



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church  
Kettering, Ohio  
December 6, 2020  
Second Sunday of Advent**

# FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

December 6, 2020  
10:30am  
2nd Sunday of Advent

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## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

## Prelude

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

David Cherwien

## Call to Worship (*Psalms 85*)

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**People: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

Leader: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps. Come let us worship our deliverer.

## 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 Voss Family

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

**Righteous and loving God, the signs of your saving work are all around us, but we lack the vision and imagination to see them. We want to receive your Kingdom on our terms and on our schedule and so we doubt, and we despair. Forgive us our foolishness, forgive us our lack of perception, forgive us our sin. Teach us to see and hear what you are doing in the world so that we might participate in your saving work. Change us to be disciples of your Kingdom...(time for 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

**Anthem**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*  
Maya and James Dault, soloists

J. S. Bach

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that she has served her term,

that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all people shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out!"  
 And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
 All people are grass,  
     their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
<sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades,  
     when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
     surely the people are grass.  
<sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades;  
     but the word of our God will stand forever.  
<sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain,  
     O Zion, herald of good tidings;<sup>[a]</sup>  
 lift up your voice with strength,  
     O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,<sup>[b]</sup>  
     lift it up, do not fear;  
 say to the cities of Judah,  
     "Here is your God!"  
<sup>10</sup> See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
     and his arm rules for him;  
 his reward is with him,  
     and his recompense before him.  
<sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
     he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
 and carry them in his bosom,  
     and gently lead the mother sheep.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

The Way Home

Rev. Brian Maguire

**Hymn 105**

*People, Look East*  
(verses 1, 4 and 5)

Besancon

1 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.

4 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.

5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth

Christ who brings new life to earth.  
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.

### **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.

### **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.**

**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 the Lord's Supper**

We Call Upon the Lord

We Give Thanks to God for all that God Has Done

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice for Us

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

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)

**Holy God, even when all of this is over, may we never forget how you held us together while we were apart, how you built a table across the miles, and how you call us to continue the work of inviting everyone to come to your table. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Agnus Dei/Revelation Song*  
Praise Band

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns  
Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns  
Alleluia, holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb  
You are holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy, holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy, holy, holy is our Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings

You are my everything, and I will adore You

Holy Baby in a manger  
Come to set Your people free  
Died on Calvary, rose the third day  
You proclaimed our liberty

Holy, holy, holy is our Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings  
You are my everything, and I will adore You

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy, holy is He

*This song is a medley of Agnus Dei, by Michael W. Smith, and Revelation Song by Jennie Lee Riddle, with additional lyrics by Jerry Mahn*

## **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:  
Rev. Kelley Shin at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org).

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

## **Announcements**

**Kids Korner Online: Sunday 11:45am.** Fairmont's online children's time provides important opportunities for children Pre-Kindergarten - 5th grade. Join us after worship on Sundays for a mixed-age Sunday

School class. Watch for links in our weekly Beside Still Waters and Kids Korner emails or here:

**Kidz Korner Online (PreK-5th grade):** Sunday, 11:45am

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778268480>

Zoom Meeting ID: 857 7826 8480

**PYC Fairmont Youth: Sunday 1:30pm** Fairmont's Youth meet every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom for a time of Bible Study, Fellowship, and Fun.

**PYC Fairmont Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade):** Sunday, 1:30pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85978434870>

Zoom Meeting ID: 859 7843 4870

### **NEW CONNECTIONS IN DECEMBER: Sparkhouse Digital Animate Bible Study**

Join us for the next four **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** on Zoom as we take a look at the Bible through the voices of four beloved theologians and preachers, Phyllis Tickle, Rachel Held Evans, Nadia Bolz-Weber, and William Willimon. Watch for the Connections link in the weekly *Beside Still Waters* email.

December 9: Interpretation: Scripture Reads Us (Will Willimon)

December 16: Testaments: One Story, Two Parts (Rachel Held Evans)

December 23: Gospels: Unexpected Good News (Nadia Bolz-Weber)

**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 Matthew 2:1-12. 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/86541370912>

Zoom Meeting ID: 865 4137 0912

**Women, Word, and Wine:** All women of Fairmont church are invited to "Women, Word, and Wine" on **Friday, December 11, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.** and **Friday, January 8, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Pastor Kelley will lead a short time of spiritual direction, we will share faith conversations together, and share a glass of wine. BYOW (bring your own wine) and join us as we share faith, hope, and love together in this time of social distancing. Watch for the Zoom link in our weekly *Beside Still Waters* email and at [www.fairmontchurch.org](http://www.fairmontchurch.org).

### **Jeremiah's Letter Christmas!**

A very different project is in place for 2020. Due to Covid challenges, we will not be shopping this year. We will provide financial gifts to the 8 families we supported last year; certainly, their need continues. What about your gifts? We are collecting cash donations for gift cards for the families to do their own shopping for these 38 family members. Although it's not as personal and fun as gift-shopping, this allows us to participate in supporting and nurturing children, youth, and families in our community and shining the light of Christmas into their homes.

The deadline for submitting your money is Sunday December 13. Please send your check to the church office or donate online. Be sure to specify that this is for "Jeremiah's Letter." Consider contributing the same amount you would spend on an actual gift. Mission Team members will be delivering gift cards to families' homes that week, including gift cards for groceries.

### **2020 Stewardship Update**

As of this week, Fairmont has received \$481,128 of a total of \$550,000 pledged for 2020. Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! All contributions received by or postmarked by January 31st will be credited to 2020.

**Congregational Meeting:** Following worship on Sunday December 20, we will convene a very short (five minutes?) Zoom congregational meeting to consider changes to the Pastors' terms of call for 2021.

**The church office continues** to accept checks for the Presbyterian Thank Offering and the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. Through these offerings, we can help improve lives at home and around

the world. Please consider visiting our website or mailing a check to the church office made out to Fairmont Presbyterian Church with Thank Offering or Birthday Offering written on the memo line. Thank you.

**Choices Group Home Mission:** We have learned that some of the Choices Group Home ladies enjoy picture calendars. This time of year, organizations often send calendars out in the mail. If you would like to donate your calendar(s) to the ladies at the Choices Group Home, please drop them off at the church, until the end of the year. There is a marked box inside the coat room up on the rack. We will pass them on.

### **Would You Like to Get Fairmont's Newsletters?**

Would you or someone you know like to receive our twice-weekly email newsletter? In addition to our monthly Call newsletter, every Tuesday we send out Besides Still Waters with brief devotions by the staff and members along with invitations upcoming ministry events. Every Friday we send out Fridays from Fairmont with reflections on that Sunday's Bible lesson and information about weekend programs. If you or someone you know would like to receive these emails please send your email address to Jennifer Mason at [jmason@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:jmason@fairmontchurch.org). As always you can opt out at any time.

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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.

# 105 People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more  
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the  
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more  
 5 An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to  
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look

a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.  
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.  
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.  
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

east and sing to - day:



Peo-ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
Love, the Bird, is on the way.  
Love, the Star, is on the way.  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo-ple, look east:

(Love is on the way.)

