



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
November 27, 2022**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

November 27, 2022

10:30am

1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Kelley Shin

Minute for Mission

Women of Fairmont Thank Offering

Donna Ginader

Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

David Wehr

Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: **Those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.**

Leader: You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy.

People: **They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.**

Leader: Come, let us worship our God!

Hymn 82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Gill Family

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation...*(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

Anthem

Behold Behold, the Lamb of God
Chancel Choir

Christopher Tye

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Blessed are you Eternal One our God, sovereign of the world.

People: **In ancient days you spoke and created your people.**

Leader: Today let your Word and words come alive in us.

People: **So that we can live into your story with meaning, purpose, and hope.**

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

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Deep Darkness Rev. Kelley Shin

Hymn 108 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (verses 1, 4, 5, 6) Divinum Mysterium

1 Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega;
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

4 This is he whom seers in old time
chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected.
Let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!

5 O ye heights of heaven, adore him.
Angel hosts, his praises sing.
Powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent;
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

6 Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore! Amen.

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

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Coleman Clark

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 401

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;

now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude	<i>Toccata on "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel</i>	John Behnke
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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

Advent Coffee and Social Time Begins Today!

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 (November 27 and December 4, 11, and 18). We encourage you to sit in the parlor or to stand in the black and white narthex to talk with your friends and to make new friends. Session voted to allow drinks to be brought into the sanctuary. Coffee and social time will continue as usual 8:15 - 8:30 and 11:30 - 12:00 in Fellowship Hall.

Connections: Eyes on the Prize, America's Civil Rights Movement

Come on Zoom at 7:00 on Wednesday nights in November 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.

Wednesday, November 30 No Easy Walk 1961-63

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 Micah 5:2-6. You are invited.

Thursdays, 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

Theology on Tap will meet in-person at Eudora Brewing Company (3022 Wilmington Pike) at 5:00 p.m. this Friday, December 2, 2022.

Cookie Walk: The annual Women of Fairmont Cookie Walk is fast approaching on December 11th, following the single service. Be sure to save the date! Everyone is invited 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. The email address is sjgrillot@sbcglobal.net, or you may text to 937-776-2201. Cookies and candies may be delivered to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 9th between 9:00am-3:00pm or Saturday, December 10th between 9:00am-11:00am. Then join us on December 11th 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!

Christmas is around the corner! Jeremiah's Letter!

Through *Jeremiah's Letter*, the Mission Team will be providing local families with gift cards to buy food for Christmas dinner with additional groceries, along with Christmas gifts for the family. **We need your help with Christmas Stocking Stuffers!** We will be giving each family member a Christmas Stocking stuffed with goodies. We anticipate supporting twelve families. *Please bring your Stocking Stuffer items to the Black & White Narthex by Sunday, December 11th.* Stocking Stuffer items needed are **candy canes, hard candy (no chocolate), jellybeans, mints, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, travel-size toiletries, small non-breakable ornaments, cards/notes, apples, and oranges.**

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 \$425,695. 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!

Dayton Food Bank (South Dayton Foodbank/FISH)

Dayton Food Bank serves as the primary source of food for the hunger relief network in the Miami Valley. This food bank relieves hunger in the community through a network of partner agencies by acquiring and distributing food. The food bank provides the infrastructure for more than 100-member food pantries, community kitchens, and shelters that serve as the charitable hunger relief network in Greene, Montgomery, and Preble Counties, including the South Dayton Food Pantry/ FISH, which serves Fairmont's immediate area. You may give through Fairmont's online Portal of Giving at www.fairmontchurch.org (note Dayton Food Bank in the "Other" box) or by mailing a check to Fairmont Presbyterian Church with "Dayton Food Bank" in the memo line.

World Central Kitchen

World Central Kitchen is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization which is serving almost 300,000 meals daily to the people in Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees on the border of Poland, as well as

communities across the world. You may give through Fairmont's online Portal of Giving at www.fairmontchurch.org (note Ukraine in the "Other" box) or by mailing a check to Fairmont Presbyterian Church with "Ukraine" in the memo line.

Calling All Explorers! You are invited to a winter-spring series of faith-exploratory gatherings, centered on significant books made more-so by reading/listening to them *in faith community*. The first one will be *This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories That Make Us* by Cole Arthur Riley (Convergent Books, 2022). We will meet in circle-fashion, on day/time decided by all those who express interest. All human beings, 15+ years, are welcome. In-person or Zoom yet to be determined. Future titles to be discerned within areas of spirituality, liberation, faith, wisdom. If interested, contact Lisa M Hess at lmhess@united.edu and/or 937-269-3024, leaving your email address (if texting or leaving a message). First gathering in January 2023!

Jane Hamilton will be celebrating her 99th birthday on December 12th. She would love to hear from her church family. Please send cards to her at: National Church Residences, 3550 Fishinger Blvd. Room 107, Hilliard, OH 43026.

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring,



Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
 by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.



With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan
 2 By his Word was all cre - at - ed; he com-mand-ed; it
 3 O, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full
 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one
 5 O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him. An - gel hosts, his prais -
 6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga; he the
 was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean, u - ni -
 of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the
 ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom - ised
 es sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex -
 to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un -



source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 verse of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft
 Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's Re -
 in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -
 tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 wea - ried prais - es be. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 shin - ing, all that breathes be - neath the sun,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed. Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,
 si - lent; ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

(after stanza 6)



ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages.

GATHERING

Here in This Place
Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

