



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
November 28, 2021**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

November 28, 2021

10:30am

1st Sunday of Advent

The session has revised Fairmont's safety protocols:

1. Wearing of face masks by fully vaccinated individuals is strongly recommended while indoors.
2. Wearing of face masks by individuals who are not fully vaccinated is required while indoors.
3. Wearing of face masks by everyone while in common areas of the building is required while preschool is in session (8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday to Friday).
4. Everyone is asked to maintain appropriate social distancing.
5. Individuals who currently experience flu-like symptoms are asked to stay home.
6. Everyone is asked to maintain good hand, sneeze, and cough hygiene.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

John David Peterson

Call to Worship

Ken Ginader

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

People: Justice and righteousness will fill the land, and all will live in peace and safety.

Leader: I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up, says the Lord.

People: This is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Leader: Come, let us worship our God!

Hymn 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,

now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Boden Family

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation...(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

We ask you to remain in place and share Christ's peace through your words and your eyes, not your hands and hugs.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Time with Our Children

Loralei Harding

Children will remain seated in the pews for the Children's Time and will be released to Sunday School after.

Anthem

O Emmanuel

Karen Marrolli

The Chancel Choir and Kent Shin, *violin*

Shadows are deepening and evening is falling, dusk ever hast'ning our midnight of souls. Light to our darkness and hope for our longing, come dwell among us till daylight consoles. O Emmanuel, your people are calling for healing as darkness unfolds. Shadows are deepening and evening is falling, dusk ever hast'ning our midnight of souls. Come as the artist, forever creating torrents of dayspring where all tears have dried. Bring us your sunrise, the darkness abating. Bring us your healing for hearts broken wide. O Emmanuel, your people are waiting, waiting for solace; O come and be our guide. Come as the artist, forever creating torrents of dayspring where all tears have dried. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rachel Boden

Hymn 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Star of the County Down

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

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 to Discipleship

We will not be passing the offering plates to collect tithes and offerings today. There is a basket by each exit door for the collection of tithes and offerings. (*Loose coins go to Children and Youth Ministries.*)

Anthem

People, Look East
The Chancel Choir

Farjeon and Shaw

People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth, and set the table. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way. Furrows, be glad, Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Star is on the way. Angels, announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

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 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.

2 Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all loves excelling,
our lost and fallen race.

3 You come, O Lord, with gladness,
in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness
and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation
we live for that great day
when your renewed creation
your glory shall display.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

David Paxton

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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:
Rev. Kelley Shin at kshin@fairmontchurch.org.

For emergencies, contact Rev. Brian Maguire at (937) 269-2864 or Rev. Kelley Shin at (937) 751-0752.

Announcements

Sunday School will be offered during 10:30 worship after the Time with Children for ages 4 - grade 5. Parents, please collect your children promptly after worship.
Zoom Sunday School will continue at 12pm Sundays!

Nursery reminder that only children birth - 3 years old may stay in the nursery for the safety of our youngest.
Nursery will be provided from 8am-12pm. Please remember to collect your children promptly after worship!

Children's Christmas Pageant

December 19th during 10:30 worship, our children will be **in-person** presenting their annual Christmas Pageant about the birth of Christ!
All children grade 5 and below are invited to participate. A short rehearsal will be held Saturday, December 18th at 10:00am.
More information for parents in Kidz Korner emails.

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 1 Writings of the Apostolic Fathers
- December 8 Other Gospels
- December 15 The Other Books that didn't make it.
- 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

Thursday Evening Bible Study: Join us every Thursday night for Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Each week we will be examining the Bible text for the following Sunday. This Thursday we will be exploring Luke 21:25-35. Watch for Fairmont's weekly Beside Still Waters email for the link or here:

Bible Study: Thursday, 7:30pm
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86422990477>
Zoom Meeting ID: 864 2299 047

Theology on Tap: Join us for Theology on Tap this Friday, December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Just because we do not have a bar does not mean we cannot still get together and share. Bring your favorite beverage and join us for our virtual "Theology on Tap." Watch for the link in our weekly Beside Still Waters email or here:

Theology on Tap: Friday, December 3rd at 5:00pm
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89247878247>
Zoom Meeting ID: 892 4787 8247

Cookie Walk: The annual Women of Fairmont Cookie Walk is fast approaching on December 12th, following the single service. Be sure to save the date! Everyone is invited to bake and donate cookies and

candy for the Cookie Walk. Please sign up on the Fellowship Pad or on the sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall if you can contribute homemade items. You may also email your intent to donate cookies to Cindy Cavey. The email address is ccavey@roadrunner.com, or you may text her at 937-245-1787. Cookies and candies may be delivered to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 10 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm or Saturday, December 11 between 9:00 and 11:00 am. Then join us on December 12th to purchase cookies for the benefit of the Women of Fairmont mission projects. We look forward to seeing you at this festive and fun Christmas gathering!

Jeremiah's Letter Christmas!

Once again, due to Covid challenges, we will not be shopping this year for the Jeremiah's Letter mission project. However, through our Mission Team local mission budget **we will provide gift cards to the families we have supported in previous years.** We know you miss the hands-on opportunity to shop for families in need but we pray that next year we will have this opportunity again. Mission Team members will be delivering gift cards to families' homes the week of December 13th, including gift cards for groceries. Thank you for your support of Fairmont's Mission work through your pledges and giving.

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



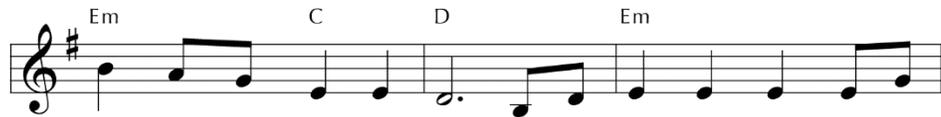
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

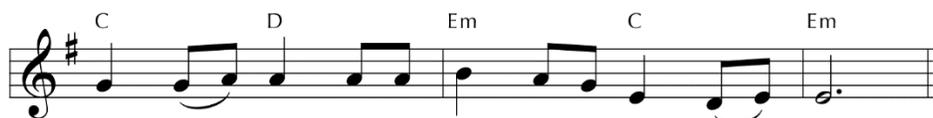
Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.