



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
January 21, 2024

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

January 21, 2024

10:30am

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

King's Weston

David Cherwien

Call to Worship (Psalm 118)

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Come and let us give thanks to God.

Hymn 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
(verses 1,3,5)

Toulon

1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

3 Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

5 Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Saving God, in you alone we find our hope and salvation, yet we are so quick to turn away and turn to other gods. We worship success, achievement, and power. We revere wealth and fame. We venerate knowledge and control. But none of those things heal. None lead us to life. Only you do. Forgive us our foolishness and fickleness. Forgive us our sin. Every day remind us that our lives lie in you alone. Guide us to live into your life and give witness to you so that all may live...(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

We Are the People of God
Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

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 4:1-12

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed, and they numbered about five thousand.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

Sermon

In Whose Name?

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 264

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

1 At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

2 Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed;

3 Bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

4 Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory
o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

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

Graves into Gardens
Coleman Clark and Trace Markins, soloists

Brandon Lakes

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 800

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Salley Gardens

1 Sometime a light surprises
the child of God who sings;
it is the Lord who rises
with healing in his wings;
when comforts are declining,
he grants the soul again
a season of clear shining
to cheer it after rain.

2 In holy contemplation
we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation
and find it ever new;
set free from present sorrow,
we cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow
bring with it what it may."

3 It can bring with it nothing
but he will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing
will clothe his people, too;
beneath the spreading heavens
no creature but is fed;

and he who feeds the ravens
will give his children bread.

4 Though vine nor fig tree neither
their longed-for fruit should bear,
though all the fields should wither,
nor flocks nor herds be there,
yet God the same abiding,
his praise shall tune my voice;
for while in him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso

Gilbert Martin

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Within the Fellowship

Today's flowers are given by Rick and Jane Schwartz in honor of the many volunteers at Fairmont who do so much for the good of us all.

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

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 24: Jewish and Greek Foundations of Christian Mysticism
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.

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.

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.

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.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

CHILI COOKOFF



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

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I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place;
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

At the Name of Jesus 264

Capo 5: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (Am) (Dm) (Am)
Dm C Dm F Dm Gm Dm




1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)
F C Dm F Gm



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)
C Am Dm C G C



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)
Dm C Am Gm F C Dm



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

800 Sometimes a Light Surprises



1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;
 2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
 3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;
 4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed - for fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;
 the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;
 who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too;
 though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
 set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
 be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;
 yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.
 "Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."
 and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.
 for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

This is one of the few hymns rooted in what can happen during worship, and that experience—gaining a spiritual insight while singing—is no less possible now than when this text was written in the 18th century. It is set here to a folk song variously labeled Irish or English.

