



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
January 28, 2024

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

January 28, 2024

10:30am

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Hal Hopson

Call to Worship (Psalm 133)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: For there the Lord ordained our blessing, life forevermore.

Leader: As the people of God, let us worship our Lord who makes us one.

Hymn 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Gelobt Sei Gott

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is risen today!
Death's mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

Loving and gracious God, you so generously embrace us in our need granting to us every good gift. But we cling to what we possess and would deny to others what we have re-

ceived. We confuse price and value and confound providence with possessions. We grip so desperately to what we can control hoping that it will somehow save us. But nothing in this world can save us. Only you can. Forgive our fear, greed, and foolishness. Forgive us our sin. Open our hearts, hands, and minds to your embrace. Teach us to participate in your redemption through sharing. Forgive us and make us your people...(time for silent prayer)...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response #581

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Passing of Christ's Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Time with Our Children

Anthem

Treasures in Heaven
Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

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

Acts 4:32-37

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite from Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Belonging

Rev. Brian Maguire

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

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

Open Space
Coleman Clark and Deanna Ullery, *soloists*

Kirby Kaple and Rob Kaple

Invitation and Prayer of Discipleship

We will not be passing the offering plates to collect tithes and offerings today. There is a basket by each exit door for the collection of tithes and offerings. (*Loose coins go to Children and Youth Ministries.*)

Hymn 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Benedicamus Domino

Christopher Uehlein

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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

Connections: The Foundations of Christian Mystical Spirituality

Wednesday Nights at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

Beneath the shared traditions we call religion lies something deeper and more powerful—actual encounter with God. From the very earliest centuries of the church, the quest for the experience of God, as opposed to information about God (theology) has driven our faith but is often spoken about in hushed whispers. We will be examining the shared history of these experiences, the spiritual quest for God, and the tradition of reflections upon all of this in our Connections classes every Wednesday night.

January 31: Origen and Anthony

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.

Theology on Tap will meet ONCE a month on the first Friday of each month. All are welcome for a time of food, fellowship, and faith conversations. For the month of February, Theology on Tap will meet at Marion's Piazza on Stroop Road (50 E. Stroop Rd) at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024.

Sunday, February 11th, after the 10:30 single service, the Women of Fairmont will be sponsoring a friendly Chili Cook Off in Fellowship Hall. We hope that you will join us for this fun and yummy fellowship opportunity. In addition to eating delicious chili, you will “vote” for your favorite by putting money in the donation jar of your favorites! In addition to fabulous chili, there will be hotdogs for kids and also cornbread and dessert. All money will be used for Women of Fairmont mission outreach. If you are interested in bringing a pot of chili to share please contact Cyndi Porter at cyndi@vccwporter.com, text or call 210-863-9345.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: February 13th at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Come and join the Deacons for our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It will be held on February 13th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall and it is a fun, family-friendly event to kick off the Lenten season. All are welcome to come and enjoy pancakes and fellowship.

Ash Wednesday Worship February 14, 7:00 p.m.

“You are of the dust and to the dust you shall return . . .” On Ash Wednesday we begin our journey and practice of Lent. Please join us for this important service of worship as we together commence our journey of Lent. Ashes for the rite of penitence will be available for pick up from outside the church office door starting on Monday February 12.

Epiphany Prayer Star Word: We will be sharing in a year-long spiritual practice as a congregation. You are invited to take an Epiphany star with a “prayer word” on it. This word is your “prayer word” for the year 2024. Through the year, each of us are to use this word in prayer, in Bible study, in faith conversations, in study, and in times of reflection and meditation to see how God will speak to us through this one “prayer word.” Epiphany Prayer Star Words are available in baskets in the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary.

From the Building and Grounds Team: Now that winter weather is here, please be careful when walking in the parking lots—they do get slick when wet!

Winter Weather Reminder: Fairmont Presbyterian Church programs are cancelled and the church office will be closed on days when the Kettering City Schools are closed (not merely delayed) for weather reasons. As always, please use common sense and do not drive if you feel the conditions are unsafe.

What is Per Capita and why is it \$53.05? 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 from individuals who wish to pay their share individually. The total per member assessment for 2024 is \$53.05. 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 \$53.05.

Art, Antique & Craft Show: It is that time of the year when we begin to get things in order for the 12th annual Art, Craft and Antique Show to be held in November. This past years show was quite successful and we brought in close to \$15,000 to be distributed among our 3 recipients including Kettering Backpack Program Dayton Food Bank and The World Central Kitchen. There is such a need in the world for the easing of hunger issues and we are trying to do our part. We added 15 new vendors and from comments being heard around the church it seems that most everyone was pleased and coming back for another year. We added a room for small furniture which brought in over \$900. It was a wonderful, festive occasion and we look towards our next show in November. Please consider donating unworn jewelry, Seasonal decorations, pottery, decorative items, collectibles, puzzles, cookbooks, earlier toys, linens, antiques, artwork. This year we are going to have a bookshelf where you can donate good condition used books, soft or hardback.

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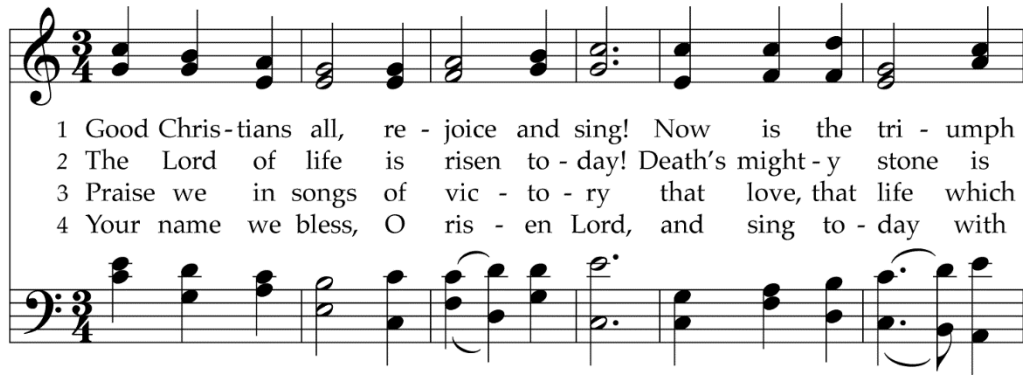
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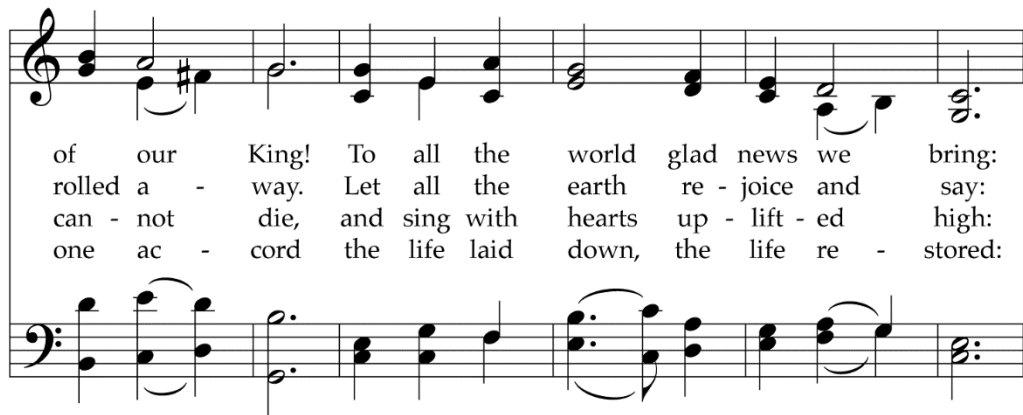


FOLLOWING SINGLE SERVICE
OF WORSHIP AT 10:30 ON
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11

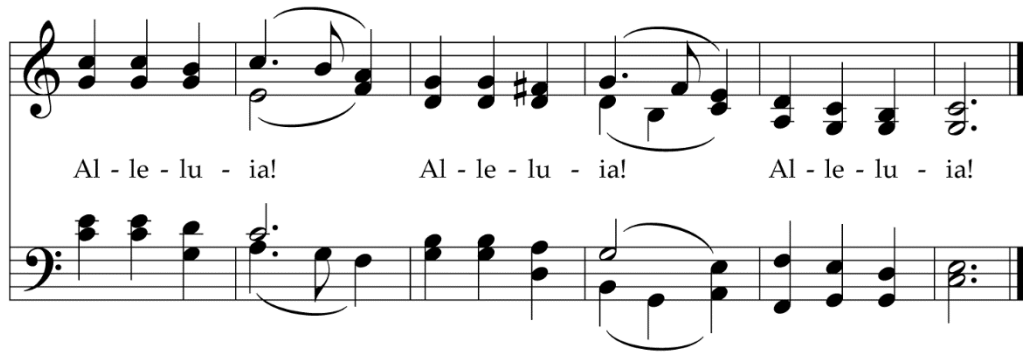
Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1–3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune found here.

TEXT: Cyril A. Alington, 1931, alt.
 MUSIC: Melchior Vulpius, 1609; harm. *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958
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GELOBT SEI GOTT
 8.8.8 with alleluias

THE CHURCH

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
8.7.8.7.8.7.7

In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

