

***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." Today, children will remain in worship for the entire service.

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**

8:45 a.m. Worship Around The Table & 11:15 a.m. Creative Worship

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

***Gather Around God's Word***

Worshipers at 8:45 are invited to sit close to the Communion Table.

# (8:45) INTROIT

# PRELUDE *Hymn Medley*  
**Sanghwa Lee, Organist**

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

L: By the tender mercy of our God,

**P: The dawn will break upon us,**

L: To give light to those who sit in darkness,

**P: And in the shadow of death.**

L: Let us worship God,

**P: The one who guides our feet in the way of peace.**

(Based on Luke 1:78-79)

# WELCOME

\* (8:45) HYMN 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

\* (11:15) SONG *Days of Elijah* (lyrics on back cover)  
Robin Mark/arr. Galbraith

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Our God judges us, but also loves us. Let us confess our sins:

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to recognize his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

**P: As far as the east is from the west, God has removed our transgressions from us.**

L: Praise the Lord, for the grace and mercy shared with us.

**P: Hallelujah! 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 *Days of Elijah* (8:45)

Robin Mark

Sanctuary Choir

*Grace Like Rain* (11:15)

arr. Sinclair

Praise Band, Meg Verhagen - soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Sara Bowden** (8:45)

**Sarah Speer** (11:15)

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

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.*

\* (8:45) HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\* (11:15) HYMN *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (lyrics on back cover)  
(Pass prayer cards to center aisles)

SERMON *Judgment and Love* **Henry Brinton**

***Respond to God's Word***

\* (8:45) AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

**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.**

(The Apostles' Creed)

\* (11:15) AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Using one Post-it note from your bulletin cover, write one thing you affirm about your faith — a core conviction. On the other Post-it note, write one action you will perform in the coming week to demonstrate your faith. Then walk to the front of the Sanctuary along either side of the Communion table, place your notes on the front wall, and then return to your seat by an outer aisle.*

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 FPC T-SHIRTS **Jessica Harrison**

OFFERING OF CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* (8:45)

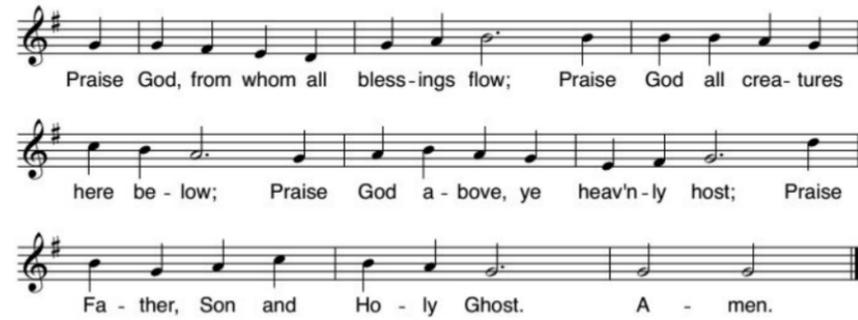
arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

*Indescribable* (11:15)

Laura Story

\* DOXOLOGY #606

*The Old Hundredth*



\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Accept these gifts, Almighty God, as signs of our gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them to advance your justice and your love in this world, in the name of Christ our Lord. 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 268

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\* BENEDICTION

\* (8:45) CHORAL BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns, Reprise*

*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*

- ♦ *Happy Birthday to Jennifer Richcreek, who turns 48 today!*
- ♦ *The CROP Walk begins at 1:30 p.m. Please join the youths of FPC. We participate every year in the walk to raise money to end hunger in our community and around the world. Joining and donating is easy.*
- ♦ *For a schedule of Christian Formation classes, please check the announcement page in the Narthex!*

### 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 The Harrison Family.**

### Days Of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the word of the Lord  
And these are the days of Your  
servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored

And though these are days of great  
trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert  
crying  
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

**Chorus:**  
Behold He comes, riding on the  
clouds  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet  
call  
Lift your voice, it's the year of  
Jubilee  
And out of Zion's Hill salvation  
comes

These are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming flesh  
And these are the days of Your  
servant David  
Rebuilding the temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in Your world  
And we are the laborers in Your  
vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

**Chorus x 2**

There's no God like Jehovah!

**Chorus x 2**

### O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! The name that charms our  
fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

**Chorus:**  
Jesus, You're the name above all  
names,  
Jesus, Lamb of God.  
Jesus, You're the King of  
Salvation,  
Who was and is to come.

He breaks the power of canceled  
sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest  
clean;  
His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth  
abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.

**Chorus**

Who was and is to come.  
Who was and is to come.

### Leadership at Fairfax Presbyterian Church

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# Fairfax Presbyterian Church



*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 20, 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: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. (NRSV)