - ning, is now and e - ver shall be,
world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

#* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Proclaim God's Word

ANTHEM *Blessed Assurance*
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski (b. 1950)
Chancel Ringers - Karen Hammond, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Eleanor Duffield (8:45)**
Tom MacDonald (11:15)

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 23:33-43**

L: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

P: Thanks be to God.

(11:15) CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

PreK-5th grade children are invited to Sunday Express following the conversation.

* HYMN 273 *He Is King of Kings*

(Pass prayer cards to center aisles)

SERMON

Their God Is My God

Henry Brinton

Respond to God's Word

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

(A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church, USA)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

(11:15) MORNING 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 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.

MINUTE FOR HYPOTHERMIA **Sheri Zimmerman**

OFFERING OF CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Praeludium in G minor*
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

* DOXOLOGY #606 *The Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Accept these gifts, dear God, and use them to assist those who are lowly, outcast or vulnerable. May they support the reign of your Son Jesus, the Lord of peace, generosity and compassion. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

(8:45) THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion will be received at the table. When instructed, please walk to the table via the center of the Sanctuary, take a wafer or a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. You may then return to your seat by a side aisle. Please raise your hand if you need to be served in the pew.

Follow God's Word Into the World

* HYMN 337 *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Postlude in D*
Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)

We invite you to remain and listen to the Postlude.

If you prefer to greet the pastors or visit with other members, you may proceed to the Narthex.

Today At Fairfax Presbyterian

♦ Check out Christian Formation classes for adults at 10AM: "Wired Word" in #110, Basic Bible in #134, and "I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible" in the MPR. Following the completion of "I Wonder" class next week, we will be offering a class on "Racism" beginning November 27.

♦ JOY! will following the 11:15 service in the Multipurpose Room. Roger Shoup will lead a discussion on Brian McLaren's "Looking Back, Looking Forward: An Opportunity to Join the Great Spiritual Migration."

♦ Welcome back, Midlife On a Mission team!

♦ Praise Band meets today at 3:30pm in the Sanctuary, and Youth Fellowship at 4:30pm!

NOTES ON WORSHIP

OUR USHERS today are **Mike Britton, Dave Rodman, Jim Soukup, Jenny Buffa, Barry Soesanto, Gary Cage, Barbara Henderson, Deb Fitzgerald-O'Connell, Harriet Otchere, Dave Ralston, and Ben Cage.**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Marilyn Hartell in memory of son David Clark.

ABOUT THE MUSIC

Fanfare for Bells, today's introit, is an exciting short composition which juxtaposes typical fanfare bombast with quiet, but always forward driving passages.

Our anthem this morning begins with the familiar triplet pattern of Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring which is then skillfully intertwined by the arranger, Cynthia Dobrinski, with the well known hymn "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine". The result is a beautiful, peaceful handbell gem.

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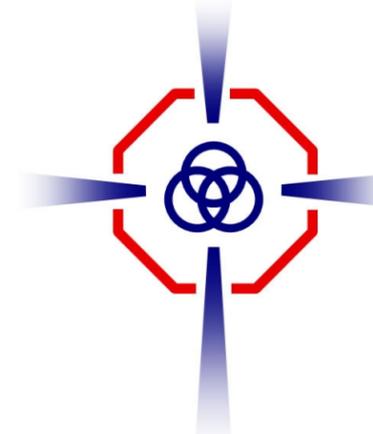
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*Fairfax Presbyterian Church is
An Uncommon Christian Community
Embracing all people with God's love and grace.*

*By the power of the Holy Spirit,
We at FPC worship God with honesty, joy, and imagination;
Nurture our lives of faith in Christ;
Extend hospitality and grace to all people;
Serve a world in need; and
Work for reconciliation among people of diverse perspectives.*

November 13, 2016

Visitors: Welcome to Fairfax Presbyterian Church

We are glad you have joined us for worship and want you to feel warmly welcomed to this community of faith. We hope you will experience the Holy Spirit moving in this place through our worship, fellowship and mission. Please sign the red friendship pad, including your name, address, email and phone number so that we might be in touch to welcome you to our congregation. You are invited to join us for a cup of coffee or tea in the Narthex outside the Sanctuary following the service.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (NRSV)