



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
January 15, 2023**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

January 15, 2023

10:30am

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Pastorale

Margaret Sandresky

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praise to God who gathers us here.

People: **With a word of promise, a glimpse of hope, a font of water;**

Leader: God turns our mourning into dancing;

People: **Our sorrow into joy.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of comfort and hope.

Hymn 159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Kingsfold

1 O sing a song of Bethlehem,
of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them
from angels in the air.

The light that shone on Bethlehem
fills all the world today.
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
the angels sing alway.

2 O sing a song of Nazareth,
of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,
and of the sinless boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth
in every heart may grow.
Now spreads the fame of his dear name
on all the winds that blow.

3 O sing a song of Galilee,
of lake and woods and hill,
of him who walked upon the sea
and bade its waves be still.
For though, like waves on Galilee,

dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word,
falls peace upon the soul.

4 O sing a song of Calvary,
its glory and dismay,
of him who hung upon the tree,
and took our sins away.
For he who died on Calvary
is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored,
is mighty now to save.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of glory and light, you look from heaven and see us as we are - not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. We are frightened and fearful, unable to trust in you. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, the child born to us, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to follow you through death and darkness, into life and light...*(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 Our Children

Loralei Harding

Anthem *One Hope, One Faith, One Lord* Craig Courtney
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 2:13-18

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about

to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Out of Egypt

Rev. Kelley Shin

Hymn 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Waterlife

1 “I was there to hear your borning cry;
I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.”

2 “When you heard the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.”

3 “In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I’ve begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.”

4 “I was there to hear your borning cry;
I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized

to see your life unfold."

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

Hear My Cry, O God
Megan Rehberg, soloist

César Franck

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 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Star Of The County Down

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past

to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in D Minor

Johann Froberger

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Within the Fellowship

The 10:30 service flowers are given in honor of our family here in Ohio and in Florida. They are also in loving memory of our parents, Blanche and Stewart Adam and Anne and John Wygal.

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

The office will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Fairmont Youth will be meeting tonight, January 15, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for a special Martin Luther King, Jr. Day service project preparing toiletry bags for those in need. We will meet at Fairmont in the Fellowship Hall for dinner, service project, and games. Youth from Sugarcreek, Southminster, and Springboro Covenant will be joining us. All youth, 6th – 12th are welcome. Contact Pastor Kelley for questions.

Connections: The World of the New Testament. Throughout 2024, starting on January 18th on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, we will be exploring the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth through the lens of the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus lived during a particular time and at a particular place and that time and that context decisively shaped both his message and how it was recorded in the Gospels. Throughout the winter and spring of 2023, we will be examining the context of the first century A.D. in Palestine and beyond so we can better understand Jesus' message and meanings. If you wish to go deeper, you are invited to follow along with two companion books: *The World of the New Testament* by Joel Green and Lee Martin McDonald (Baker Publishing, 2013) and *The New Testament and Its World* by N.T. Wright and Michael Bird (SPCK/Zondervan, 2019) available online and at bookshops.

January 18 Reading the New Testament, Introductions

January 25 Judaism before Jesus Part One – The Persian and Greek Periods

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

Fairmont men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, January 18th at 11:30 am. Sign "Lunch" on the attendance pad Sunday or call the church office (937) 299-3539 or email at office@fairmontchurch.org by noon on Tuesday, January 17th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited.

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 2:19-23. You are invited.

Thursdays, 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

January Family Night: Join us for our January *Fairmont Family Night* this Friday, January 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Fairmont children, youth, and their families will be meeting **once-a-month** for a fun evening of dinner, games, and fellowship. Our theme for this Friday will be Winter Wonderland.

Mission Beyond the Congregation: Our 5th Sunday special offering on Jan 29th will support the Artemis Center, whose mission is to empower survivors to heal and live free of domestic violence. In the spirit of hands-on support, we are also collecting wish list items:

Paper towels	Toilet paper	All-purpose cleaning spray	Glass cleaning spray
Disinfectant wipes	Swiffer starter kits	Laundry pods	Dryer Sheets
Hand soap	Dish soap	Body wash	Shampoo
Conditioner	Lip Balm	Umbrellas	Full & Queen size blankets

Join us on the 29th between services, writing notes of encouragement too.

We are pleased to let you know that our final total for the Art, Antique & Craft Show was \$15,000! These funds have been divided between the Dayton Food Bank, Kettering Backpack Program and World Food Kitchen. It was a great day and couldn't have been as successful without help from numerous volunteers and those who supported our vendors and the other areas like the silent auction, bake sale, lunch, vintage room and wreaths. We are already accepting items for our vintage room. Christmas things you couldn't use, jewelry, decorative items etc. Again, thank you from Carolyn and our committee. Happy New Year!

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 2023. 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.

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 11:30 am, The Women of Fairmont will hold another interesting Gathering in Fellowship Hall. Amy Duiker, a minister at Sugarcreek Presbyterian Church, will be talking about The Broken Bus, a non-profit organization. She and her husband love this ministry and work hard to help the homeless. The bus has blankets, clothing, food, and personal supplies to give to the homeless. We will have a nourishing meal of white turkey chili, cornbread, salad, and dessert. Being together in this warm and welcoming group is a great place to be on a Saturday in February. Please join us. Also, please let the Jennifer Mason in the church office know that you plan to attend. No charge.

When is the Annual Meeting? In 2022 we switched from calendar year accounting to fiscal year accounting to correspond more closely to our program calendar. Our current fiscal year will end on June 30, 2023, and we will be holding our annual meeting in July of 2023 instead of early February as we have done in the past.

Stewardship Update 2023: Total pledges thus far are \$545,705. 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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159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,
 2 O sing a song of Naz - a - reth, of sun - ny days of joy;
 3 O sing a song of Gal - i - lee, of lake and woods and hill,
 4 O sing a song of Cal - va - ry, its glo - ry and dis - may,

and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air.
 O sing of fra - grant flow-ers' breath, and of the sin - less boy.
 of him who walked up - on the sea and bade its waves be still.
 of him who hung up - on the tree, and took our sins a - way.

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to - day.
 For now the flowers of Naz - a - reth in ev - ery heart may grow.
 For though, like waves on Gal - i - lee, dark seas of trou - ble roll,
 For he who died on Cal - va - ry is ris - en from the grave,

Of Je - sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al - way.
 Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.
 when faith has heard the Mas - ter's word, falls peace up-on the soul.
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a - dored, is might-y now to save.

This hymn created by a noted Presbyterian hymnal editor and scholar employs place names and sensory images (light, fragrance, wind) to sketch the events of Christ's life. The tune name commemorates the village in Sussex where the arranger first heard the traditional melody.

BAPTISM

488 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no

you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-

see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some-one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es

child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as

light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."

4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.
 I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a
 4 Though the nations rage from age to age, we re -

God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mercy must de -

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Chords: G, D, Em, C, Em

