



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
November 21, 2021

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

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10:30am

Christ the King

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

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Timothy Albrecht

Call to Worship Psalm 93

Leader: The Lord is sovereign, robed in majesty; the Lord is girded with strength.

People: The Lord has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

Leader: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

People: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

Leader: Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Hymn 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,

he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Descant:

4 Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints
to their eternal home.
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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

Christ our King, you hold dominion over our lives and our world. But you come to us as one of us offering compassion. Yet we turn from your invitation and give ourselves over to our shame, pride, and fears. Forgive us our sin. Cross over the distances we have put between us and you. Gently lead us back to our true home and belonging in your Kingdom...*(silent prayer)*...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response #581

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

John Rutter

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy Cross before to guide me. Thou spreads't a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth: And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Daniel 7:9-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like the Son of God coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

What Sort of Kingdom?

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 348

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Now redemption, long expected,
comes in solemn splendor near;
all the saints this world rejected

thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
See the day of God appear!

3 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom as thine own.
Come, Lord Jesus; come, Lord Jesus; come, Lord Jesus.
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

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

Sing Out the Name of God Forever

Kuhnau/Liebergen

Sing out the name of God forever, ever, sing out the name of God forever with jubilant song, sing out the name of God forever with jubilant song, sing out the name of God forever with jubilant song, forever give glory, forever give glory, forever give glory, give glory and thanks, forever give glory, give glory and ever thanks, forever give glory, give glory and thanks, forever give glory and thanks.

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

Time for Personal Commitment

Statements of intended giving for 2022 have been mailed to you and are available in the pew racks. After prayer and reflection, you are invited to complete the cards and bring them to the basket at the front of the church when you are ready during the closing hymn.

Hymn 367*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

St. George's Windsor

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest home!

Charge and Benediction**Postlude***Jesus Shall Reign*

Robert Powell

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Within the Fellowship

Next Sunday, November 28, 2021, Rachel Boden will be preaching at both services on Philippians 1. Rachel is a student at Princeton Theological Seminary studying to become a minister of word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is under the care of Fairmont Presbyterian Church. Please welcome Rachel back to our pulpit!

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

The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th.

No Connections Class this week. Happy Thanksgiving!

No Bible Study this week. Happy Thanksgiving!

Fairmont Youth Ministry

WHO: 6th – 12th Grade Youth
DATE: Sunday, November 21, 2021
TIME: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Fellowship Hall and Courtyard (socially distanced)
THEME: Prayer and Thanksgiving
WHAT: Lunch, Mission and Service, and Games

In-Person Sunday School Has Returned!

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 Has Returned!

We are so excited to welcome Amy Salley, our new nursery provider! As a reminder, 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.

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.

Brian's Nerdy Bible Notes

One of the most confusing and confounding terms in all of scripture is "the son of man." In Hebrew and Aramaic, it can simply be the generic term for a human being, hence the occasional translation, "human one." The definite or indefinite article is how the phrase is used idiomatically in Hebrew and Aramaic. But that is not how scripture always uses the term. Sometimes, the phrase has more mysterious meanings.

In Daniel 7, written originally in Aramaic, two figures emerge with a vaguely human like appearance. One is the Ancient of Days. The other is the son of man. But here the son of man is also a heavenly or angelic being at the same time. The question then is who is it? That has been an ongoing debate within and between Christianity and Judaism ever since.

Christians identify the Son of Man as Jesus for the simple reason that Jesus identifies himself as the son of man and specifically quotes from Daniel 7 and applies it to himself and his work. In Mark Jesus uses the term as a title, while scrupulously avoiding the titles Messiah and Son of God. Jesus uses the title specifically in his predictions of his own passion. In response to the question/accusation of the high priest, "are you the messiah?" Jesus responds, "I am; and you will see the son of man seated at the right hand of the father." (Mark 14:62). So apparently in Mark, son of man becomes almost synonymous with messiah.

In Matthew the Son of Man titles for Jesus are used to portray Jesus as the judge over all creation in the final judgment. For example, "when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones." (Matt. 19:28). The son of man imagery as judge over creation again appears in numerous parables like that of the sower. Luke seems to follow Matthew in this usage, but it appears less frequently in Luke perhaps because Luke contains less apocalyptic material. John also uses it in this way, but John adds an interesting portrayal of the son of man as pre-existent before the birth of Jesus, for example in the conversation with Nicodemus. Similarly, in the bread of life discourses in John, Jesus presumes the preexistence of the son of man, "what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" (John 6:62).

Jews, on the other hand, were reluctant to ascribe the son of man imagery in Daniel 7 to Jesus. They pointed out that the term could be understood generally to any human like being. Given that Daniel identifies the archangel Michael as a particular champion of Israel, he would be a prime candidate. Other possible identifications with the son of man are Judas Maccabeus who led the Jewish revolt against the Seleucid Kingdom at the time the book of Daniel was written or, perhaps, the High Priest Onias III.

The figure of the son of man makes numerous appearances in intertestamental apocalyptic literature like 1 Enoch, the Genesis Apocryphon, The Community Rule of the Qumran community, and 4th Ezra. All of them reveal a Son of Man who will usher in an apocalyptic age.

How Daniel 7's mysterious figure gets variously translated as The Son of Man, a son of man, a human being, a human one, a divine person, or a person, tells you more about the faith commitments of the translator than about Daniel's obscure meaning.

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

348 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand,
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near; all the
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,

thou - sand saints at - tend - ing join to
 saints this world re - ject - ed thrill the
 take the power and glo - ry; claim the

Despite unclear musical origins, the result here is a characteristic early Methodist hymn tune, notable for its breadth and range. It effectively sets a text of similarly mixed sources, one that Charles Wesley regarded as related to "Thy kingdom come" in the Lord's Prayer.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

sing the glad re - frain: Al - le -
 trum - pet sound to hear: Al - le -
 king - dom as thine own. Come, Lord

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 Je - sus. Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.