



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
February 5, 2023**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

February 5, 2023

10:30am

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Be Still My Soul

Brenda Portman

Call to Worship (*Psalm 32*)

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: **Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

People: **Then I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. Come let us worship our God.

Hymn 165

The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt Uns, Herr

1 The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, by whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

2 Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.

3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.

4 Then grant that we like them be true,
consumed in fast and prayer with you;
our spirits strengthen with your grace,
and give us joy to see your face.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

You know who we truly are O' Lord. We confess that we often turn from the gifts of identity, purpose, and meaning that you would give us. Instead of serving others, we serve ourselves. Instead of being motivated by love, we are motivated by fear, shame and want. Instead of seeking wisdom, we seek possessions. Instead of working for peace, we work for control. Forgive us our foolishness. Forgive us our sin. Draw us back to you, O God, and remind us that all that we have and need we find in relationship with you and with each other...*(silent confession)*...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 Children

Loralei Harding

Anthem*Jesus Christ Our Strong Salvation*

Clarence Dickinson

Chancel 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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Choose

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 783

When We Are Tested

Angels of Healing

1 When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

2 When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.

3 When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the power to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.

4 When we have struggled and searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.*

Invitation and Prayer of Discipleship

Sacrament of Holy Communion (unison responses in bold)

Invitation to the Table

We Call Upon the Lord
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We Give Thanks to God for all that God Has Done

. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might, heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice for Us

. . . Great is the Mystery of our faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We Ask God to be Present with Us in the Sharing of This Meal

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.

We Remember How Jesus Instituted this Meal

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- I Corinthians 11:23-26

We Share Together in the Sacrament

Prayer After Communion (in unison)

We thank you O' God that through Word and Sacrament you have shared with us life and belonging in your Covenant through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Strengthen us by these your gifts so at that we may courageously live into the fullness of our identity as your children. Amen

Hymn 819

Be Still, My Soul

Finlan

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The Glory of These Forty Days

Robert Powell

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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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Announcements

February 2023 Connections: The World of the New Testament

Join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, we will be exploring the context of the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth through the lens of the Gospel of Matthew. Together we will explore the ways in which Jesus' world was so different from our own.

February 8 Jewish Context of Jesus – Jesus' Jewish Roots
February 15 Jewish Context of Jesus—Jesus and the Diversity of Judaism
February 22 Ash Wednesday—NO CONNECTIONS CLASS

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

Join us for Bible Study this Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. We will be prayerfully considering the text for the following Sunday morning. You do not need any preparation and everyone is welcome. This week we will be reflecting on Matthew 4:12-25. You are invited.

Thursdays, 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

Coffee and tea were provided in the Black and White Narthex on the Sundays during Advent from 10:15 – 10:30. Many people told us that they appreciated the coffee and tea, and that we should continue the coffee and tea every Sunday. Coffee and tea will be provided in the Black and White Narthex 10:15 – 10:30 and in Fellowship Hall 8:15 – 10:15 and 11:30 – 11:45.

Children's Choir Returns! Back by popular demand, our Children's Choir will sing for the congregation again on **Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023!** Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings at 9:30am, beginning March 5th. Children ages 4 - grade 5 are invited to participate. Please reach out to Loralei if your child would like to sing!

Acolytes & Lectors: We are seeking children to serve as acolytes and lectors during 10:30am worship! **Acolytes** must have the height and balance required to stand on a stool while lighting the tall candelabras in the sanctuary. **Lectors** need to have good reading skills. Please reach out to Loralei if your child would like to be considered for this!

Automated and Online Giving. Please remember to update your online and automated giving to Fairmont to reflect your 2023 pledges. If you need more information, please contact Martha Keil at 937-299-3539.

Stewardship Update 2023: Total pledges thus far are \$577,005. Thank you for your continued giving.

What is Per Capita and why is it \$53.10? 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 of individuals who wish to pay their share individually. The total per member assessment for 2023 is \$53.10. 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 \$53.10.

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.

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1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata 126*.

LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING

When We Are Tested 783

Capo 2: (Dm) (Am) (Dm) (Am)

Em Bm Em Bm

(Em) (B7) (Em) (Dsus) (D)

F#m C#7 F#m Esus E

(G) (D) (Em7) (F)

A E F#m7 G

(Am6) (C) (Dm) (Am) (E)

Bm6 D Em Bm F#

Although the Temptation of Christ is mentioned in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew 4:1-11/Mark 1:12-13/Luke 4:1-13), this hymn is based on the Lukan version. It is notable that each stanza begins "when," not "if"; temptation is not an optional feature of the spiritual life.

819 Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.