

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 Pre-K - 5th grade students. During the school year, *Sunday Express* begins at 10 am and continues through the end of the 11:15 worship service. As a part of their education program, the children will join us in the Sanctuary at 11:15 am until the Conversation with Children and resume their *Sunday Express* in their respective classrooms. Parents are asked to pick up their children after the service.

*Please note that *Sunday Express* goes on break beginning May 21 - June 11 as we gear up for **Summer Express**, which is our summer program for Pre-K-3rd grades. *Summer Express* begins Sunday, June 18th.

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

**Services For The Lord's Day: 6th Sunday of Easter
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 *Coronation Anthem*
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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

L: Praise God, O people, let the sound of your praise be heard.

P: God has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

L: Let us praise the God who has not rejected our prayers,

P: Or removed God's steadfast love from us.

(Based on Psalm 66:8, 9, 20)

WELCOME

#* HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

* CALL TO CONFESSION **Yena Hwang**

L: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us confess our sins together.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy,

forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

P: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

L: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

P: Alleluia! Amen.

* RESPONSE TO OUR ASSURANCE

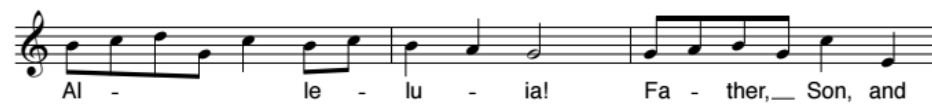
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (v. 4)



Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise e - ter - nal



as God's love, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise our God ye heav'n-ly host,



Al - le - lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and



Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

#* 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 *That God Is Great* (8:45)
George Frideric Handel

True Light (11:15)
Keith Hampton (b. 1953)
Sanctuary Choir, Julie Jernigan - soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Yena Hwang** (8:45)
Megan Brancato (11:15)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:42-47

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

The nursery is available during the service for children under 4 in room 245.

Children will remain in the sanctuary for worship. If your child needs a break, please take advantage of the Gathering room or the narthex extension area. Summer Express for rising PreK-3rd grades will begin on Sunday, June 18.

* HYMN 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*
(Pass prayer cards to center aisles)

SERMON *What Church Would Jesus Belong To?* **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)

(11:15) SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

- Calling Forth
- Questions to the Confirmands
- Questions to the Congregation
- Presentation of Crosses
- Prayers for the Confirmands
- Presentation of Gifts
- Blessing
- *Hymn 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky / Here I Am, Lord* (v.1 only)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

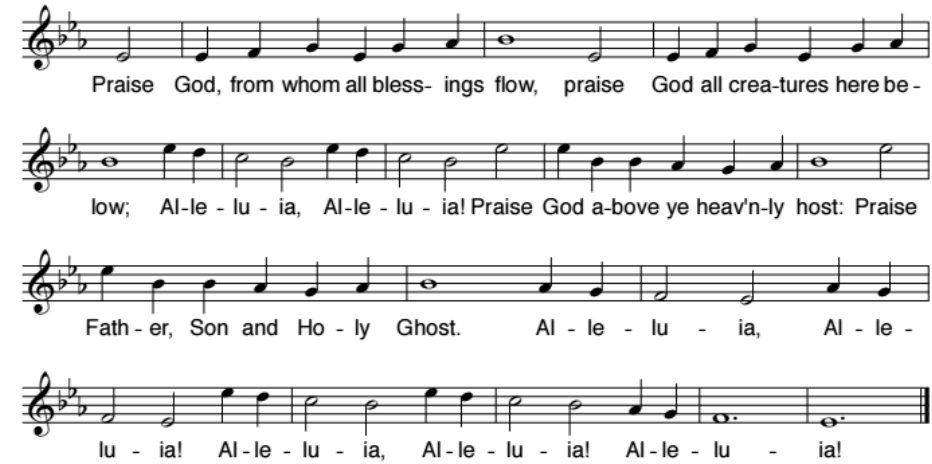
(11:15) MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (unison)
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *When Peace Like A River* (8:45)
arr. Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

Standing on the Promises (11:15)
Mark Hayes(b. 1955)

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Things Flow*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above ye heavenly host: Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God, accept these gifts and use them to spread your compassion and generosity throughout the 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 319 *Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing / Shout to the North*

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE Variations I, IV & V from *Courante, Suite III.*
George Frideric Handel

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.

NOTES ON WORSHIP

The flowers today are given by The Brancato Family in honor of Ellis Lynn's 5th birthday.

OUR USHERS today are Mike Britton, Susan Mangin, Jenny Buffa, Gary Cage, Barbara Henderson, Harriet Otchere, Brandon Cage, and Ben Cage.

Today At Fairfax Presbyterian

- Christian Formation classes have concluded for the year, including Sunday Express for children. Summer Express begins on Sunday, June 18.
- The Food Drive is TODAY! We especially need CANNED FRUIT (peaches, oranges, pears), CANNED MEAT/FISH, CANNED MEALS, CANNED VEGGIES (peas, beets, asparagus, tomatoes-we have enough corn and string beans), and CANNED SOUPS (all kinds).
- We welcome the following young people into active membership through Confirmation today: Benjamin Patrick Anderson, Charles Martin Arase, Sarah Danish Campbell, Emily Jordan Lamb, Marin Elizabeth Ward, and Alexander Le-lang Yee.
- The Fairfax Interfaith Walk is from 2PM - 5PM. You are invited to join your neighbors for all or part of this 3.5-mile walk, intended to bring faith communities together, help us learn from each other, and develop friendships along the way. The walk begins at Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Ave, Fairfax, VA.

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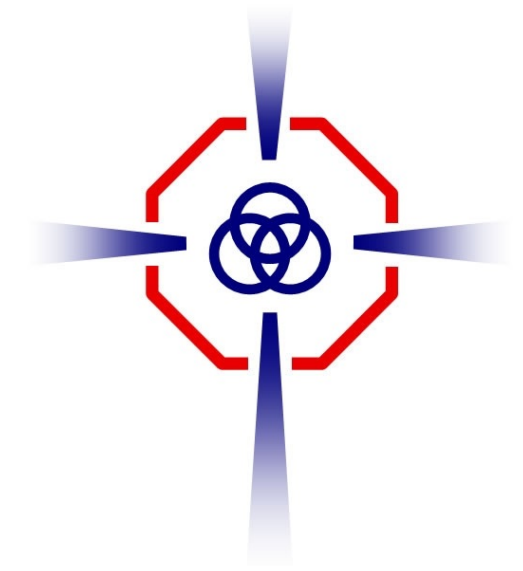
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Fairfax Presbyterian Church



*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.*

May 21, 2017

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.