

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

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

***Gather Around God's Word***

# PRELUDE *Preludium in E minor*  
Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

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

L: God calls you to be on this holy ground to encounter God.

**P: To receive God's grace and mercy;**

L: To receive forgiveness from God;

**P: To forgive myself and others;**

L: To wrestle with the Word and with myself;

**P: To receive God's blessings at the end of that wrestling.**

L: Let us claim this place as our holy ground;

**P: For we are ready to wrestle and to worship and to be blessed.**

L: Amen!

WELCOME

#\* HYMN 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* (sing 2x)

\* CALL TO CONFESSION **Jerry Hopkins**

L: Let us confess our sins in the presence of the One who forgives and blesses.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. In Christ we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

\* RESPONSE TO OUR ASSURANCE *Gloria Patri*



#\* 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***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Dan Stevens**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 32:22-31

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 450 *Be Thou My Vision*  
(Pass prayer cards to the center aisles)

SERMON *Wrestling God* **Yena Hwang**

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

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) **Jerry Hopkins**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.** (The Apostles' Creed)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS  
INTRODUCTION OF TEMPEST BREVARD

**Carolyn Gore-Ashe**

OFFERING OF CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *O Clap Your Hands*  
John Rutter (b. 1945)  
**Summer Choir**



\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**We believe that our little is multiplied to many in your faithful hands, O Lord. As we offer our gifts, multiply them to work your miracles. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
**Jerry Hopkins & Yena Hwang**

Invitation  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup  
Communion of the People

*Please walk to a station in the center of the Sanctuary, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. You may then return to your pew by an outer aisle. Please raise your hand if you need to be served in the pew.*

Communion Music:

*Ubi Caritas*  
James Biery

Prayer after Communion

### ***Follow God's Word Into the World***

\* HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE *Preludium in E minor*  
Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

*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***

- We welcome **Tempest Brevard** as our new Youth Director! Tempest comes to us from Castro Valley, California, but she is originally from the east coast, as she was raised in North Carolina. Tempest brings a wealth of education driven by passion to know more, to do more: Tempest earned a B.A. in Psychology from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC; and earned a M.Ed. in Counseling from Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts and a M.A. in Religious Education from Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts. Tempest is currently a doctoral candidate in Leadership and Spiritual Formation at the Portland Seminary at George Fox University. Before being called to FPC, Tempest was working as the Lead Resident Service Coordinator at a living community for seniors called Lytton Gardens, in Palo Alto, CA. She was also working as a part-time Children's Ministry Director at Open Door Methodist Church in Richmond, CA. In the past, Tempest has served as the Youth Ministry Coordinator at Grace Episcopal Church in St. Helena, CA, and the Youth and Children's Minister at St. James Episcopal Church in Greenville, SC. Following this worship service, please join us in the welcome reception that the PW has planned in celebration of Tempest's first Sunday with us!

## NOTES ON WORSHIP

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

### **Leadership at Fairfax Presbyterian Church**

#### **The Session**

*Christian Formation Ministry:* Rochon Bumgardner, John Williams.  
*Member Connections Ministry:* Susan Chesson, Cate Rodman.  
*Mission Outreach Ministry:* Mike Stewart, Becca Peterson.  
*Property Management Ministry:* Tom MacDonald, Catherine Potter.  
*Staff Personnel & Administration Ministry:* Carolyn Gore-Ashe, George Falck.  
*Stewardship & Finance Ministry:* Tim Leslie, Jessica Harrison, Brad Pontz.  
*Worship Ministry:* Sara Bowden.  
Gary Sowers, *Clerk of Session*  
Ed Bowen, *Treasurer*; Sonja Hancke, *Associate Treasurer*

#### **Board of Deacons**

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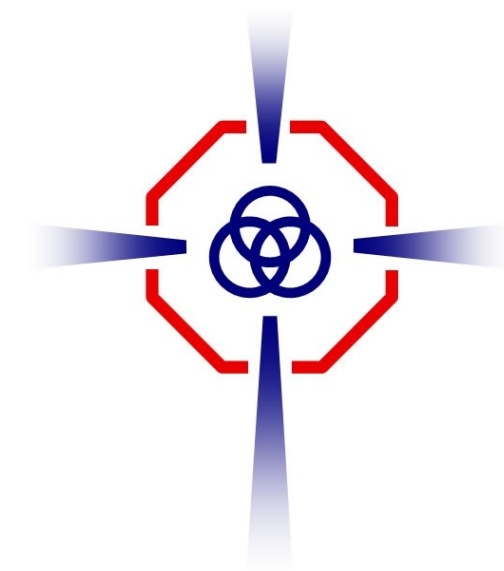
Henry G. Brinton, Senior Pastor  
Yena Hwang, Associate Pastor  
Tempest Brevard, Youth Director  
Nini Johnson, Preschool Director  
Gretchen Kuhrmann, Director of Music  
Sanghwa Lee, Organist/Associate Director of Music  
Erin Sanzero, Associate Director of Music  
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# 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 6, 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.*