



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent
Service of Lessons and Carols**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

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10:30am

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Once in Royal David's City

Lani Smith

Call to Worship (Psalm 96)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Sing to the Lord and bless God's name; tell the good news of salvation from day to day. Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.**

Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

People: **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it. Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.**

Leader: God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise our coming Lord!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Youngerman Family

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!

First Reading

Matthew 2:1-12
The Suspicions of a King

Rev. Brian Maguire

Carol

We Three Kings
The Bell Choir

arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski

Second Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Congregational Carol 129

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
by faithful prophets sung.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es Ist Ein' Ros'

It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

3 This flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.

Time with Our Children

The Bergstresser Family

Third Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Carol

Christ Was Born on Christmas Day
Rachael Watts, Lisa Hess, Joshua Hakala, Aaron Gouge, *quartet*

arr. by Mark Hayes

Fourth Reading

Luke 2:8-16
The Hope of Mary

Rev. Kelley Shin

Carol

Mary Did You Know?
Loralei Harding and Kurt Kaufman, *vocalists*

by Greene and Lowry

Fifth Reading

On the Incarnation

Athanasius of Alexandria

Carol

See Amid the Winter's Snow
The Chancel Choir and Guests

arr. by Dan Forrest

Invitation to Discipleship and Prayer of Gratitude

Sixth Reading

Philippians 2:6-11
The Wonder of a Wise Woman

Rev. Lisa M. Hess

Carol

O Come, All You Unfaithful
The Praise Band

by Kauffman and Clow

Seventh Reading

John 1

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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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

Kids Korner Online: Sunday 11:45am. Fairmont's online children's time provides important opportunities for children Pre-Kindergarten - 5th grade. Join us after worship on Sundays for a mixed-age Sunday School class. Watch for links in our weekly Beside Still Waters and Kids Korner emails or here:

Kidz Korner Online (PreK-5th grade): Sunday, 11:45am

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778268480>

Zoom Meeting ID: 857 7826 8480

PYC Fairmont Youth: Sunday 1:30pm Fairmont's Youth meet every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom for a time of Bible Study, Fellowship, and Fun.

PYC Fairmont Youth (6th – 12th grade): Sunday, 1:30pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85978434870>

Zoom Meeting ID: 859 7843 4870

NEW CONNECTIONS IN DECEMBER: Sparkhouse Digital Animate Bible Study

Join us for the next four **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** on Zoom as we take a look at the Bible through the voices of four beloved theologians and preachers, Phyllis Tickle, Rachel Held Evans, Nadia Bolz-Weber, and William Willimon. Watch for the Connections link in the weekly *Beside Still Waters* email.

December 16: Testaments: One Story, Two Parts (Rachel Held Evans)

December 23: Gospels: Unexpected Good News (Nadia Bolz-Weber)

Thursday Evening Bible Study: Join us every Thursday night for Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Each week we will be examining the Bible text for the following Sunday. This Thursday we will be exploring Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11. Watch for Fairmont's weekly Beside Still Waters email for the link or here:

Bible Study: Thursday, 7:30pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86541370912>

Zoom Meeting ID: 865 4137 0912

Theology on Tap: Join us for Theology on Tap this Friday, December 18th at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Just because we do not have a bar does not mean we cannot still get together and share. Bring your favorite beverage and join us for our virtual "Theology on Tap." Watch for the link in our weekly Beside Still Waters email or here:

Theology on Tap: Friday, December 18th at 5:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81031782239>

Zoom Meeting ID: 810 3178 2239

Jeremiah's Letter Christmas!

A very different project is in place for 2020. Due to Covid challenges, we will not be shopping this year. We will provide financial gifts to the 8 families we supported last year; certainly, their need continues.

What about your gifts? We are collecting cash donations for gift cards for the families to do their own shopping for these 38 family members. Although it's not as personal and fun as gift-shopping, this allows us to participate in supporting and nurturing children, youth, and families in our community and shining the light of Christmas into their homes.

Today is the deadline for submitting your money. Please send your check to the church office or donate online. Be sure to specify that this is for "Jeremiah's Letter." Consider contributing the same amount you would spend on an actual gift. Mission Team members will be delivering gift cards to families' homes that week, including gift cards for groceries.

2020 Stewardship Update

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! All contributions received by or postmarked by January 31st will be credited to 2020.

Congregational Meeting: Following worship on Sunday December 20, we will convene a very short (five minutes?) Zoom congregational meeting to consider changes to the Pastors' terms of call for 2021.



Celebrate With Us!

Christmas Eve Worship Services

4:30 P.M. Children's and Family Worship

Join us online on YouTube on Christmas Eve afternoon for a time of music, storytelling, and prayers especially appropriate for children (*of all ages*).

7:30 P.M. Traditional Christmas Eve Worship

Join us online on YouTube for our live traditional Christmas Eve service with music and the Gospel's message of hope for all people in the birth of the Messiah.

Lesson: Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: While We Were Waiting

9:00 P.M. Outdoor In-Person Candle Lit Service

Join us behind the church at 9:00 p.m. (*socially distanced and masked*) as we share in a brief service of prayer and music to celebrate the coming of the light into the world.

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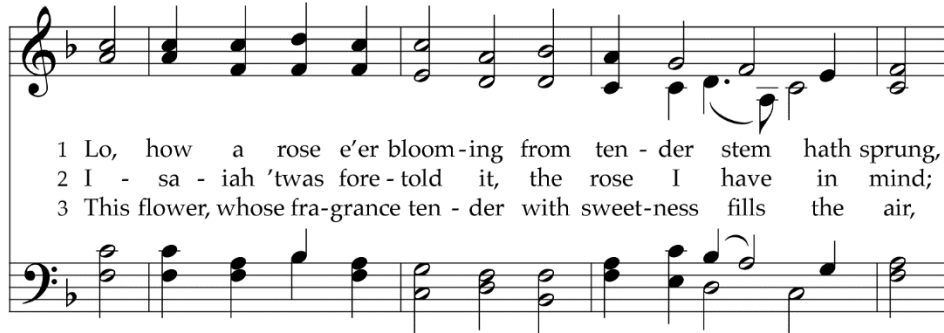
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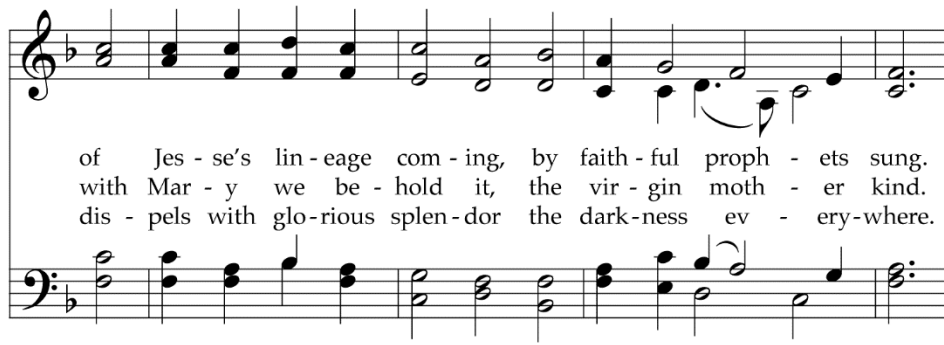
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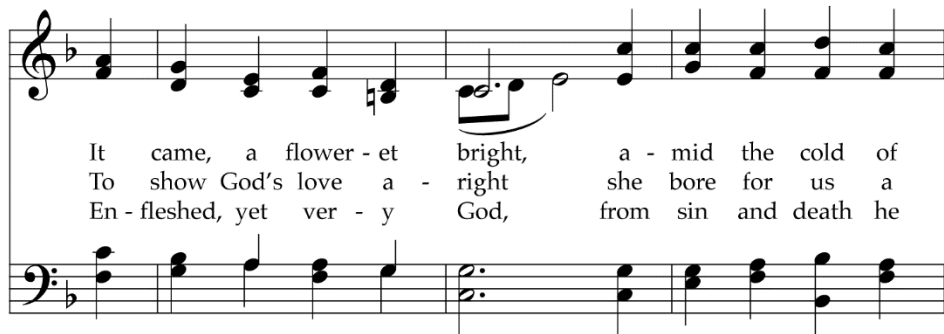
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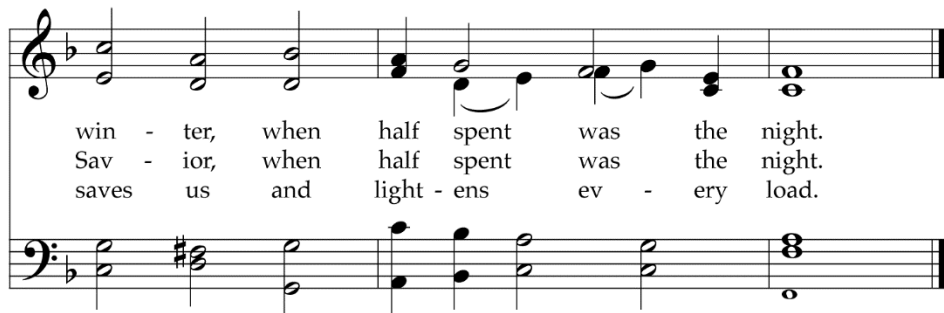
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,



of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung,
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where.



It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right she bore for us a
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he



win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Although the early copies of this 15th-century German text include many more stanzas than are printed here, this simpler, shorter form has much to commend it. This early 17th-century harmonization of the traditional chorale melody invites and rewards singing in parts.

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!"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hark! The herald angels sing." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music features a melody in the treble staff and a harmonic accompaniment in the bass staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.