



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
December 19, 2021**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

December 19, 2021

10:30am

Children's Pageant

4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Advent Medley

Marilynn Ham

Call to Worship

Kris Martin

Leader: As quietly as the winter steals upon us, the season of joy approaches.

People: We wait for our Redeemer, for God's promise to be fulfilled.

Leader: The day is coming quickly. The God of mercy draws near.

People: Therefore we wait with joy, attentive to all the signs of his coming.

Leader: Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Hymn 143

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!

2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!

3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!

4 All creation, join in praising

God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Barnett Family

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

**Almighty God, Light of the World, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of Jesus the Christ. You continually open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. Forgive us, O God. May the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service...*(silent confession)*
...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

He Is Born!
Bell Choir

arr. by Linda R. Lamb

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Christmas Pageant

Barnett Family

Scene 1 (Mary's House) "So Joseph went to the town of Bethlehem to register with Mary."

Hymn 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verse 1)

Scene 2 (Stable)

Hymn 128 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (verse 1)

Scene 3 (Shepherds' Fields) "Let's go see what the Lord has told us!"

Hymn 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (verse 1)

Scene 4 (Stable) "They presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Hymn 122 *Silent Night* (verse 1)

Hymn 114

Away in a Manger

Cradle Song

1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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 and Prayer of Discipleship

Anthem

Earth Shall Ring
Bell Choir

arr. by Margaret R. Tucker

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 Discipleship**

Hymn 113

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Gloria

1 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!

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

Gordon Young

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Within the Fellowship

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Announcements

Christmas Pageant Thank you!

Families, thank you for spending your time and effort to ensure a successful children's pageant! We are so grateful to each and every one of you! The congregation at Fairmont values our children so much and always looks forward to this beautiful pageant offering. Merry Christmas!

Connections: The Bits the Bible Left Out: This December, on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, we will be looking at how the Bible was put together and especially at what did not make it in. We will consider the process of creating both the Old and New Testament Canons and those collections of literature that were either not included or ignored.

December 22 The Closing of the Canon

December 29 NO CONNECTIONS

Connections: Wednesdays, 7:00pm

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 7079 0852

There will be no Bible Study this Thursday, December 23rd or Thursday, December 30th due to the holidays.

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 (2nd floor) by the elevator for your gifts and the Mitten Tree in the black and white narthex. Let's help keep children warm this winter. Thank you!

Stewardship Update 2022: Total pledges thus far are \$505,947. 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.



Celebrate With Us!

Christmas Eve Worship Services

4:30 p.m. Children and Family Service

7:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service

7:30 p.m. Livestream Service

<https://fairmontchurch.org/online>



OUR THANKS FOR THE POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Wynn and Jeff Adam in honor of family.

Terry and Kathy Akers in honor of their grandchildren, Chase Polk and Aria and Ethan Akers.

Boden Family in honor of Tucker David Jones, our new nephew/cousin!!

Karan and Rich Bowden in memory of John and Marguerite Bowden.

Harry Bradbury in memory of Barbara W. Bradbury.

Trina Brander in memory of her parents, Lee and Bill Brander.

Carol Bussey in memory of Mary Allbery and Oliverose Apple ("The Aunts").

Cindy and Mike Cavey in memory of Sharon Cost.

Charlie Chamberlain in memory of Bud & Martha Chamberlain.

The Cohens in honor of our parents, Len and Lea Cohen and David and Wanda Fischer, our children and granddaughter.

Dennis and Sue Daley in honor of God's Goodness in our lives.

Carol Eaton in memory of Bill Haffner.

Elizabeth Favro in memory of Mike Favro Sr., loved ones and those lost to Covid.

Ginny Glass in memory of Joshua Sexson.

Pat Goss & Family in memory of Don Goss.

Sara Grillot in loving memory of my parents, Thomas and Phyllis Schuler.

Tom and Kimberly Gunlock in loving memory of Tom's mother: Dorothy Gunlock and Kimberly's parents: Richard and Dorothy White.

Mary Haffner in memory of Bill Haffner.

Rebecca Hamilton in memory of David Hamilton and Heidi Galloway.

Kanis Family in memory of Mary & Earl Kanis; Nancy & Ralph Howard.

Sharon Kohnle in honor of Fairmont's Glorious Music Ministries.

Esther Kremer in memory of my husband Bill Kremer and my grandson Jeremy McNeil and in honor of my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The Luther Family in memory of C. James & Ruth Wilson, Susan Wilson Stricker, William, Margaret & Casey Luther.

Dinah Miller in honor of my wonderful children – Sarah, David, Howard & Joseph.

Vince and Cyndi Porter in memory of Ward & Phyllis Porter and Don & Phyllis Wilson (Our Parents) and in honor of Michael, Stephanie, Autumn, Khloe & Josie Porter

Pete Schilling in memory of Judy Schilling and Kathy Schilling Eccles and in honor of Donna & Ken Ginader and Ray Johnson.

Rick & Jane Schwartz in memory of Ruth Schwartz & Mary Eleanor Flory.

Lois Thomas in memory of Jay Thomas.

Becky Wells in memory of Dorothy Wells.

Cindy and Dave Youngerman in memory of Mary and Don Lindamood (Cindy's parents).

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143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 you - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star:
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."

Away in a Manger

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Capo 5: (C) (Am) (C) (Dm)
 F Dm F Gm

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(F) (G) (C) (Dm) (F) (G)
 B \flat C F Gm B \flat C

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(C) (Dm)
 F Gm

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 C F Gm C F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

This anonymous carol probably originated among Pennsylvania Lutherans in the late 19th century, giving rise to a mistaken assertion that it had been written by Martin Luther. This tune is also by an American but has become the one usually used in Canada and Great Britain.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, c. 1885;
 stanza 3, Gabriel's *Vineyard Songs*, 1892
 MUSIC: William James Kirkpatrick, 1895

CRADLE SONG
 11.11.11.11
 (alternate tune: MUELLER, 115)

113 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad-some ti - dings be which in-spire your heaven-ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - -

This French carol probably dates from the 1700s, though it was not printed until the following century. Because it uses a vernacular language for the narrative stanzas and Latin for the refrain, it belongs to a special category called "macaronic" or mixed-language texts.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

The image shows a musical score for a piece titled "JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH". It consists of two staves: a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics "ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The score concludes with a double bar line.

- - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!