

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: 7th Sunday of Easter
9:30 a.m. Service of Worship**

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

Gather Around God's Word

INTROIT

PRELUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
arr. Jonathan Rajaseelen

Jonathan Rajaseelen, guest organist

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

L: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

P: Grant us ears to hear, eyes to see, wills to obey, hearts to love.

L: Then declare what you will.

P: Reveal what you will, command what you will, demand what you will.

(Based on a prayer by Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894)

WELCOME

#* HYMN 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

* CALL TO CONFESSION **Yena Hwang**

L: As individuals and as a nation, we have fallen short of God's desires for us. Let us confess our sins together:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit you have led us to this land. Out of conflict, you have created in us a

love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive our pride that overlooks the wrong we do as a nation, or that justifies injustice. Heal divisions in our communities caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, O God, on the heart of our land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks the nation's good, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: We thank you, God, for shedding your grace on us.

P: We praise you for mending our every flaw.

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

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* RESPONSE TO OUR ASSURANCE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (v. 4)



#* 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 *Eternal Father Strong to Save*
Diane Bish (b. 1941)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Tom MacDonald**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **John 14:15-21**

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

P: Thanks be to God.

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 282 *Come Down, O Love Divine*
(Pass prayer cards to center aisles)

SERMON *Unscrupulous God* **Henry Brinton**

Respond to God's Word

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

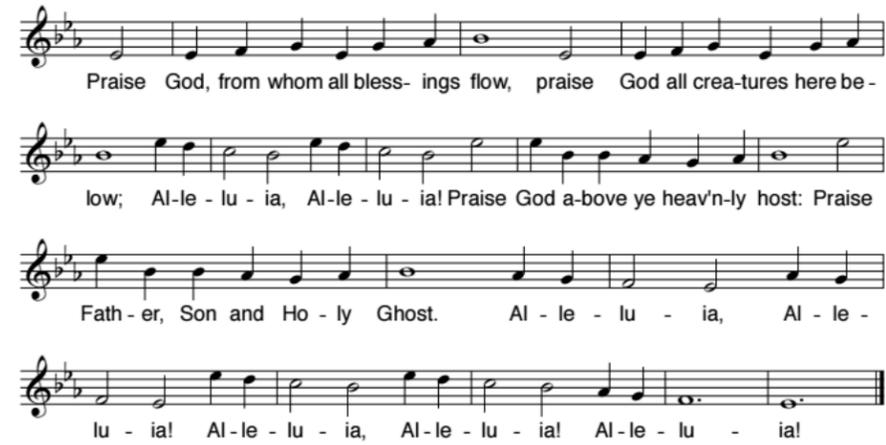
MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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 *Intermezzo in E-flat*, Op. 117
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*



* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Accept these gifts, O Lord, and use them to spread your love throughout our nation and our world. May they heal the sick, comfort the grieving, and advance your peace and justice, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Follow God's Word Into the World

* HYMN 337 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Concerto in D Major, BWV 972*
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

OUR USHERS today are **Isaac Bumgardner, Eleanor Duffield, Carolyn Gore-Ashe, Gary Sowers, and Ellen MacGregor.**

Today At Fairfax Presbyterian

- We welcome back Jonathan Rajaseelen to our worship service this morning and thank him for sharing his talent with us as our guest organist.

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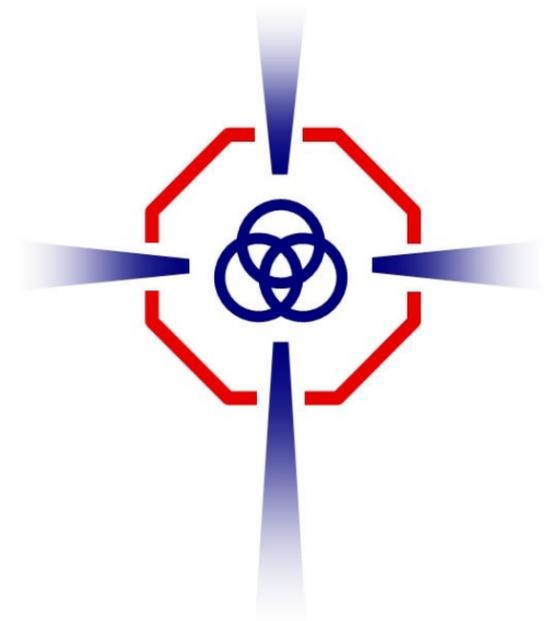
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*An Uncommon Christian Community
Embracing all people with God's love and grace.*

*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 28, 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.