



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
December 5, 2021**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

December 5, 2021

10:30am

2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

David Lanz

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

People: For our God has looked favorably upon us and redeemed us.

Leader: From Bethlehem of Ephrata, God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of David.

People: God fulfills the prophecies of old that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hands of those who hate us.

Leader: Thus has God shown mercy promised to our ancestors and thus has God fulfilled the holy covenant. Come and let us worship our faithful God.

Hymn 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(verses 1-4)

Veni Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

4 O come, thou Root of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Lewis Family

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

You O Lord reveal your love for us and your promise to us every day. Yet we plug our ears, ignore your call, and deny your promise. We prefer our own assumptions to your truth. We prefer our pride to your love. Forgive us our foolish ignorance and our stubbornness. Forgive us our sin. Open us to the audacity of your saving grace. Reveal to us the vast horizon of your redemptive work and teach us our place within your plan of 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

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Time with Our Children

Loralei Harding

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem

Creator of the Stars of Night

Joe Cox

The Chancel Choir and Loralei Harding, *soprano*

Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, We pray you hear us when we call. At your great name, O Jesus, now All knees must bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with one accord, Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord. When this old world drew on toward night, You came, but not in splendor bright, Not as a monarch, but the child Of Mary, blameless mother mild. Come in your holy might, we pray, Redeem us for eternal day; Defend us while we dwell below From all assaults of our dread foe. In sorrow that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe, You came, O Savior, to set free Your own in glorious liberty. To God Creator, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Praise, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally. Creator of the stars of night.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:57-79

Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.
By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Gift of Silence

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 109

Blest Be the God of Israel

Merle's Tune

1 Blest be the God of Israel,
who comes to set us free;
who visits and redeems us,
who grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy,
of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill that promise
and bring the people peace.
2 God from the house of David
a child of grace has given;
a Savior comes among us
to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald,
forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation,
the harbinger of day.
3 On those who sit in darkness
the sun begins to rise,

the dawning of forgiveness
upon the sinner's eyes.
God guides the feet of pilgrims
along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Savior
with songs that never cease!

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 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(verses 5-7)

Veni Emmanuel

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz

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

Announcements

Join us for a congregational meeting on December 12 after our single service of worship to consider two proposed actions. First, we will consider proposed changes to the pastors' terms of call to increase their compensation by 4% to reflect inflationary wage and price increases. Second, we will consider the motion

by the Finance Team, Trustees, and Session to disburse \$209,419 from the Endowment Fund to pay off all current debts and obligations incurred to maintain the building. Zoom invitations will be emailed to at-home members on Friday, December 10th.

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.

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.** 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.

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 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 1. 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

Cookie Walk: Next Sunday, December 12th, is the annual Women of Fairmont Cookie Walk following the single service. Be sure to save the date! There is still time 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!

Stewardship Update 2022: Total pledges thus far are \$412,043. Thank you for your continued giving.

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88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



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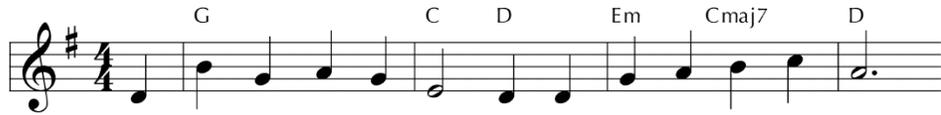
One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)	Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)	Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)
Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)	Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)	
Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)	Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)	

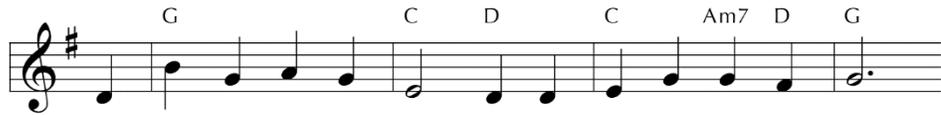
These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

109 Blest Be the God of Israel

Song of Zechariah



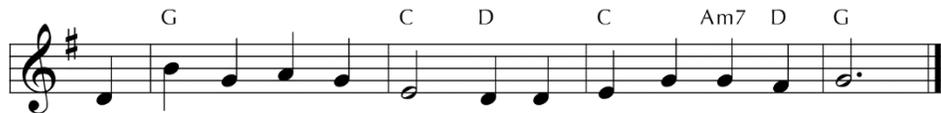
1 Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
 2 God from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
 3 On those who sit in dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 God guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill that prom - ise and bring the peo - ple peace.
 the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

This 20th-century British paraphrase of the Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68–79) broadens the implications of what John the Baptist's father says in order to affirm that God's work is ongoing. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.