



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church**  
**Kettering, Ohio**  
**December 26, 2021**

# FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

***Fairmont Presbyterian Church nurtures and guides people to live inspired lives.***

December 26, 2021

10:30am

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

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**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Brian Maguire

**Prelude**

*Christmas Time is Here*

Vince Guaraldi

**Call to Worship Psalm 148**

Ken Ginader

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

**People: Praise God, all you angels; praise God, O Heavenly host!**

Leader: Praise God, sun and moon, all you shining stars! Praise The Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for in the power of God's word they were created.**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord!

**Hymn 132**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

In Dulci Jubilo

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice

with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**Child of Bethlehem, you come to us as one of us sharing our burdens and knowing us as we truly are. We cannot hide our doubts, fears, shame, and pride from you. Yet we fail to follow your summons and live into the promise of your new life. Forgive us our sin and transform our lives that we may share in your saving work and live a new life in you...(time for silent prayer)... Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Congregational Response 113**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
(verse 1)

Gloria

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

**Passing of Christ's Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**Time with Our Children**

Loralei Harding

**Anthem**

*Christmas Lullaby*  
Coleman Clark & Loralei Harding, *soloists*

by Jason Robert Brown

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Philippians 2:13-18

<sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without murmuring and arguing, <sup>15</sup>so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. <sup>16</sup>It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you— <sup>18</sup>and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

**Story**

Saint Nicholas

Rev. Brian Maguire

**Hymn 145**

*What Child Is This?*

Greensleeves

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;  
the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high.  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

#### The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his 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.**

#### **Pastoral Prayer** (concluding with 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.**

#### **Invitation of Discipleship**

#### **Anthem**

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen- Old English Carol*  
Coleman Clark, *pianist*

**Doxology**     *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Commitment**

**Hymn 136**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Go Tell It

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!  
1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

3 Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

The Piano Guys

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**Within the Fellowship**

For prayer concerns or if you would like to be part of the Email Prayer Chain Team, please contact:  
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**Announcements**

**The office will be closed Monday, December 27th-Monday, January 3rd.**

**No Connections this week. Happy Holiday!**

**No Bible Study this week. Happy Holiday!**

**Stewardship Update 2022:** Total pledges thus far are \$509,147. Thank you for your continued giving.

**Giving envelopes are outside the parlor.** Please wait until January 2022 to use them as the numbers have changed.

**Mittens, Gloves, & Hats Giving Basket:** The Mission Team of Fairmont invites you to bring brand new mittens, gloves, and hats for the children at JFK Elementary School. There is a large basket on the Mission Table at the top of the stairs (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) by the elevator for your gifts. Let's help keep children warm this winter. Thank you!

**Preaching in 2022:** Starting next week on January 2nd, we will be examining all the major themes of the Old Testament as we chronologically walk through The Great Story.

**Connections in January:** On Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, we will be looking at *Faith Practices for a New Year*. We will watch a short video on simple practices of faith, look at scripture and how it speaks to these practices, and share our own stories of faith practices. We will be using the Animate Video curriculum from Sparkhouse. You can find the Zoom link in Fairmont's weekly emails, *Beside Still Waters* and *Fridays from Fairmont*, or in the weekly worship bulletins. Let's start the new year together.

January 5: Sacraments: A tapestry of Traditions by Phyllis Tickle

January 12: Food: Eating with Jesus by Sara Miles

January 19: Prayer: Oriented Toward God by Brian McLaren

January 26: Community: An Unexpected Family by Doug Pagitt

**Connections:** Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84170790852>

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 7079 0852

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# 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

# 145 What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.


This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.



# 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

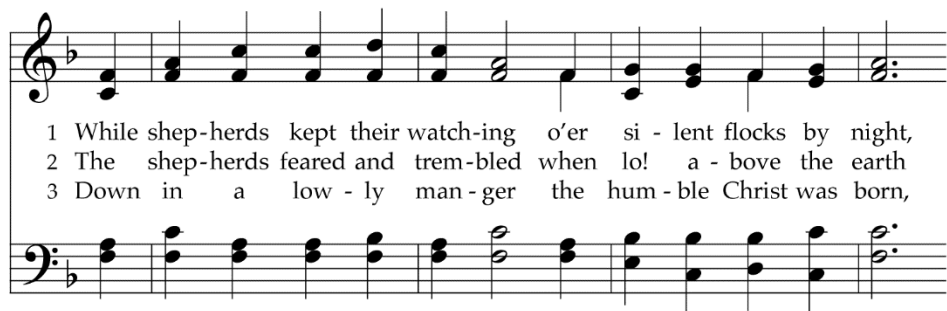
Refrain 



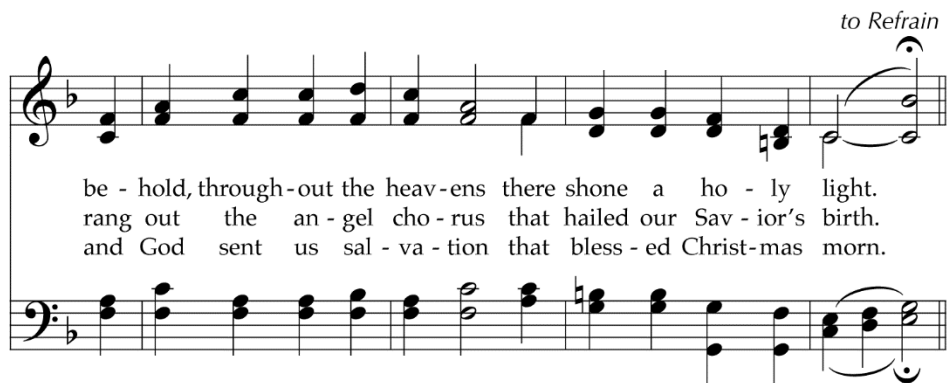
Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



to Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.