



FAIRMOUNT
PRESBYTERIAN Church



The Kin-Dom of God is Here
Sunday, January 12th, 2025
11:00 AM

Prelude
Prayer

Jean Langlais

Statio

**Call to Worship*

You are one of one.

Each of us is like no other person—knit together and marvelously set apart.

We are many.

Each of us is like some other people. We have different origins and languages; different races and genders; different abilities and attractions.

We are one.

Each of us is like all other people—fearfully and wonderfully made in Your image of love.

As one family of God with many different members, let us worship our Creator.

**Hymn 401*

Here in This Place
(Stanzas 1, 2, & 4)

GATHER US IN

Prayer of Lament and Confession

In the beginning, You created humankind in Your own image; we share a common image and the same ancestors. But we confess...

We draw the branches of our family tree, but forget its roots. Forgive us for

You spread Your people over all the earth to express Your desire for diversity. But we confess...

We use it as a justification for segregation and superiority.

Forgive us for mistaking your design as our punishment.

Your Spirit gave us the power to create harmony and understanding while preserving Your intended diversity. But we confess...

We proclaim that harmony comes from melting differences away.

Forgive us for failing to listen with the ear of our hearts for Your voice in others.

Kyrie Eleison

South African/THUMA MINA

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison, Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison

Assurance of Grace and Passing of the Peace

Time for Young Disciples

Statio

Prayer for Illumination

Listen to the Word
Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don't understand.

Canadian

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 10-11, selected verses

Anthem

Heavenly Light

Alexander Kopylow

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine! May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light, Divine, we praise Thee! (Alice Mattullath)

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-6

Sermon

The Kin-dom of God is Here

***Hymn 142**

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

HYFRYDOL

God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind-spiced flame and hovering dove,
Breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love:
Give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace;
Send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.

Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse,
Deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse:
Help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim,
That our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.

Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders

Do we, the members of the church, accept these members as ruling elders or deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do!

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do!

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

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.

Call to Generosity

Offertory

Pianosong

Paul Halley

**Doxology 609 and Prayer of Dedication*

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

**Charge & Benediction*

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in G

Jeremy Bankson

**The congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit*

The Sanctuary flowers are generously given in memory of Terry and Fanny Sawyer, both longtime Fairmount members, both active in the lay leadership of this Church, by Ray Sawyer.

Constitutional Questions for Deacons and Elders

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Do you?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? Do you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? Do you?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? Will you?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? Will you?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? Will you?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? Do you?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? Will you?

Elders, Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? Will you?

Deacons, will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? Will you?

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Andrew Genszler, Pastor

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Pastor

Jack Naglick, Organ Scholar

Jim Riggs, Director of Music Ministries

Rev. Ryan Wallace, Pastor

Dr. Tyler Young, Digital Engineer

J-Term Choir

January 12, 2025 Announcements



11:00 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary and online
12:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal in the Choir Room

Happening at Fairmount

Exciting Update: Kate Bouldin's Next Steps in Ministry

Kate Bouldin, Director of Youth & Young Adult Faith Formation, will temporarily return to part-time at Fairmount as she embarks on a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at the Cleveland Clinic this month, concluding in May 2024. CPE is required for PC(USA) ordination and is a valuable opportunity to deepen skills in pastoral care! Kate asks for our community's prayers as she balances continuing her ministry at Fairmount and completing this transformational training program. If serving youth faith formation calls to you (or someone you know) please let Kate know; additional support will be especially helpful during this time! If you have any questions or want to chat, you can reach Kate by email at kate@fpccl.org.

Fairmount Cooperative Preschool is offering priority registration for Fairmount Presbyterian Church members, January 24th–30th. For more information about our co-op, or to set up an appointment to enroll your child, please contact us at membership@fairmountcoop.org or 408-556-9182, or visit our website at www.fairmountcoop.org.

Winter/Spring Rush Hour Concerts.

Save the dates for these upcoming concerts on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary.

- Feb 11th--Tyler Young, saxophone with William Hueholt, piano
- March 11th--Ethan Strickland, percussion
- April 29th--Shawn McGrath, Heldentenor with Jason Aquila, piano

Caring for Our Community

Fairmount's Little Free Pantry

Thank you all for all the food items you continue to give to our **Little Food Pantry**. Please continue giving your donations and help **FPC** score a touchdown for our **Little Food Pantry** on "**Souper**" **Bowl Sunday (February 9th)**! Bring a can or two of chili, hearty soup or stews. Thank you again for your continued support.

Supporting the Munyazesa Family

The Munyazesa family (2 adults and 6 children) arrived in Cleveland in late Fall 2018, coming from 20 years in an African refugee camp. Following their arrival a group of 14 Fairmount members mentored the family in adjusting to their new life in Cleveland for 9-12 months. Since that time, the family has lived in 3 apartments. Dianah, the mother, has been steadily working nights and has kept her job in spite of many hardships, and the children are progressing in school with their English improving significantly. In Spring 2025, the family is scheduled to move into their own house, provided by Habitat for Humanity.

To help support the Munyazesa family in making this huge transition, we want to recruit some Fairmount members to help us on various tasks. These tasks include:

- identifying what is needed in the new house;
- learning what the family wants to move from their current home;

- developing a plan to secure what is needed, such as bedding, housewares, kitchen items, lawn equipment and tools; and
- after the family moves in, mentoring the family on matters related to homeownership, such as housekeeping, yard care, and financial management.

Our Fairmount Youth have already offered to raise money to purchase some items. We will solicit Fairmount members for used and new items at a later date. If you might be interested in helping the Munyazesa family in successfully transitioning to homeowners, please contact Tuni Chilcote (tlchilcote@aol.com), Jim Dakin (jim_dakin@yahoo.com), or Walter Ginn (wginn414@aol.com).

Helping Out the Cleveland Foodbank

Fairmount has been helping out at the Cleveland Foodbank for six years. We work the second Monday of the month from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., usually in the repacking food area. Pallets upon pallets of food have been lovingly repackaged to help countless Clevelanders who are food challenged. We'd like to expand our outreach by adding a new opportunity. The Waterloo location has been transformed into a "grocery store" of sorts that offers free food to eligible Clevelanders who are able to get to the location and "go shopping" without coughing up a credit card at the check out counter! There are 3 ways we can help:

1. Shelves need to be stocked all day long. Some of us would enjoy that, while interacting with our neighbors.
2. Helping neighbors navigate the aisles by pushing the cart, making suggestions, explaining the routine. "You can take as many potatoes as you need!" Or, "the limit on peanut butter is one today".
3. Help your neighbor take the cart outdoors and help put the groceries in their car (ala Heinen's) when they pull up.

All 3 provide plentiful opportunities to interact live with our neighbors and we can assure you, every single one is genuinely appreciative of our willingness to help. Times are flexible including mornings and afternoons. It is easy to sign up on line for 2-3 hour shifts. Please email Hedy Westra at hedywestra@ameritech.net if you have questions or are interested in helping.

Full Announcements can be found at <https://fpccle.org/blog/>