

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 *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.

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:
Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday
8:45 & 11:15 a.m. Services of Worship

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

Gather Around God's Word

INTROIT

PRELUDE *Lift High the Cross*
Janet Linker (b. 1938)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Henry Brinton

L: Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

L: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

P: Let us worship Christ our King.

WELCOME

ADDING OF THE BUILDING BLOCKS (during hymn)

* PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

Choir / Children will process around the edge of the Sanctuary while adults will bring their Building Blocks to the Communion Table.

#* HYMN 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Polly Harris (8:45)

Kristen Hart (11:15)

L: As we enter Holy Week together, let us admit our sins to God.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, as we gather in your house of prayer, our hearts turn to Jerusalem. We confess that we are so often like the people of that city, who waved palms but then quickly abandoned Jesus. When asked to stay close to him, we wander away. When identified as his disciples, we deny him. When challenged to pick up the cross and follow him, we choose comfort over sacrifice. Forgive us, Lord, and fill us with new determination. May we be Christians who remain faithful to Jesus in word and deed, knowing that he is the way, the truth and the life. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

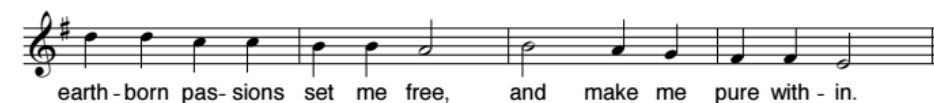
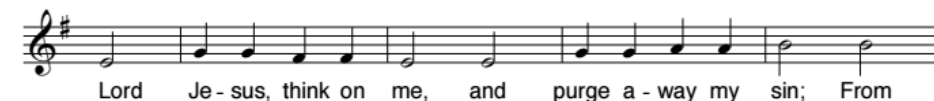
L: On the cross, Jesus was punished for our sins.

P: And suffered a shameful death to rescue us.

L: Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* RESPONSE TO OUR ASSURANCE



#* 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

Ride on King Jesus
arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Polly Harris (8:45)

Kristen Hart (11:15)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11

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 (in room 245 for children under 3) is available during the service. PreK-5th grade children are invited to Sunday Express following the conversation.

* HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

(Pass prayer cards to center aisles)

SERMON *Kings, Colts, Crowds, Cloaks and Kenosis* Henry Brinton

Respond to God's Word

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We believe Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?" We believe that the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. We proclaim Christ crucified: Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Therefore, we affirm our desire never to boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to us, and ourselves to the world. Amen.

(Based on Mark 8 and 1 Corinthians 1)

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.

MINUTE FOR NOMINATIONS Carolyn Gore-Ashe (8:45)

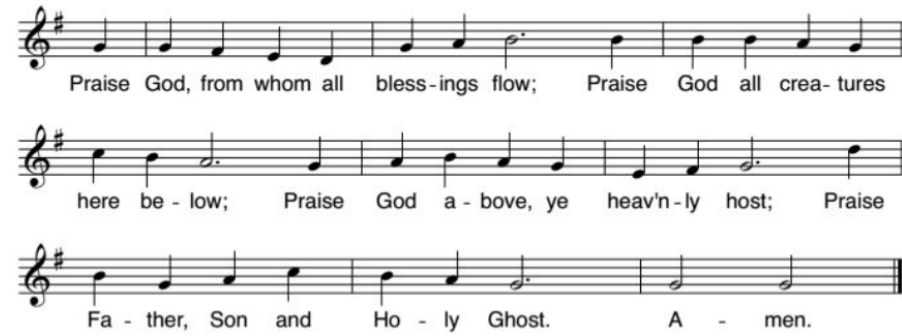
John LeBoon (11:15)

OFFERING OF CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY "Behold the Lamb of God" from *Messiah*
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

* DOXOLOGY #606

The Old Hundredth



* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We praise you, God, for the invitation of your Son Jesus to participate in his saving work and to practice his self-giving love. Accept these gifts, and put them to work in the building up of Christ's kingdom on earth. 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 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

O Darkest Woe

Arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

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.

HOLY WEEK AT FPC

April 13, Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:30 p.m. We will remember the Last Supper with a service including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Communion table. Worship will include the music of the Sanctuary Choir and cellist Ken Law.

April 14, Good Friday Worship at 7:30 p.m. Come to the cross of Jesus and give thanks for his sacrificial death, with dramatic readings of the Good Friday story and music by the Sanctuary Choir.

April 16, Easter Sunday Worship: Celebrate the Resurrection!

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Pilgrimage on the church grounds beginning in the Memorial Garden of the Glebe, led by Church Staff and Confirmation Class.

7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast provided by the GRACE Youth Fellowship as a fundraiser for their mission trip to Chicago.

8:45 a.m. Service of Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Brass, Bells, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Sermon "From Fear to Great Joy," based on Matthew 28:1-10.

11:15 a.m. Service of Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Brass, Bells, and Sermon "From Fear to Great Joy, based on Matthew 28:1-10.

NOTES ON WORSHIP

OUR USHERS today are **Ellen MacGregor, Isaac Bumgardner, Eleanor Duffield, Carolyn Gore-Ashe, Gary Sowers, Rob Updegrove, Bill Staples, Mike Stewart, Jennifer Browne, and Clark Bowden.**

Today At Fairfax Presbyterian

- There will be no Praise Band and Youth Fellowship this week.
- Christian Formation Classes are today at 10AM, Wired Word in Room #135, and Basic Bible in Room #134 with Henry Brinton. The second installment of Theology of Star Wars begins this week in Room #234!
- JOY! meets today at 12:30PM in the Multi-Purpose Room for lunch and a meeting.
- Wellness Committee meets today in the Library at 10AM.

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Mission Outreach Ministry: Mike Stewart, Becca Peterson.

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Staff Personnel & Administration Ministry: Carolyn Gore-Ashe, George Falck.

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Gary Sowers, *Clerk of Session*

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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.*

April 9, 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.