



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
December 11, 2022**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

December 11, 2022

10:30am

3rd Sunday of Advent

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

A Wreath of Carols

Margaret Sandresky

Call to Worship (Isaiah 60)

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: **For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and God's glory will be seen upon you.**

Leader: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

People: **Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your children shall come from far.**

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice. Come and let us attend to God's Good News!

*Congregational Carol 140

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

(verse 1 soloist)

(verses 2, 3, & 4 congregation)

1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild;
Jesus Christ, her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

3 Jesus is our childhood's pattern;
day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless;
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness,

and he shares in all our gladness.
4 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Hoskins Family

Congregational Response 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria
(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!*

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 Lois Thomas

Carol *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* Andre Thomas
Chancel Choir

Second Reading Isaiah 11:1-9 Ken Ginader

Carol *My Soul Magnifies the Lord* Chris Tomlin
Praise Band

Confirmation into Membership William Lewis V, Noah and Neil Crichton

Reception into Membership: Steve Crichton and Ann Riegle Crichton

Third Reading Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Kelley Shin

Carol *Mary Did You Know?* arr. Coleman Clark
Chancel Choir & Praise Band

Time With Our Children Loralei Harding

Fourth Reading Matthew 1:18-25 Rev. Brian Maguire

***Congregational Carol 121** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* St. Louis

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all on earth.

3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Fifth Reading Luke 2:1-7 Lois Thomas

Carol *O Holy Night* Adolph Adams
Coleman Clark, tenor

Sixth Reading Luke 2:8-20 Ken Ginader

Carol *Shepherd's Carol* John Rutter
Megan Rehberg, soprano

Invitation to Discipleship

Loose coins go to Children and Youth Ministries

Seventh Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Rev. Kelley Shin

Carol *Behold a Star* Felix Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir

Eighth Reading John 1:1-14 Rev. Brian Maguire

***Congregational Carol 119** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* Gordon Young

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Many thanks to all the readers and musicians who are leading in worship today.

Within the Fellowship

In Witness to the Resurrection

We give thanks to God for the life of Kit Mackenzie. A service in witness to the resurrection of Cleis (Kit) MacKenzie will be celebrated on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. A reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please keep Ken and the family in your prayers.

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

A brief congregational meeting will immediately follow the service for the purpose of considering changes to the pastors' terms of call for 2023.

Cookie Walk: Today is the Annual Women of Fairmont Cookie Walk! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the Congregational Meeting to purchase homemade cookies and candy. All proceeds benefit the Women of Fairmont mission projects. We request that you please wear a mask while in the Fellowship Hall as you choose your bake goods. We look forward to seeing you at this festive and fun Christmas gathering!

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.

Connections: Eyes on the Prize, The History of the Civil Rights Movement

Join us on Zoom at 7:00 on Wednesday nights in December as we learn more about the history of the civil rights movement and the church's role in it as we together watch the Emmy and Peabody award winning documentary Eyes on the Prize, America's Civil Rights Movement. After each one-hour episode we will discuss its significance and meaning for our society today.

December 14 "Bridge to Freedom (1965)"

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

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82945327813>

Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom we will be prayerfully considering the text for the following Sunday morning. You do not need any preparations and everyone is welcome. This week we will be reflecting on Isaiah 35. You are invited.

Thursdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002536057>

Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

Children's Christmas Pageant: December 18th during 10:30 worship, our children will present their annual Christmas Pageant about the birth of Christ! All children grade 5 and below are invited to participate. A short rehearsal will be held Saturday, December 17th at 1:00pm. More information for parents in Kidz Korner emails!

Mitten Tree: Fairmont's Mission Team will be collecting new hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for the children at John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Kettering. Please bring your Mitten Tree items to the Christmas Tree in the Black & White Narthex by Sunday, December 18th.

2023 Financial Pledges

Thank you to everyone who turned in a pledge card for 2023. The current total pledged is \$470,135. 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!

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!

Thank you to my friends at Fairmont for the many cards, gifts, phone calls and visits for my 100th Birthday. I feel very honored, especially the "Happy Birthday" song being sung before the church service. I don't get to church as often as I used to and I realize church life has changed, but I still would like to see more people come to church. Remember the song with the hand motions we sang as children? "Here is the church, Here is the steeple, Open the doors and see all the people." Merry Christmas! Love, Esther Kremer.

Terry and Kathy Akers are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with their family this weekend.

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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.

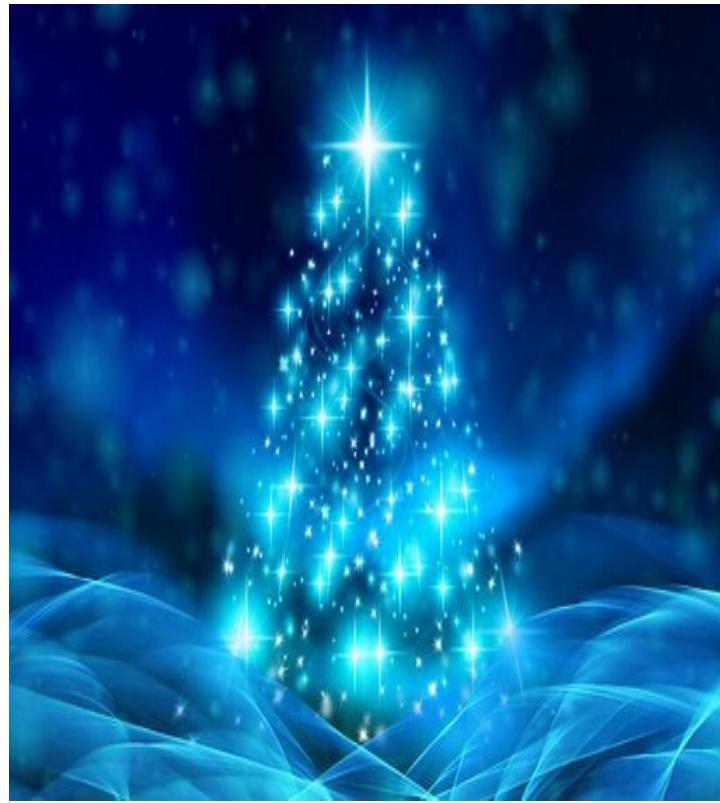
Pete Schilling in memory of Judy & Kathy Schilling, Tom & Jerry Stephenson and Ken & Florence Schilling and in honor of Ken & Donna Ginader.

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).



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>

Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help-less; tears and
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad-ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Though he was famed during his lifetime as a great preacher, no sermon Phillips Brooks ever preached has been heard or read by as many people as have sung this carol he wrote in December 1868 for the Sunday School children of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"