



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church  
Kettering, Ohio  
November 29, 2020**

# First Sunday of Advent

## FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

November 29, 2020

10:30am

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Brian Maguire

**Minute for Mission**

Katherine Gonzalez

**Prelude**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Larry Dalton

**Call to Worship (Psalm 80)**

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**People: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Leader: Stir up your might and come to save us!

**People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**Hymn 88**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
(verses 1, 4, 6 & 7)

Veni Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

4 O come, thou Root of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Shearer Family

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

**Most Holy God, you taught us to be patient and promised to supply our needs. Yet we grow weary of waiting and restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on our brothers and sisters, withholding from them the tolerance and care you have shown to us. O God, forgive us our sin and help us to stand firm. In Christ you showed patience with the world in spite of the cross. Teach us to be patient and be bold in Christ...(time for silent prayer)...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

Loralei Harding

### Anthem

*How Many Kings*  
Praise Band

Jason Germain and Marc Martel

### Prayer for Illumination

### Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
<sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
<sup>8</sup> Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Waiting, Watching, Wondering

Rev. Brian Maguire

**Hymn 360**

*Christ Is Coming!*

Unser Herrscher

1 Christ is coming! Let creation  
from its groans and labor cease;  
let the glorious proclamation  
hope restore and faith increase:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Come, O blessed Prince of peace.

2 Earth can now but tell the story  
of your bitter cross and pain;  
we shall yet behold your glory,  
Lord, when you return to reign:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Let each heart repeat the strain.

3 With that blessed hope before us,  
flutes are tuned and harps are strung;  
let the mighty advent chorus  
onward roll from tongue to tongue:

Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Let each heart repeat the song.  
4 Long your exiles have been pining  
for your promised rest and home,  
but in heavenly glory shining,  
soon the risen Christ shall come.  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Joyful, shout the victory psalm.

### **Affirmation of Faith**

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.**

### **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.**

### **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**

#### **Hymn 362**

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

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1 Rejoice! Rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing  
and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising  
and soon he will draw nigh.  
Up, watch with expectation;  
at midnight comes the cry.

2 See that your lamps are burning;  
replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation,  
the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
the gates wide open stand;  
arise, O heirs of glory;

the Bridegroom is at hand!

3 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
above this shadowed sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption,  
and ever be with thee!

### **Charge and Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Franz Joseph Haydn

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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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For emergencies, contact Rev. Brian Maguire at (937) 269-2864 or Rev. Kelley Shin at (937) 751-0752.

### **Announcements**

#### **Temporary Church Closing:**

**Monday, November 30th through Friday December 4th, Fairmont will be closed. Worship and all online programs will continue as scheduled. Emails, voicemail, and mail will be regularly checked, and you are always invited to call the pastors at home.**

**This closure is due to the dramatically increasing rates of community transmission of the Covid-19 virus and the expected spike in cases anticipated immediately after Thanksgiving. The Session takes this action reluctantly as a necessary safeguard to protect our members, visitors, and staff as well as to do our part to help our health care professionals. Please stay safe.**

**There will be no Kids Korner or PYC today.**

#### **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 2: History: Parchment to Pixel  
(Phyllis Tickle)
- December 9: Testaments: One Story, Two  
Parts (Rachel Held Evans)
- December 16: Gospels: Unexpected Good  
News (Nadia Bolz-Weber)

December 23: Interpretation: Scripture Reads  
Us (Will Willimon)

**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 40:1-11. 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 4th 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 4th at 5:00pm

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 810 3178 2239

**Next Sunday, December 6th**, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. You are invited to share in the celebration of communion at home on December 6th by obtaining some bread (bread, roll, cracker, etc...) and/or some liquid grape juice (fermented wine or unfermented juice) and have those present for worship. You are not required to do both the cup and the bread in order to celebrate this sacrament. One element is enough for it to be communion. We will then share in the prayers of thanksgiving and partake of the elements together.

### **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.

The deadline for submitting your money is Sunday December 13. 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.

**The church office continues** to accept checks for the Presbyterian Thank Offering and the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. Through these offerings, we can help improve lives at home and around the world. Please consider visiting our website or mailing a check to the church office made out to Fairmont Presbyterian Church with Thank Offering or Birthday Offering written on the memo line. Thank you.

### **Would You Like to Get Fairmont's Newsletters?**

Would you or someone you know like to receive our twice-weekly email newsletter? In addition to our monthly Call newsletter, every Tuesday we send out Beside Still Waters with brief devotions by the staff and members along with invitations upcoming ministry events. Every Friday we send out Fridays from Fairmont with reflections on that Sunday's Bible lesson and information about weekend programs. If you or

someone you know would like to receive these emails please send your email address to Jennifer Mason at [jmason@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:jmason@fairmontchurch.org). As always you can opt out at any time.

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# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heavenly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
 our spirits by thine advent here;  
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 all peoples in one heart and mind;  
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

*One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:*

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)	Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)	Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)
Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)	Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)	
Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)	Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)	

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

## 360 Christ Is Coming!

1 Christ is com - ing! Let cre - a - tion from its groans and  
 2 Earth can now but tell the sto - ry of your bit - ter  
 3 With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, flutes are tuned and  
 4 Long your ex - iles have been pin - ing for your prom - ised

la - bor cease; let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion  
 cross and pain; we shall yet be - hold your glo - ry,  
 harps are strung; let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus  
 rest and home, but in heaven - ly glo - ry shin - ing,

hope re - store and faith in - crease: Christ is com - ing!  
 Lord, when you re - turn to reign: Christ is com - ing!  
 on - ward roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is com - ing!  
 soon the ris - en Christ shall come. Christ is com - ing!

Christ is com - ing! Come, O bless - ed Prince of peace.  
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.  
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the song.  
 Christ is com - ing! Joy - ful, shout the vic - tory psalm.

This hymn by a 19th-century Scottish pastor is specifically based on Revelation 1:7 and 22:20, with allusions to several other New Testament passages. Unlike medieval hymns that focused on judgment, this text understands the Second Coming as an occasion of triumph and joy.

## 362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen-ish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.