



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
December 3, 2023**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

December 3, 2023

10:30am

1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Kevin Waters

Call to Worship (Psalm 80)

Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

People: **It has been burned with fire; it has been cut down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**

Leader: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

People: **Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.**

Leader: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Hymn 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

(verses 1, 4, 6 & 7)

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.

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.

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.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Sancken-Schumm Family

Congregational Sung Response 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

Waiting

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

Most Holy God, you taught us to be patient and promised to supply our needs. Yet we grow weary of waiting and restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on our brothers and sisters, withholding from them the tolerance and care you have shown to us. O God, forgive us our sin and help us to stand firm. In Christ you showed patience with the world despite the cross. Teach us to be patient and be bold in Christ... (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 Children

Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Parish Associate Rev. Dr. Joni Sancken

Anthem

Light the Advent Candles

Clark and Nix

Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away, but your word will not pass away.

People: **Your word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path.**

Leader: Through your patient Spirit, open our hearts and minds to perceive your truth.

People: **So that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.**

Leader: We ask this all in the name of Jesus our Teacher. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Our Advent

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

1 Come down, O Love Divine;
seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near;
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.
And let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

3 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling.
For none can guess God's grace,
till Love creates a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

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,

The Nicene Creed

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

Hymn 102

Savior of the Nations, Come

Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland

1 Savior of the nations, come;
virgin's son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

2 From God's heart the Savior speeds;
back to God his pathway leads;
out to vanquish death's command,
back to reign at God's right hand.

3 Now your manger, shining bright,

hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Savior of the Nations, Come

Mark Bloedow

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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

Please join us next Sunday, December 10th at 10:30am for a **Single Service** of Lessons and Carols
followed by the Cookie Walk.

There will be a Congregational Meeting next Sunday following the single service of worship to consider
changes to the Pastors' Terms of Call.

December Children's Choir: The children will be singing a special Christmas song as part of our
Children's Pageant on Sunday, December 17th. Rehearsals will be **today** and December 10th in the
Children's Choir room, 9:30am – 10:15am.

After the Time with Children, children will follow their teachers to a classroom on the lower level where
they will learn about God while enjoying bible stories, crafts, and fellowship with their peers. We are using a
new curriculum in our elementary classes: "Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living."

PLEASE NOTE Nursery Care will **not** be provided **today** as our Nursery Care Provider will be on
educational leave.

Fairmont Youth Group: Join us **today** for a short gathering of Snacks & Advent Kick-Off! **NOTE THE
TIME CHANGE FOR TODAY: 11:45am - 12:30pm.**

From Mission Beyond the Congregation: We celebrate a wonderful outpouring of compassion from our
congregation through The Giving Trees! Each of these families served by the Artemis Center will receive
winter clothing and toys for children, much needed household items for their new safe living site, and a

basket of common household supplies. Today is the last day for bringing in the gifts you selected for families of Artemis Center. If you forgot your gift today, please see Denise Taylor this morning after either worship service. Would you like to assist with delivery to Artemis on Tuesday (daytime)? See Denise for that too.

Connections: Join us every Wednesday night on Zoom as we continue to explore the foundations of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Israel and Palestine, the 75 Year War.

December 6 Israel and Palestine Since Oslo
December 13 Israel and Palestine Today
December 20 Israel and Palestine Tomorrow
December 27 No Connections Merry Christmas

Bible Study: Join us on Thursdays at 12:00pm. We will be convening hybrid Bible Study in person in the Upper Room for those who wish to participate in person and simultaneously on Zoom for those who wish to share virtually. In this way we hope to make Bible Study as accessible as possible.

2024 Financial Pledges: Thank you to everyone who turned in a pledge card for 2024. The current total pledged is \$439,114. Your commitments allow us to plan our ministries for the year ahead. If you have not turned in your card, please drop it off in the offering baskets or the church office or mail it to the church office. If you would like a pledge card, they are available in the pew racks and at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you!

Cookie Walk: Next Sunday, December 10th, 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 Sara Grillot at sjgrillot53@gmail.com, or you may text/call her at 937-776-2201. Cookies and candies may be delivered to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 8 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm or Saturday, December 9 between 9:00 and 11:00 am. Then join us on December 10th 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!

Fairmont's annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 17th, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Children ages birth to 5th grade are invited to join this glorious Sunday of angels, lambs, shepherds, donkeys, magi, and the holy family as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Hot Cocoa Bar to follow for families of children and youth. For questions or to RSVP, contact Pastor Kelley.

Attention Fairmont members! Ushering is a great way to get to know the congregation and to become better acquainted with a fun group. This is not an exclusive men's club. Women are welcome. So, please email or call me if you are interested in being part of the ushering team. Wynn Adam wwygaladam@gmail.com or (937) 271-1371.

Our new flower calendar for 2024 is up! Flowers can be designated in honor or in memory of someone, or to commemorate a special occasion such as an anniversary, birthday – any special or memorable occasion. Once a member has chosen a date, they will be contacted by a Deacon who will assist them with the flower arrangement details and bulletin dedication. The calendar is posted by the cloak room upstairs. For further information contact Sara Grillot or Wynn Adam.

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88 O Come, O Come, 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.
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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.
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shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.

TEXT: Latin prose, pre-9th cent.; trans. composite

MUSIC: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1988

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VENI EMMANUEL

LM with refrain

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn-ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where-in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

Savior of the Nations, Come 102

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
 2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to
 3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows
 4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's

son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 God his path - way leads; out to van - quish
 night with new - born light. Night can - not this
 son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.
 light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.
 Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.