



# FAIRMOUNT

PRESBYTERIAN Church

Sunday, January 28, 2024

11:00 a.m.



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

~Luke 4:18-19

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, January 28, 11:00am**

**PRELUDE**

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

*arr. Mark Hayes*

*"O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee...."*

*We Shall Overcome*

*arr. Chuck Marohnic*

**WELCOME**

**STATIO**

Statio is a "holy pause" – a period of intentional quiet before worship to gather together as one body with one spirit.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Matthew 11 and Luke 4

One: Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

**All: We come to you, God; ready to rest in your loving presence.**

One: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

**All: Lay your yoke upon our shoulders, Christ; a Gospel that promises liberation for us and for all creation.**

One: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

**All: The Jubilee has arrived at last! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*HYMN 301**

*Let Us Build a House*  
*(stanzas 1, 4 & 5 only)*

TWO OAKS

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: Through grace, God seeks reconciliation with us.

**All: With humility and gratitude, we seek to restore our relationship with God.**

One: Let us confess our sin together...

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: God of justice, throughout the ages you have liberated the oppressed to bring perfect freedom to your creation. No one of us can be free until all are free.

**All: And yet we forget that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Forgive us for ignoring our neighbors' cries for help.**

One: God who frees the prisoner, you have revealed your justice to be restorative rather than punitive.

**All: And yet out of fear we harshly punish our neighbors. Forgive us for seeking to break people's spirits rather than restore their humanity.**

One: God of all nations and all people, you created us so that our humanity is bound up in our neighbor's humanity; so that we can only be human together.

**All: And yet we dehumanize our neighbors and deceive ourselves by thinking we are superior. Forgive us for denying our neighbor's humanity as well as our own humanity.**

One: Reconcile us, renew our souls, restore right relationships.

**All: Change our hearts and our lives.**

**KYRIE #764**

*For the Troubles and the Sufferings*

PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** *Hymn #458 (refrain only)*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Leviticus 25:8-10;39-41;44-46

**ANTHEM**

*The Imprint of God's Face*  
(Text of Hymn #759)  
(Stanzas 1 and 2--choir; Stanza 3--ALL)

Margaret R. Tucker

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 4:16-21

**SERMON**

Jubilee Is Unspeakable Joy

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Confession of Belhar

**We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. Therefore, the church must stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice. Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.**

**We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.**

**Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

*\*HYMN 772 (stanza 3)**Live Into Hope*

TRURO

**CALL TO OFFERING****OFFERTORY***Salm O Dewi Sant (Psalm of Saint David)*

Karl Jenkins

**\*DOXOLOGY #609:**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*  
*Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:*  
*Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

**\*HYMN 746**

*Send Me, Jesus*  
(once by leader, then All sing)

THUMA MINA

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Caprice (Second Suite)**Louis-Nicolas Clérambault***Participating in Worship**

Rev. Ryan Wallace, Senior Pastor

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Associate Pastor

Kate Bouldin, Director of Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation

Jim Riggs, Director of Music Ministries

Mark Slatter, J-Term Organ Scholar

J-Term Choir

Tyler Young, saxophone

Jackie Josten, flute

Amy Carlson and Vicki Mentrek, percussion

Ushers: Pamela MacWilliams, Todd Imbler, Gordon Landefeld

## **This Morning at Fairmount**

**Nursery Care:** While children are always welcome in our worship services, parents can also drop their children ages 0-5 in our Nursery (located on the 2nd floor above Andersen Hall) before worship. The nursery will be open at 10:45 a.m. most Sundays and parents can pick up their children after worship.

Around the sanctuary, you'll find worship bags, books, and pages to color. The "wigggle room" is located in the narthex. You can change a diaper, nurse your child, and little ones can experience a change of pace.

### **Coffee Hour**

Coffee hour in Andersen Hall is where we extend the fellowship that begins in worship; it's a time for us to visit with one another, deepen our relationships, and welcome newcomers. Join us!

### **Ways to Give**

#### **Text**

Text "FPCCLE" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

#### **Call**

216.321.5800

#### **Realm**

<https://onrealm.org/FairmountPresby/give/now>

#### **Mail**

2757 Fairmount Blvd  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

## **Fairmount Presbyterian Church Leadership**

### **Session**

Sarah Stone, Clerk of Session  
Megan Bennett, President

Todd Imbler, Vice President  
Rob Faxon, Treasurer

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## **Special Announcements**

### **Medical Debt Forgiveness**

Greater Cleveland Congregations has organized a fundraiser in partnership with "RIP Medical Debt" to pay off the medical debt of our neighbors here in Cuyahoga County. Last fall, Serve Council gave \$1000 on behalf of Fairmount, and collectively we have raised about \$30,000 at GCC congregations. If you'd like learn more about the campaign or make an individual donation, scan the QR code.



### **Sisterhood of Service Luncheon**

#### **Today after 11:00 a.m. worship**

SOS (Sisterhood of Service) is a small-group ministry at Fairmount of single women. Its purpose is to be helpful to its members, others in the congregation and to others in the community at large. The luncheon is open to women in Fairmount's congregation and any others wishing to fellowship with us.

### **Summer 2024 Youth Cultural Immersion Trip to the DR**

#### **Info Meeting today, following 11:00 a.m. worship**

Interested in joining the Summer 2024 Youth Cultural Immersion Trip to the Dominican Republic? Come and learn about this life-changing, enriching, eye-opening experience! This transformational one-week trip invites youth into an examination of systemic injustice, while encouraging cultural competency and reflective action in their personal lives. Rooted in centering relationships, participating youth cultivate stronger bonds with one another and establish friendships with the community of the Batey 105. Together, youth journey grounded in curiosity and humility, seeking to learn from the people of the Dominican Republic. *This meeting is required for all interested youth participants. Trip dates are TBA, but will take place in mid-June. High school youth are eligible. This includes rising 9th graders and class of 2024 graduates.* Questions? Contact Kate Bouldin: [kate@fpccl.org](mailto:kate@fpccl.org).

**Mardi Gras Celebration, Tuesday, February 13th, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Enjoy gumbo, music, a magician, crafts, and the burning of the palms. We invite you to wear a silly hat! Fairmounters and interfaith community partners are all welcome!

### **Lent at Fairmount**

This Lent at Fairmount, our worship and spiritual life will be centered around Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow's *Everything Good About God Is True: Choosing Faith*. A calendar of Lenten opportunities and events will be available soon, beginning with our Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## **Faith In Action**

### **GCC Campaign Action Meeting with Mayor Bibb**

#### **Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 pm. to 9:00 pm.**

Mayor Bibb made commitments at the Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) 2021 Campaign Action to address endemic problems in Cleveland neighborhoods. This GCC action meeting will highlight the successes of the Neighborhood Now initiative. In light of recently announced development plans for downtown Cleveland, GCC will also raise concerns regarding the Mayor's neighborhood pledge. Participants need to register how they will attend, scan the QR Code.



### **GCC Candidate Forum for Judicial and County Prosecutor Candidates**

On Tuesday, February 20th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., this forum will feature March 19th Primary Election candidates for contested judicial seats and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's race. This forum will address issues of concern to GCC and its members, particularly the issues of pretrial criminal justice and youth bindovers. It is an important opportunity to hear from the candidates specifically, and learn how they would address GCC's priorities in elections that have a direct impact on our community. If you plan to attend, scan the QR code.



### **Music Ministry**

**Thank you** to all who participated in our J-Term Choir and to Mark Slatter for serving as our J-Term Organ Scholar.

### **Intergenerational Pop Up Choir**

Our Intergenerational Pop Up Choir sings for worship next Sunday, February 4th with a rehearsal at 10:10 a.m. in the sanctuary. All ages and stages of singers are welcome.

### **Rush Hour Concert -Tuesday, February 27th at 5:30 p.m.**

Our new staff members Jim Riggs and Tyler Young launch our Rush Hour Concert series with a 50 minute program of varied music. Join us in the sanctuary for a good way to give your mind and soul a rest!

### **The Kenyon College Chamber Singers Concert**

The Kenyon College Chamber Singers will perform at Fairmount on Friday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Chamber Singers will present an eclectic mix of a cappella choral repertoire on their 2024 Spring Tour.

### **2024 Stewardship**

In 2024 we hope to reach \$750,000 in pledges to give us the resources needed to support this thriving church. The stewardship season is well underway, with \$705,000 in pledges received so far. This is amazing, and we are so grateful to those of you who have pledged. If you have never pledged before, please consider doing so! Pledge cards can be found in the pews, you can call the church office at 216.321.5800, or you can access the Realm or the pledge forms on [www.fpcclle.org](http://www.fpcclle.org).

### **For Children, Youth, and Families**

**WE Time:** Most Sundays, children in Pre-K through 3rd grade in Room 214 and nursery care available for children under 5 in the Wiggle Room.

**Full Announcements and registration links can be found at <https://bit.ly/fpc-announcements> or scan the QR code**

