



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
December 4, 2022**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

December 4, 2022

10:30am

2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Prepare the Way

James Mansfield

Call to Worship (Psalm 36)

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Come let us worship our God of life.

Hymn 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Bereden Väg För Herran

1 Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

2 He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain:

O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;

your Savior's rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing,
their adoration voicing.

Refrain:

O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Bergstresser Family

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

Gracious Lord, you intend that we live fully, yet we are reluctant to open our hands to receive your abundance. We prefer to rely on ourselves and follow our own paths. Pursuing our own desires, we have turned from you. Forgive our sin and fill us again with your Spirit. May your grace spill over us and into the hidden places of our lives so that we may gratefully accept what you offer, and live thankfully in the manner of Jesus the 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 Children

Loralei Harding

Anthem

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
Chancel Choir

Paul O. Manz

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

Micah 5:1-5

Now you are walled around with a wall; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the ruler of Israel upon the cheek. But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Six Miles

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 102

Savior of the Nations, Come

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

1 Savior of the nations, come;
virgin's son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

2 From God's heart the Savior speeds;
back to God his pathway leads;
out to vanquish death's command,
back to reign at God's right hand.

3 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally.

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:

Hymn 552

Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest

**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 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Genevan

1 "Comfort, comfort now my people;
tell of peace!" So says our God.
"Comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning under sorrow's load.
To my people now proclaim
that my pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cover,
and their warfare now is over."
2 For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance,
since the reign of God is here.

O, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way.
Let the valleys rise in meeting
and the hills bow down in greeting.

3 Straight shall be what long was crooked,
and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's word is never broken.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz

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Moyers, Mike. The Days Are Surely Coming, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN
Micah 5:2-6 "An abstract depicting Advent prophecy fulfillment and promises kept. The ring with the blue pattern also alludes to a robe and crown for the coming Messiah."

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

Join us for Advent Coffee and Social Time: 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 (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 the Fellowship Hall.

Connections: Eyes on the Prize, The History of the Civil Rights Movement

Join us on Zoom at 7:00 on Wednesday nights in December 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.

December 7 "Mississippi: Is This America? (1962-1964)"

December 14 "Bridge to Freedom (1965)"

December 21-January 11, 2023 Connections Winter Break, no classes

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 Zephaniah 3:14-20. You are invited.

Thursdays, 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

Presbyterian and Modern Challenges Film Discussion

Our December theme will be focused on the *Abrahamic Religions: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam*.

Our next Zoom film presentation and discussion will be on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 8:00 p.m.

DATE: Friday, December 9, 2022

TIME: 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

FILM: "Jerusalem" by National Geographic

Join Zoom Meeting Here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81452250125>

Meeting ID: 814 5225 0125

Watch for the Zoom link also in the weekly Beside Still Waters and Fridays from Fairmont emails, and Fairmont's December worship bulletins or contact Pastor Kelley at kshin@fairmontchurch.org.

Cookie Walk: Next Sunday, December 11th is the annual Women of Fairmont Cookie Walk following the single service. Be sure to save the date! There is still time 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 at sgrillot@sbcglobal.net or text at (937)776-2201. Cookies and candies may be delivered to the Fellowship Hall in 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.

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.

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.**

2023 Financial Pledges

Thank you to everyone who turned in a pledge card for 2023. The current total pledged is \$445,275. 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!

Christmas Caroling!

Come join us for a time of Christmas Caroling in our church neighborhood as we share some Christmas cheer. We will meet at the church back parking lot on Wednesday, December 21, at 5:30 p.m. Christmas Carol books will be provided and our faithful Music Director, Coleman Clark, will lead us. Bundle up for an evening of sharing the joy of Christmas through song!

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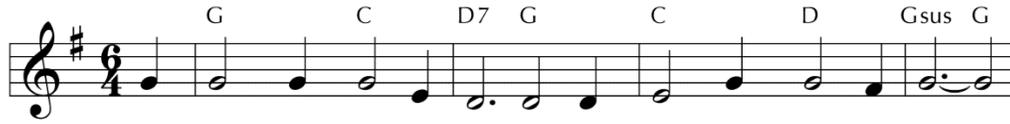
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Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3-5 and Psalm 24:7-10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812, rev. 1819; trans. Augustus Nelson, 1958;
 adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980, alt.

MUSIC: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930
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BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

Savior of the Nations, Come 102

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
 2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to
 3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows
 4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's

son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 God his path - way leads; out to van - quish
 night with new - born light. Night can - not this
 son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.
 light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.
 Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.

TEXT: Attr. Ambrose of Milan, 4th cent.; German para. Martin Luther, 1523;
 English trans. stanza 1, William Morton Reynolds, 1850, alt.;
 English trans. stanzas 2-4, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 2006
 MUSIC: Erfurt *Enchiridion*, 1524; harm. Sethus Calvisius, 1594
 English Trans. St. 2-4 © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
 7.7.7.7

Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87

1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.

To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver."
 Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1-5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.