



FAIRMOUNT

PRESBYTERIAN Church

Sunday, February 11, 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, February 11, 11:00am

PRELUDE

Variations on "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Max Drischner

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 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

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: Through the life-giving breath, you created us to be one family—each of us made from the same earth, bearing the same divine image within us.

All: And yet we deny our common ancestry and our shared spirit. Forgive us for treating each other as strangers.

One: In the Gospel of your Beloved, you declared that we should humble ourselves instead of judging others.

All: And yet we mock the views of our neighbors without really listening. Forgive us for our self-deception that being right is more important than being Love.

One: By the rushing wind of your Spirit, you found a way to preserve our beautiful diversity while transcending our differences.

All: And yet we allow the barriers of language, ethnicity, race, political party, gender, religion, sexuality, and ability to divide us still. Forgive us for the suspicion, superiority, and condescension we direct at our neighbors who aren't like us.

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 25:8-13

ANTHEM*Calling My Children Home**Lawson, Waller, Yates/arr. Joseph H. Jennings*

Those lives were mine to love and cherish, to guard and guide along life's way. Oh, God forbid that one should perish, that one alas should go astray. Back in the years with all together, around the place we'd romp and play. So lonely now, I often wonder, oh, will they come back home someday? Refrain: "I'm lonesome for my precious children, they live so far away. Oh, may they hear my calling and come back home someday." I gave my all for my dear children, their problems still with love I share. I'd brave life's storms, defy the tempest, to bring them home from anywhere. I lived my life, my love I gave them, to guide them through this world of strife. I hope and pray we'll live together in that great glad here after life.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

SERMON

Jubilee is a Family Reunion

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

This unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

***HYMN 772** (stanza 1)*Live Into Hope*

TRURO

MOMENT FOR MISSION**CALL TO OFFERING****OFFERTORY***Largo e spiccato (Concerto in D minor), BWV 596**Vivaldi/arr. J.S. Bach****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 630** (stanzas 1, 2, 3)*Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADERS' HYMN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE***Trumpet Tune in D Major*

David N. Johnson

Participating in Worship

Rev. Ryan Wallace, Senior Pastor

Kate Bouldin, Director of Youth and Young Adult

Formation

Jim Riggs, Director of Music Ministries

The Fairmount Choir

Ushers: Steve Chapman, Bryan Seekely, Todd Imbler

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.

Realm

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

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Special Announcements

Today is SOUPer Bowl Sunday!

While tonight's big game kicks off at 6:30 p.m., this morning Fairmount is hosting **SOUPer Bowl Sunday!** After worship, youth will be in Anderson Hall with soup pots to collect cash donations for the Little Free Pantry. Your donations will go toward purchasing items that are in high demand in our pantry ministry, such as diapers, personal care products, and hearty soups.

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!

Lenten Daily Devotional & Ash Wednesday at Fairmount

This Lent at Fairmount, our worship and spiritual life will be inspired by Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow's forthcoming book, *Everything Good About God Is True: Choosing Faith*. Through the 40 days in the wilderness, you are invited to examine what you believe more deeply with Fairmount's 2024 Lenten Daily Devotional. Pick up your devotional in Anderson Hall. Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Faith Formation team will also offer anyone ashes and a blessing at the Van Aken Market Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and at FPC from 1:30 p.m. onward until the evening worship service.

EDWINS Fish Fry Friday @ Fairmount Presbyterian Church

Join EDWINS at Fairmount Presbyterian Church on Friday, February 16th as EDWINS lights up the fryers for a classic Lenten Fish Fry, featuring their house-made beer battered cod, french fries, coleslaw & tartar sauce for \$15.99. Take out only, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Place your order today! Scan the QR code.



Midweek Sabbatical/Taizé

Wednesdays, 5:30p.m. to 6:00p.m., February 21st – March 20th

This 30-minute contemplative worship service features singing, meditative prayer, and communion to offer a midweek rest.

Faith In Action

Donations to the Little Free Pantry are Always Welcome

Fairmount's Little Free Pantry sees visitors daily, so donations of non-perishable food and personal care items are always needed. Popular items are hearty soups, shelf-stable protein/dairy, cereals/oatmeal, pasta/grains, canned fruits/vegetables, baby food, and personal care items. Donations are welcomed daily. Please bring your contributions to Anderson Hall marked LFP. Scan the QR code to sign up to help keep the pantry stocked every week.



GCC Candidate Forum for Judicial and County Prosecutor Candidates

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. Hear from the candidates, and learn how they would address GCC's priorities in elections that have a direct impact on our community. If you plan to attend and/or wish to carpool, scan the QR code.



Learn About Our Solar Proposal

Join us for an information session on the proposal to put solar panels on the Andersen Hall roof. Susan Kent and Keith Mills, along with other members of Fairmount's Earth Stewards group, will be describing the plan and answering your questions. The session will be held in the chapel immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, February 25th. All are welcome!

Send Love this Valentine's Day with a College Care Package

Each year, Fairmounters send care packages to alumni of our church youth program. As the new semester has begun, these care packages can mean the world. Young adult/college life can be stressful and lonely. A care package is a great way to help our young adults, even at a distance, feel connected and valued. Spread some love and encouragement to a student who needs to be reminded: their faith family loves them! **How to Get Involved?** Scan the QR code. Questions? Contact Kate Bouldin:

kate@fpccl.org



Take Steps to Preserve God's Creation

Scientists stress that urgent action is needed to slow the effects of climate change. Fortunately, many of the changes you can make today will save money AND will move the community toward a carbon-free future. This year, please commit to one or more of these actions (see reverse side) and be good stewards of the Earth. Learn more about our 2024 initiative. Scan the QR code.



Music Ministry

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.

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

