



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
December 18, 2022**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

December 18, 2022

10:30am

Children's Pageant

4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Noël Nouvelet

Raymond Haan

Call to Worship Psalm 80

Leader: Let your hand O Lord be upon the one at your right hand,

People: **the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

Leader: Then we will never turn back from you;

People: **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. Come and let us attend to the light that shines in our darkness.

*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.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Shearer Family

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

Light of the World, you caused the uncreated light to shine into our darkness in the Advent of Jesus the Messiah. Again and again you draw close to us. But we draw away from you. We create barriers of pride, fear, and shame where you would call us to clear the pathways of your righteousness. Forgive our foolishness and cowardice. Forgive our sin. Empower us by your Spirit to make straight your pathways into our hearts and our world so that your reign may be revealed throughout the earth...*(time for silent prayer)*...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

3 Have No
(verse 1)

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.

Anthem

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Sandra Eithun

Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth.

People: In Him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Leader: Come to us now by the power of your Spirit to reveal your truth and illumine our lives.

People: We ask this in the name of our teacher, the Christ, Jesus. Amen.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Scene 1 (Mary's House in Nazareth) "So Joseph went to the town of Bethlehem to register with Mary."

Hymn 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem (verse 1)

Scene 2 (Stable in Bethlehem)

Hymn 128 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (verse 1)

Scene 3 (A hillside outside of Bethlehem) "Let's go see what the Lord has told us!"

Hymn 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (verse 1)

Scene 4 (A stable in Bethlehem) "They presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Hymn 122 *Silent Night* (verse 1)

Hymn 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King":
the world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and we at war on earth hear not
the tidings that they bring;
O, hush the noise and cease the strife
to hear the angels sing!

4 And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing.

5 For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,

when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.*

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.

Anthem

The First Noël
Coleman Clark, soloist

William Sandys

Invitation and Prayer of Discipleship

Hymn 112

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Sussex Carol

1 On Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring;
on Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring,
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful King's birth.

2 Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad;
then why should we on earth be sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin he set us free,
all for to gain our liberty?

3 When sin departs before his grace,

then life and health come in its place;
when sin departs before his grace,
then life and health comes in its place;
heaven and earth with joy may sing,
all for to see the newborn King.

4 All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night;
all out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God in highest heaven;
peace on earth and goodwill. Amen!"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Lani Smith

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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

Advent Coffee and Social Time!: To help make Advent special, coffee and tea will be available in the black and white narthex 10:15-10:30 each Sunday in Advent.

A Christmas-tastic Celebration: TODAY After 10:30 Worship! Join together in Fellowship Hall after our Children's Christmas Pageant to celebrate the leadership and offerings of our youngest members! Come and embrace the childlike joy of the holiday season - hot cocoa with marshmallows, whipped cream, and sprinkles (plus a cherry on top!), cookies, music, and fun! See you there!

Christmas Pageant Thank you!

Families, thank you for spending your time and effort to ensure a successful children's pageant! We are so grateful to each and every one of you! The congregation at Fairmont values our children so much and always looks forward to this beautiful pageant offering. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Caroling! Come join us for a time of Christmas Caroling in our church neighborhood as we share some Christmas cheer. We will meet at the church back parking lot on Wednesday, December 21, at 5:30 p.m. Christmas Carol books will be provided and our faithful Music Director, Coleman Clark, will lead us. Bundle up for an evening of sharing the joy of Christmas through song!

There will be a free concert today at 5:00 p.m. at St. George's Church at 5520 Far Hills Ave. Kettering, featuring students of Coleman Clark from Sand Dollar Music. All are welcome!

Cookie Walk: Thank you friends of Fairmont Church for a very successful Cookie Walk held on Sunday, December 11th. Due to your support and generosity, the Cookie Walk generated \$1300.00 to be used for the Women of Fairmont's charitable missions! Thank you to the Women of Fairmont for baking cookies and assisting with the Cookie Walk. Your help was certainly appreciated.

Stewardship Update 2023: Total pledges thus far are \$478,635. Thank you for your continued giving.

Giving envelopes are outside the parlor. Please wait until January 2023 to use them as the numbers have changed.

December 21-January 11, 2023 Connections Winter Break, no classes.

December 22-January 5, 2023 Bible Study Winter Break, no classes.

Church Office will be closed December 26-January 2, 2023.



Celebrate With Us!

Christmas Eve Worship Services

4:30 p.m. Children and Family Service

7:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service

7:30 p.m. Livestream Service

<https://fairmontchurch.org/online>



OUR THANKS FOR THE POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Jeff and Wynn Adam in memory of our parents and in honor of family, friends, Fairmont and the season.

Terry and Kathy Akers in honor of their grandchildren, Chase Polk and Aria and Ethan Akers.

Robert Berger in memory of Nancy Berger.

Karan and Rich Bowden in memory of Marguerite and John Bowden and Eva and Tony Gaddis.

Dennis and Sue Daley in honor of our family and to glorify Jesus Christ.

Elizabeth Favro in memory of loved ones lost in the last year and long lost family and friends.

Sandrena Gillaspy in honor of All my family – Rooks and Koeman.

Ginny Glass in memory of grandson Joshua Sexson.

Pat Goss in memory of Don Goss.

Sara Grillot in loving memory of my parents, Thomas and Phyllis Schuler.

Tom and Kimberly Gunlock in loving memory of Tom's mother: Dorothy Gunlock & Kimberly's father & mother: Dick & Dorothy White.

Mary Haffner in memory of Bill Haffner.

Sarah and Rebecca Hamilton in loving memory of David Hamilton.

Kanis Family in memory of Nancy & Ralph Howard and Mary & Earl Kanis.

Sally and Bob Kaskocsak in memory of Loved Ones.

Sharon Kohnle in memory of my husband and best friend Tom Kohnle and in honor of Fairmont's Music Ministry.

Esther Kremer in memory of my husband Bill and grandson Jeremy McNeil and in honor of my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Virene MacCagno in memory of my husband, Pete MacCagno.

Kris Martin in honor of my mother, Virene MacCagno.

Christy Maynard in memory of Barbara and Larry Coan.

Barbara & William Miller III and Laura & Kevin Lyons in memory of William R. Miller, Jr.

Dinah Miller in memory of Florence Hawkins, my 103 year old neighbor.

The Doris Olt Family in memory of Donald Olt.

Pete Schilling in memory of Judy & Kathy Schilling, Tom & Jerry Stephenson and Ken & Florence Schilling and in honor of Ken & Donna Ginader.

Rick and Jane Schwartz in memory of our Mothers: Ruth Schwartz and Mary Eleanor Flory.

Lois Thomas, To the Glory of Christ, the King.

Becky Wells in memory of Dorothy D. Wells and in honor of Jenny & Paul Fiden.

Cindy and Dave Youngerman in memory of Mary & Don Lindamood (Cindy's parents).

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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.

123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;
 4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:
 be -neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev - er - cir-cling years shall come the time fore - told,

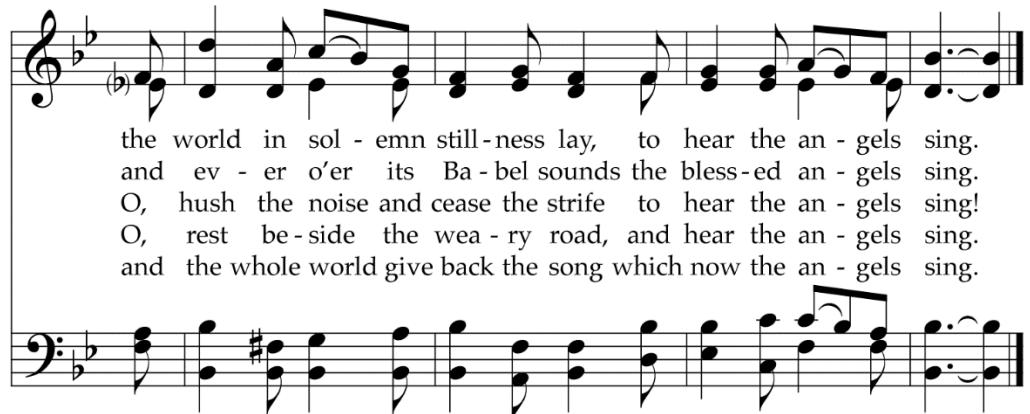


"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gra-cious King":
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,
 and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing:
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



The "it" of the first line of this text by a Unitarian minister does not refer to the birth of Jesus, but to "that glorious song of old," the angelic tidings of peace on earth. The restored third stanza laments how often the noise of human strife has obscured that message.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



the world in sol - emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing.
O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an - gels sing!
O, rest be - side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.
and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing 112

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (A7) (D)
 F B[♭] F C7 F

♭, (A) C, (D) F, (G) B[♭], (A) C, (D) F, (A) C, (D) F, (D) B[♭], (G) C, (A) B[♭], (G) B[♭], (D) F."/>

1 On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Re -
 3 When sin de - parts be - fore his grace, then life and
 4 All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the

news the an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all
 deem - er made us glad; then why should we on
 health come in its place; when sin de - parts be -
 an - gels sing this night; all out of dark - ness

Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the an - gels bring,
 earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er made us glad,
 fore his grace, then life and health comes in its place;
 we have light, which made the an - gels sing this night:

news of great joy, news of great mirth,
 when from our sin he set us free,
 heav - en and earth with joy may sing,
 "Glo - ry to God in high - est heaven;

news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 all for to gain our lib - er - ty?
 all for to see the new - born King.
 peace on earth and good - will. A - men!"

The words of this carol first appeared in 1684 in a collection by an Irish bishop, Luke Wadding. Whether they were his own work or something gleaned from popular use is not clear. The tune name recalls that the tune was collected in 1904 from Mrs. Verrall of Monk's Gate, Sussex.

