

***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.

*Today, we wrap up 11 weeks of Summer Express! Thanks to the entire Summer Express team!*

**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: 12th 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 *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 759*  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Michael Michaelis, guest organist**

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Nora Thapa

L: Rejoice and be glad:

**P: This is the day that the Lord has made!**

L: Rejoice and be glad:

**P: Heaven and earth will never be the same!**

L: Rejoice and be glad:

**P: Let us worship in joy and gladness!**

WELCOME

#\* HYMN 274

*Morning Has Broken*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Yena Hwang

L: God is boundless, yet we try to bind God down when we are filled with fear and anxiousness. Let us confess our doubt before God.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times,**

**O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.**

(Time for silent confession)

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: God of limitless and boundless love, hears us and forgives us.

Know that you are made whole in Jesus Christ and be at peace.

**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

*In the Garden*

Austin Miles (1868-1946)

**Charlie Brown and Mike Egan, soloists**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susan Chesson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 118:1-24

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 556

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

(Pass prayer cards to the center aisles)

SERMON

This Moment, Rejoice and Be Glad Nora Thapa

***Respond to God's Word***

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

**With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the spirit. With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purpose of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.** (from the Iona Community Book of Prayer)

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

*Softly and Tenderly*

Will Thompson (1847-1909)

\* 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 praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us the gift of time. Every moment is a gift from you and in gratitude, we give you this offering. May it help to bring purpose and beauty in our faith journey. Amen.**

## Follow God's Word Into the World

- \* HYMN 89 *Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*
- \* BENEDICTION
- \* POSTLUDE  
Movement 1 from *Concerto in A Minor after Vivaldi*, BWV 593  
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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### NOTES ON WORSHIP

Our Guest Preacher today, Nora Thapa, grew up in Massachusetts, graduated from Delaware and Vermont, has a Master's degree in Teaching and works as a manager in Information Technology at a Financial Organization. Nora began worshipping with FPC in 2004 when she curiously walked into the Narthex and was taken in and embraced by our community of faith. She has served as an Elder and member of the Children's Ministry, Writing Group, and APNC, and currently serves as a Sunday Express teacher and as a member of the Capital Campaign committee. She is the mom of three grown children and resides in Loudon County

We thank all the summer preachers who brought the Word of God to us through this season: Leslie Woods, Angie Ninde, Jerry Hopkins, Gary Sowers, Thom Campbell, and Nora Thapa! We were blessed by your sermons and we are blessed by your leadership!

Deacons invite you to a time of fellowship and refreshments in the narthex immediately following the service of worship today.

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

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#### Upcoming Messages

- \* September 3 9:30AM - "Walk Through The Church Year."
- \* September 10 8:45 & 11:15AM - Sermon by Henry Brinton, "Sabbatical Reflections." Psalm 149.
- \* September 17 8:45 & 11:15AM - Sermon by Henry Brinton, "Jesus the

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### The Session

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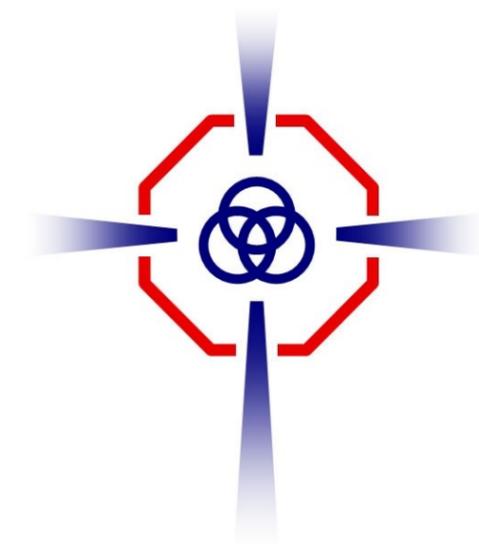
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# Fairfax Presbyterian Church



*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.*

## August 27, 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.*