



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
January 3, 2021**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

January 3, 2021

10:30am

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Fred Bock

Call to Worship (Psalm 147)

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

People: For your God strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your children within you.

Leader: The Lord grants peace within your borders and fills you with the finest of wheat.

People: Sending out commands to the earth; the Word of the Lord word runs swiftly,

Leader: declaring the Word to Jacob, God's statutes and ordinances to Israel. Come and let us Praise the Lord!

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)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

You reveal to us a new beginning and a new invitation to life in the child of Bethlehem, but we prefer to cling to our old ways and our old fears. You invite us to receive “good news,” but we prefer our old news of scarcity, control, and anxieties. You cross over the vast distance to be with us, but we can scarcely make time or room for you. Forgive us our foolishness. Forgive us our sin. Write your good news not in our books, but in our hearts so that we may write your Gospel with our lives...(silent confession)...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

We Three Kings
Darryl Collier, *soloist*

arr. by Darryl Collier

Prayer for Illumination

Reading

Mark 1:1-3

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon
Hymn 124

New Beginnings
Still, Still, Still

Rev. Brian Maguire
Still, Still, Still

1 Still, still, still,
he sleeps this night so chill!
The virgin's tender arms enfolding,
warm and safe the child are holding.
Still, still, still,
he sleeps this night so chill.

2 Sleep, sleep, sleep,
he lies in slumber deep
while angel hosts from heaven come winging,
sweetest songs of joy are singing.
Sleep, sleep, sleep,
he lies in slumber deep.

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 126

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child
Praise Band

Wonderful Child

Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;
new life, new hope the child will bring.

Listen to the angels sing:
"Glory, glory, glory!"
Let the heavens ring.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Charles Sergisson

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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.

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

Announcements

No Kidz Korner or PYC today.

Fairmont Church Closed through January 13, 2021

Upon the recommendation of our Medical Advisory Group, the Session has decided to close Fairmont for all activities (*except preschool*) through January 13, 2021. Our community is anticipated to reach peak rates of transmission of infection during this time and we seek to do everything we can to help keep people safe. While the church will be closed, staff will still be collecting postal mail, and can be reached at any time by email or cell phone. Be careful, stay safe, and stay healthy.

CONNECTIONS IN JANUARY: Luminaries (part two)

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in January as we continue our series learning about the lives and work of Christians who have illuminated our way of following Christ in the world.

- January 6: Albert Schweitzer and the reverence for all life
- January 13: Dorothy Day and solidarity with the poor
- January 20: Howard Thurman and the mysticism of non-violence
- January 27: Reinhold Niebuhr and Christian realism

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 Mark 1:4-11. 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, 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.

**ONLINE DOCUMENTARY: “Redlining in the Making of Dayton”
Friday, January 29th at 8:00pm | Zoom Link to Come**

Dayton is home to some of the most economically segregated school districts in the country. How did that happen? What helped shape the economic and racial composition of cities across the U.S.? And how can the Presbyterian faith tradition help us navigate Christian discipleship in the context of such segregation? Please join us as we learn about and discuss the history of redlining and blockbusting in the U.S. and in the Dayton area. The evening will begin with a brief 30-minute documentary on redlining and blockbusting, followed by small group discussions. All are welcome to attend for an evening of learning and sharing.

What is Per Capita and why is it \$52.23? The Presbyterian Church is a connectional church. That means that we share in mutual ministry and accountability with and for each other. One of the ways we do that is by sharing in the cost of the denomination. This is done through individual assessments based on the number of members in each church. These assessments, called “per capita,” are mandatory and are used to support the work of the General Assembly and the Synod. Those funds are obtained either from our general Fairmont revenues or from special offerings of individuals who wish to pay their share individually. The total per member assessment for 2021 is \$52.23. That is the cost of being a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) denomination as opposed to the local congregation. If you would like to directly pay your share of our commitment to the greater church, the amount per member is \$52.23.

2021 Stewardship Update

As of this week, Fairmont has received \$512,381 of a total of \$550,000 pledged for 2021. Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! All contributions received by or postmarked by January 31st will be credited to 2020.

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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.

Still, Still, Still

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1 Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill! The vir - gin's
2 Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slum - ber deep while an - gel

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and a bass line.

ten - der arms en - fold - ing, warm and safe the child are hold - ing.
hosts from heaven come wing - ing, sweet - est songs of joy are sing - ing.

The second system continues the musical notation with the same vocal and piano parts, maintaining the 4/4 time signature and B-flat major key.

Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slum - ber deep.

The third system concludes the piece with a final vocal phrase and piano accompaniment, ending with a double bar line and a fermata over the final notes.

The great virtue of this Austrian carol is its sheer simplicity, which is reinforced by the re-use of the first two lines as the last two. This narrow scope makes the text into the verbal equivalent of a close-up photograph or painting, so that the sleeping child seems very near.

TEXT: Austrian carol; trans. George K. Evans, 1963

MUSIC: Austrian carol; arr. Walter Ehret, 1963

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STILL, STILL, STILL

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Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child 126

Je-sus, Je-sus, O what a won-der-ful child.

Je-sus, Je-sus, so ho-ly, meek and mild;

new life, new hope the child will bring.

Lis - ten to the an - gels sing: "Glo - ry,

glo - ry, glo - ry!" Let the heav - ens ring.

Specific sources for the words and the music of this piece from the African American heritage remain uncertain. The predictable rhymes suggest that, like "Jesus, the Light of the World" (see no. 127), it may have originated as a reflection on an existing Christmas carol.

