



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
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January 2, 2022

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

January 2, 2022

10:30am

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Fred Bock

Call to Worship (Psalm 148)

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

People: Praise God, all the angels; praise him, all the heavenly host!

Leader: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

People: Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Hymn 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

Dix

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

4 Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last

where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

God of new life, in this season of light we cling to shadows. We confess that we hold our fears more tightly than your hope. Our fears of failure and unpopularity keep us from living according to your will. Our despairs keep us from embracing your Kingdom. Our fears of dependency keep us from relying on you. Forgive our erring ways. Forgive us our sin. Lead us in strength to new courage and wisdom so that we might share in the work and life of the Messiah Jesus in this world...*(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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem

Jesu Noel

arr. Eleanor Whitsett

Sharon Kohnle, *pianist* and Judy Bede, *organist*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with

the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind^[a] in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;^[b]
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A Beginning

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.*

Invitation and Prayer of Discipleship

Sacrament of Holy Communion (*unison responses in bold*)

Invitation to the Table

We Call Upon the Lord

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We Give Thanks to God for all that God Has Done

. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might, heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice for Us

. . . Great is the Mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We Ask God to be Present with Us in the Sharing of This Meal

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.

We Remember How Jesus Instituted this Meal

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- I Corinthians 11:23-26

We Share Together in the Sacrament

Prayer After Communion (in unison)

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, Emmanuel, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen

us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks to the child of Bethlehem. Amen.

Hymn 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Kings of Orient

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. (Refrain)

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshiping God Most High. (Refrain)

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)

5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The Birthday of a King

arr. Smith and Hustad

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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 Church office will be closed on Monday, January 3rd.

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!

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

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. 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, January 7th 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, January 7th at 5:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89247878247>

Zoom Meeting ID: 892 4787 8247

Fairmont Family Hike:

DATE: Saturday, January 8th (rain date January 22)

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Hills & Dales Metropark, White Oak Camp Entrance 2606 Hilton Drive, Kettering, Ohio 45409

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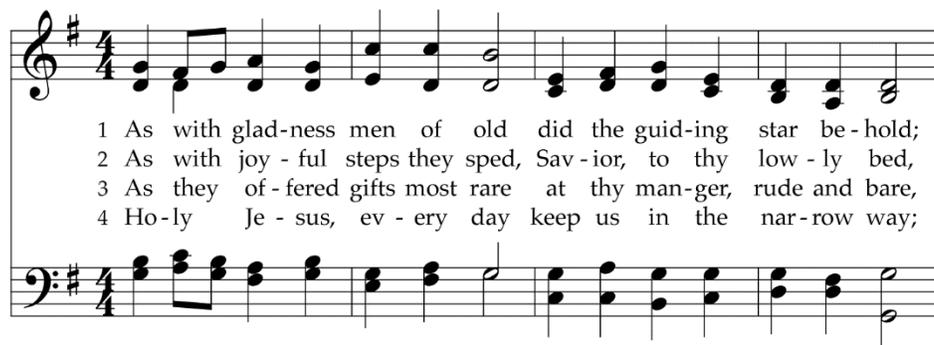
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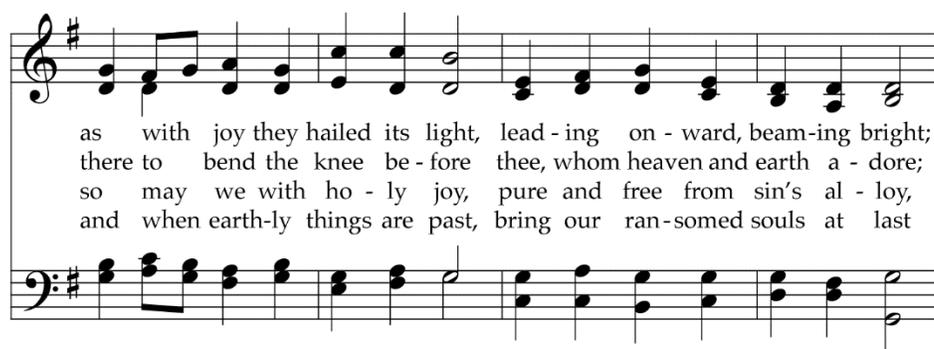
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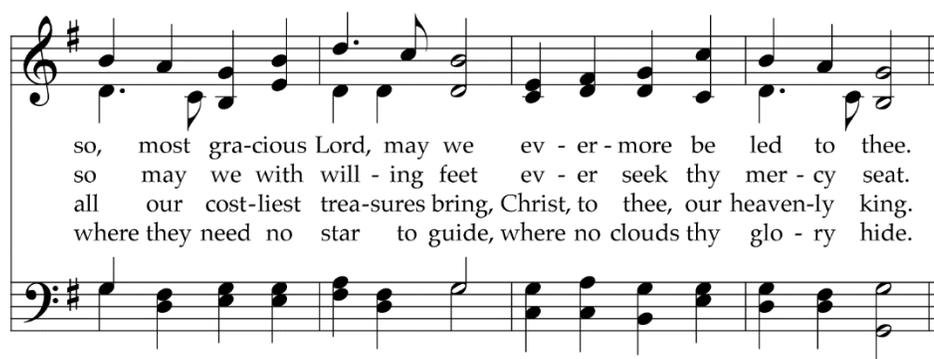
As with Gladness Men of Old 150



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty night;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.