



FAIRMOUNT

PRESBYTERIAN Church

Sunday, February 25, 2024

11:00 a.m.



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~Everything Good about God Is True

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, February 25, 11:00am

PRELUDE

Pavane, Opus 50

Gabriel Faure/arr Roger Greenberg

WELCOME

Grounded in God's Presence

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**

One: God stirs my soul.

All: In the morning, life-giving first breath fills my lungs.

One: God stills my spirit.

All: In the evening, the calm of the night flows through my body.

One: With every tender breath, I am reminded of God's hoping, yearning, and dreaming

All: that I grow into all I am intended to become.

***HYMN 39**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

PRAYER OF LAMENT AND CONFESSION

One: We have lost our way. We have turned and been turned away from God's intentions and hopes for humanity. We have brought pain upon my body, your body, our bodies.

All: God weeps with and for me, with and for you, with and for us.

As we desecrate the earth, God weeps.

As we equate light as good and dark as bad, God weeps.

As we pursue profit and perpetuate poverty, God weeps.

One: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Hymn 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Inspired by God's Story

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (insert)

Psalms 139

David Hurd

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:35-39

SERMON

Grounded in God's Presence

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Grateful for God's Grace

HYMN 288 (sung twice)

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

CHOOSING FAITH

Steve Chapman

Is there really a Living God?

One: We belong to one another, and in turn we belong to God.

**All: You are known by God. You are loved by God.
That is enough. You are enough.**

CALL TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

God of Still Waiting

Alfred V. Fedak

God of still waiting, God of deep longing, God of the heart's true rest: hold us in fathomless peace, guard us with unwavering love. Spirit of promise, Spirit of purpose, Spirit of ceaseless prayer: bathe us in life full and free, kindle our wonder and hope. Word who comes to us, word who lives with us, word who disturbs and heals: silence our chattering fears, waken our unconscious faith. Word true and faithful, hope-bringing Spirit, God of enfolding love: come in your fullness and grace, work through our lives for your praise. (Carl P. Daw, Jr.)

*DOXOLOGY 608: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

**Our Beloved Creator,
who lives in the eternal,
your name is Love.
May Love rule our hearts
here and now,
as it will in the eternal.
Give us the gift of enough for today.
Release us from our burdens and lead us back to you,
that we may liberate others by our love.
Protect our hearts from other desires,
and rescue us from suffering.
Amen.**

Sent to Love God's Creation

*HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GREEN TYLER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

If You But Trust in God to Guide You, BWV 642

Johann Sebastian Bach

Participating in Worship

Rev. Ryan Wallace, Senior Pastor
Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis
Jim Riggs, Director of Music Ministries
Tyler Young, saxophone

The Fairmount Choir
Amir Hall, Cantor
Jackie Josten, flute
Steve Chapman, Jim Dakin, Morgan Danner: ushers

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 "wobble 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

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Realm

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

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Worship Notes

- The Sanctuary Flowers are given in loving memory of our parents, Dudley & Marias Hawley, from Dudley & Betsy Hawley and Elizabeth Hawley & David Kennedy.
- Today's Call to Worship, Prayer of Lament and Confession, and Charge and Blessing come from *Everything Good about God Is True*, by Bruce Reyes-Chow.
- The Prayer of Jesus that we're using this Lent is a translation of Matthew 6:9-13, translated by Rev. Ryan Wallace.

Learn About Our Solar Proposal

Join us in the chapel after 11:00 a.m. worship today 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.

Rush Hour Concert - This 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!

Lent at Fairmount

This Lenten season our worship themes and daily devotions are grounded in *Everything Good about God Is True: Choosing Faith*, a brand new book by Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow. Bruce is a Presbyterian pastor in California. He's pastored several congregations, written 6 books, and served as the youngest moderator of our national denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA). Bruce wrote this latest book as a guide for progressive Christians to claim and proclaim "a more complex, nuanced, loving, and just version of the gospel." We have created a daily devotion which is available in Andersen Hall that picks up on the questions and ideas that Bruce puts forward and invites you to engage in your understanding of faith and belief more deeply. We invite you to take one home with you as you prepare to begin this Lenten season. We also encourage you to pick one up for anyone you know who might benefit from this offering.

In addition we have a family devotion kit entitled "I'm a Theologian!" This kit comes in a jar and has everything you need to engage in theological questions with your family – because while that may sound daunting, we are all theologians! Only 1 kit is needed per family.

Copies of the book, *Everything Good about God Is True: Choosing Faith*, are available in Andersen Hall. \$10 suggested donation. Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow will lead a book discussion after our April 7th worship.

2024 Easter Flower Dedications

Through your contributions in memory and in honor of loved ones, we decorate the sanctuary with flowers and lilies for our Easter Sunday worship services. Any additional money raised from your dedications will be used for Fairmount's flower fund. To make an Easter flower dedication, fill out the form by scanning the QR code, visiting our website, or emailing Christine Winters, cwinters@fpccl.org. On Sundays, March 3rd, 10th, and 17th, you may make a dedication by filling out a form in Andersen Hall. We ask that you kindly donate \$10 per dedication.



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.

Silent Saturday Retreat: March 9, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join Fairmount Presbyterian Church for a full day retreat organized by the Fairmount 20s/30s group to enjoy quiet reflection and healing. Take this day to ease built-up stress and fatigue. If you're new to spending time in silence, there will be opportunities to calm your mind through supported practices, including a variety of arts and crafts. This retreat will be hosted mostly in silence (*including a screen detox – no phones!*) with many nourishing spiritual offerings. Learn more about the Silent Saturday Retreat and register by scanning the QR code.



Faith in Action

Electrifying News from Batey 105!

There is great news from Batey 105 about getting electricity for the community. Danny Perez, Fairmount's Program Manager for our work in Batey 105, met with the Governor of El Seibo Province, Magaly Tabar Manzur, and together they went to Santo Domingo to meet with EdeEste, the regional electric authority. Fairmount has been working with Danny and the Governor for several years to lobby EdeEste to bring electricity to Batey 105. We are hopeful that this meeting and action with the Governor means the project is moving forward. Learn more and help us support our community and friends in Batey 105, scan the QR Code.



Music Ministry

Make a Joyful Noise!

Joyful Noise (Children's Choir) will rehearse today after worship in the choir room. All children are welcome as we prepare music for March 10th worship.

Next Sunday! Intergenerational Pop Up Choir

Intergenerational PopUp Choir sings for worship next Sunday, March 3 with a rehearsal at 10:10 in the sanctuary. All ages and stages of singers are welcome. Any questions, please see or email Jim Riggs.

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

