

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: 11th 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 "Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier," BWV 731
J. S. Bach

Michael Michaelis, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) **Yena Hwang**

L: God has called us and reconciled us through Jesus Christ.

P: God has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

L: We praise God for the ministry of reconciliation;

P: We join God in the ministry of reconciliation.

L: We worship God for the goodness of God's mercy.

P: We share God's mercy with grateful hearts.

L: Let us come before God with joy!

WELCOME

#* HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

* CALL TO CONFESSION **Tempest Brevard**

L: Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us, protect us, and bless us.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus. Our lives have been disrupted by our own selfish desires and evil exploits. We are dismayed at your presence, anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done or atone for the anguish we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. We shrink away from your gaze as strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: Our God forgives our sins, preserves our lives, and restores our souls.

P: Through the abundant provision of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and healed. 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 *I Know That my Redeemer Liveth*
Handel

Erin Sanzero, solo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Brad Pontz**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 15:21-28

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 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*
(Pass prayer cards to the center aisles)

SERMON **Resist and Persist** **Yena Hwang**

Respond to God's Word

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive)

L: We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

P: Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force.

L: At the same time, unity must also be earnestly pursued and sought.

P: We must be continually built up to attain this unity.

L: Our unity must become visible to the world.

P: Separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ.

L: Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.

P: We commit ourselves to resisting anything that threatens our unity.

L: The unity of the people of God is active and made manifest.

All: Thanks be to God.

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 *Chaconne*
L. Couperin

* 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)

Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy than we could imagine and more blessings than we deserve. Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you, that your mercy may be multiplied and your blessings abound to embrace all those in need. Amen.

Follow God's Word Into the World

* HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE Concerto in B Minor after Signor Meck, 1st mvmt.
J. Walther

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.

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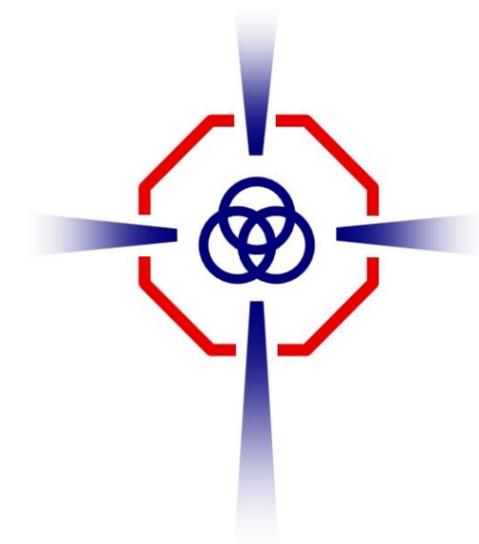
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NOTES ON WORSHIP

Today's flowers in the Sanctuary are given by the Sievers family.

OUR USHERS today are Gary Cage, Barbara Henderson, Harriet Otchere, Brandon Cage, and Ben Cage.

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.*

August 20, 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.