

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: First Sunday in Advent
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

INTROIT

PRELUDE *O Come, Emmanuel*
Lani Smith (b. 1934)
Organ-Piano duet

* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) **Henry Brinton**
L: On this first Sunday in Advent,
P: We remember that advent means coming.
L: During Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ,
P: And look for the arrival of His light in the world.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Carol: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Come Thou long ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo - ple free;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in Thee.

Candle Lighters: **Hugh Heishman (8:45)**
Kristen Hart, Kim Hart, & Maia Horn (11:15)

WELCOME

#* HYMN 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vv. 1 through 4)

* CALL TO CONFESSION **Yena Hwang**
L: Christ is coming. Let us prepare for His arrival by confessing our sins:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
Holy God, we admit that we have not behaved in ways that prepare the way of the Lord. Instead of showing mercy, we have been judgmental; instead of being generous, we have been stingy; instead of being honest, we have cut corners; instead of serving others, we have served ourselves. Forgive us, God, and turn us toward your Son, so that we can bear good fruit in the world. We pray all this in the name of Christ. Amen.
(Time for silent confession)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)
L: The Son of God has come to ransom us from captivity.
P: Jesus died on the cross to free us from sin and death.
L: Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
P: Alleluia! Amen.

* RESPONSE TO OUR ASSURANCE
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou art;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.

#* 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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
William M. Runyan
Kenneth Law, Cello

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes (11:15)
Mark Sirrett
Sanctuary Choir, Sheri ReedCrotty - soprano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Cate Rodman (8:45)**
Angie Ninde (11:15)

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 10:26-33**

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 102 *Savior of the Nations, Come*
(Pass prayer cards to center aisles)

SERMON *Undivided Hearts* **Henry Brinton**

Respond to God's Word

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive)
L: Do you believe in God?
P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
P: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
P: I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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, ecumenical version)

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 THE ANGEL TREE **Gita Pippin**

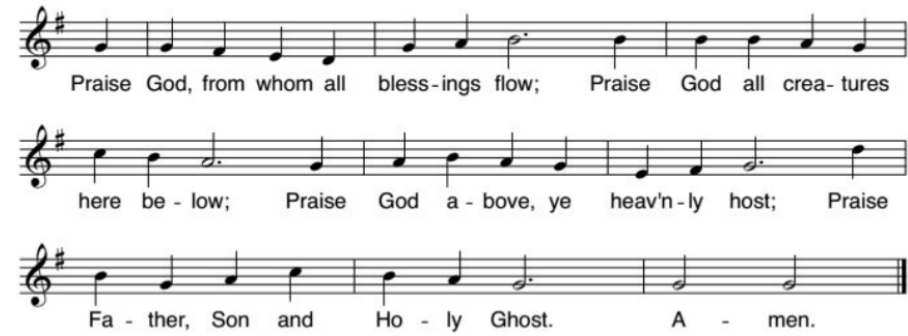
OFFERING OF CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus (8:45)*
arr. Philip Keveren

"There Shall a Star" from Christus (11:15)
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

* DOXOLOGY #606

The Old Hundredth



* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God, we offer these gifts with undivided hearts. We pray that they will help to bring the light of Christ into the darkness of this world. In the name of our coming Lord 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 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vv. 5 through 7)

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Postlude in G*
Gustav Merkel (1827-1885)

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

♦ GRACE Youth, grades 6-12 will meet in Fellowship Hall for Christmas decorating with the Sunday Express Children during the mission project today.

♦ No Praise Band or Youth Fellowship today.

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.**

Advent & Christmas at FPC

For a complete listing of events please pick up a sheet in the Narthex next to the Announcements!

Christmas Eve, December 24

Children's Service at **4:30 p.m.**, led by Yena Hwang.

Service of Lessons and Carols at **7:30 p.m.**, with readings by youths and a message by Henry Brinton.

Candlelight Communion Service at **10:00 p.m.**, with a message by Henry Brinton, "Why Him?" based on Luke 2:1-20.

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First Sunday



*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 27, 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.