

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.

Summer Express, which is our summer program for Pre-K-3rd grades is on now!

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: 8th Sunday After Pentecost
9:30 a.m. Service of Worship**

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

Gather Around God's Word

PRELUDE *Allegro*
Thomas Arne (1710-1778)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) **Gary Sowers**

L: O give thanks to the Lord, call on the name of the Lord!

P: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to the Lord!

L: Seek the Lord, seek the power of the Lord!

P: Remember the Lord and all the wonderful works of the Lord!

L: O praise the Lord, for the Lord is our mighty deliverer!

P: Let us sing our songs of gratitude and adoration!

L: Let us worship the Lord, our God.

WELCOME

#* HYMN 157 *I Danced in the Morning*

* CALL TO CONFESSION **Yena Hwang**

L: Let us confess our sins to the One who is always ready to hear our prayers.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We confess that we have turned away from you and have not lived with upright hearts. Forgive us for failing to

follow you. Guide our feet in your ways, to serve your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: Be at peace knowing that God has forgiven you. All things work together for good for those who love God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* RESPONSE TO OUR ASSURANCE *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 *Let All Things Now Living*
arr. Jeff Benneett
Bill Reidway, Piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Tom MacDonald**

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 11: 1-7, 17, 20-27, 32-44

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.
Rising Prek-3rd graders are invited to room 244.*

* HYMN 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*
(Pass prayer cards to the center aisles)

SERMON *Pray and Get Out of the Way* **Gary Sowers**

Respond to God's Word

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful.

We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus

Christ, the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son. Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh: God and human in one person. We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift. By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit. Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works.

(Adapted from the French Confession of 1559, excerpt based on a translation of the original text by Dr. Ellen Babinsky & Dr. Joseph D. Small)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

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.

OFFERING OF CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Close to Thee*
Silas J. Vail
Bill Reidway, Piano

* DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We dedicate our lives to you and seal that promise by way of this offering. We give out of the abundance of our hearts, that the treasure of your kingdom may be shared with many. Thank you for the spirit of generosity and gratitude that make your kingdom flourish among us. Amen.

Follow God's Word Into the World

* HYMN 838 *Standing on the Promises*

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Ellacombe*
arr. Mark Thallander (b. 1950)

*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

- Gary Sowers has been a member of FPC since 1986 and has served in several capacities. He has been an usher for the past 31 years. He has served as a Deacon, as a Ruling Elder, and for the past 11 years he has been our Clerk of Session. Gary has a Bachelor of Science in Geography and a Master of Science in Information Technology. He served in the United States Navy, as a pilot flying P-3s, for 22 years. He then worked for the Washington DC metro area information technology company CACI, Inc. for 21 years. He has been fully retired since 2015. Gary has two adult daughters by his first wife Diana, who was also a member of FPC before her death in 2003. Gary is now married to Janet, another FPC member.
- The Trustees of Fairfax Presbyterian Church will be hosting a summer information session after the 9:30A worship TODAY in the Sanctuary.

NOTES ON WORSHIP

OUR USHERS today are **Rob Updegrove, Bill Staples, Mike Stewart, Clark Bowden, and Jennifer Browne.**

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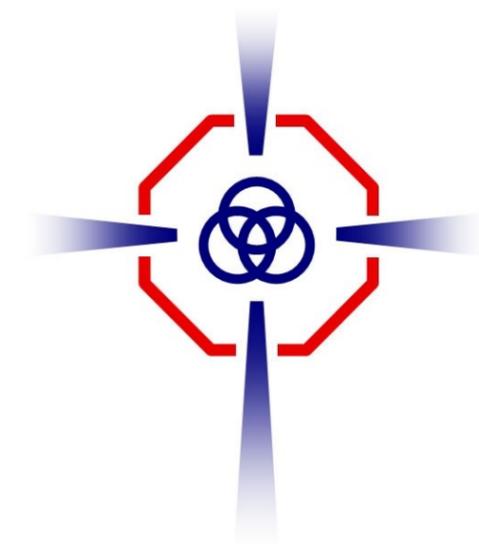
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*Fairfax Presbyterian Church is
 An Uncommon Christian Community
 Embracing all people with God's love and grace.*

*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.*

July 30, 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.