



FAIRMOUNT

PRESBYTERIAN *Church*



Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13th, 2025
11:00 a.m.

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

Prelude Trumpet Tune in G Jeremy J. Bankson
I am in awe of...
I am afraid of...

Opening Sentences

***Processional Hymn 196** All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Welcome

Statio

Prayer for Illumination Awake to Hear the Word of God LENT25

Awake, awake, to hear the Word of God.
Open your minds, open your hearts
to hear the Word of God.

First Scripture Reading Luke 19:29-40

Time for Young Disciples

Anthem Blessed is He Who Comes Tamara Mazdas Albrecht

Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Second Scripture Reading Daniel 6, selected verses

Sermon Vereor

* **Hymn 212** Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed MARTYDOM

Prayer of Lament and Confession

If only you knew on this of all days the things that lead to peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Forgive us, Lord, for pacifying the marginalized in the name of peace.

It's written, My house will be a house of prayer, but you have made it a hideout for crooks.

Forgive us, Lord, for worshipping a transactional god.

The rooster won't crow today before you have denied three times that you know me.

Forgive us, Lord, for shying away from our Christian identity.

Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so that you won't give in to temptation.

Forgive us, Lord, for sleepwalking our way through life.

Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing.

Forgive us, Lord, for allowing our fear to consume our faith.

God, reveal your abundant grace for us.

Change our hearts and our lives.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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**Assurance of Grace and Passing of the Peace*

Call to Generosity

Offertory

Benedictus (The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace)

Karl Jenkins

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

**Doxology 608 and Prayer of Dedication*

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

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 198**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

**Charge and Benediction*

Postlude

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

arr. David N. Johnson

The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Sally Bonebrake
by her husband Jim Bonebrake.

Today's music is made possible by the Eleanor R. Baird Music Fund,
and the offertory anthem was given by Betty Hess through a gift to the Music Fund.

Participating in Worship:

The Holy Spirit

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Pastor

Lisa Nester, Seminary Intern

Rev. Drew Genszler, Pastor

Jack Naglick, Organ Scholar

Jim Riggs, Director of Music Ministries

Rev. Ryan Wallace, Pastor

The Joyful Noise

The Fairmount Choir

Brett Nickolette, trumpet

Vicki Mentrek, timpani

Elora Kares, Cello

Dr. Tyler Young, Digital Engineer

April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday Announcements



- 10:00 a.m. Earth Stewards Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
- 12:00 p.m. Shiloh Baptist Palm Sunday Brunch Fundraiser in the Dining Room
- 12:15 p.m. 'An Altar in the World' Conversation in the Ganson Room
- 12:15 p.m. Joyful Noise Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Compline in the Sanctuary

Today at Fairmount

Our Palm Sunday palms were sourced through www.ecopalms.org. By choosing Eco Palms for Palm Sunday, Fairmount is helping to promote environmental and social justice through this purchasing decision. Harvesting palms is an important source of income, and Eco Palm gatherers will receive a higher price for their "fair trade" palms, improving their income. The Eco Palms are sustainably harvested and managed, helping to protect the forests where they grow.

Today, we will be taking a collection for **One Great Hour of Sharing**, a PCUSA special offering to support three life-saving programs - Hunger, Disaster, Development. This collection advances the causes of justice, resilience and sustainability. You will find a special giving envelope in your pew rack.

Shiloh Baptist Church Palm Sunday Brunch Fundraiser

Shiloh Baptist invites you to join them for a Palm Sunday Brunch today in the dining room at noon, following worship. Enjoy eggs, grits, turkey and pork sausage, fruit, biscuits, pastries, coffee, tea and juice. Good Food and Good Fellowship; cost \$10.00. All are welcome!

Finding God Here, There & Everywhere: *An Altar in the World* Conversation

This Lent, we're encouraging Fairmounters to read *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, which introduces ways to seek the presence of the Holy amidst the rhythms of ordinary life. Join us in the Ganson Room at 12:15 p.m. on April 13th for an informal conversation about our Lenten book.

Are you tired? Need a break from the world? We invite you to **Compline--ancient worship for modern times, tonight at 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Sit in the beauty of the candlelit sanctuary as the Chamber Singers offer chants and other music from the balcony.

Holy Week & Easter

- **April 17th: Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. This service of readings and music reflect on Christ's last meal with the disciples and his praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. String quartet will accompany the service including Samuel Barber's haunting, "Adagio for Strings". Communion will be celebrated at this service.
- **April 18th: Good Friday** Ecumenical Service from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- **April 20th: Easter Sunday**, two identical services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., with handbells, trumpets, percussion, flute, organ, and Fairmount Choir's rousing music for Easter Day, including the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus". Children are invited to our Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m. between the two services.

Fairmount Music Ministry

We are grateful to the Eleanor R. Baird Music Fund for making today's music possible.

The **Joyful Noise** will meet today at **12:15 p.m.** in the choir room for rehearsal.

"**So Much Tenor!**" is the final **Rush Hour Concert** of this season. Shaun McGrath returns to Fairmount in a program exploring the nuances of Handel, Wagner, Honneger, and Previn. **Tuesday, April 29, 5:30 p.m.**

Happening at Fairmount

Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 27th, following 11:00 a.m. Worship

Fairmount Presbyterian Church will hold its Annual Meeting following our April 27th worship. There will be one worship service that morning at 11:00 a.m. We will review the 2024 Annual Report during the meeting. We will also review an amendment to the 2025 terms of call for Pastor Lindsay, and receive nominations for Elder and at-large nominating committee to fill unexpired terms.

Save the Dates

On **Sunday, May 4th**, we'll have a special worship service to put a cap on our yearlong spiritual focus (You Are Here), lift up our graduating students, and celebrate our history. Right after worship, you're invited to the Honor Brunch—a special edition of our Breaking Bread meal that will honor our most senior Fairmounters!

Then, on **Sunday, May 11th**, we will reveal our new mission statement during worship. That's right—Fairmount has a brand new mission statement! You won't want to miss the big mission reveal and the story behind it.

Celebrate Earth Month this April!

April is here, and it's time to celebrate Earth Month! The Fairmount Earth Stewards, along with other Earth Care Congregations, have put together some educational resources to help you reduce your carbon footprint and improve air quality. Stop by Andersen Hall to pick up the brochure and one-sheet filled with practical tips. But that's not all! The Cleveland Heights Green Team has a lineup of exciting local events throughout April, from park cleanups and nature explorations, to workshops on waste reduction. You can learn more and get involved by visiting www.chgreenteam.org. Discover some more Earth Month events:

- Styrofoam recycling collection at Lee Road library 1:30 p.m. to 4:30pm on April 27th, <https://heightsobserver.org/read/2025/03/27/styrofoam-recycling-drive-is-april-27>.
- The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Annual Stream Sweep at the Cultural Gardens Rockefeller Lagoon 7 on Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 a.m. <https://shakerlakes.org/event/annual-stream-sweep/>
- Holden Arboretum Events <https://holdenfg.org/people-for-trees-celebration/>
- The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes annual native plant sale <https://shakerlakes.org/plantsale/>

Easter Flower Dedications

This Lenten season, through your contributions in memory and in honor of loved ones, we decorate the sanctuary with Easter flowers and lilies for our Easter Sunday worship services on Sunday, April 20, 2025. To make an Easter flower dedication, fill out the form by scanning the QR code. You may also email your dedication to Christine Winters at cwinters@fpccle.org. We ask that you kindly donate \$10 per dedication. You may make your donation online via our secure giving site, Realm, or by check. You may also donate by filling out a dedication form in Andersen Hall on Sunday, April 13th. For check payments, please indicate on the check the donation is for 2025 Easter Flowers. **The Easter Flower Dedication Deadline is Sunday, April 13th.**



Join Fairmount Youth for WhirlyBall on Sunday, April 27th! 🎈🚗🏀

Get ready for a night of fast-paced fun and friendly competition with an Intergenerational WhirlyBall Event! Whether you're a seasoned pro or have no idea what WhirlyBall is (trust us, it's a blast!), this is your chance to team up with youth, parents, and church members of all ages for an unforgettable game of bumper cars meets lacrosse meets basketball. Bring your best game face and a spirit of joy—because this isn't about winning: it's "Sunday Sillies" where youth focus on connection and community! Please arrive by 5:45 p.m. for check in and instructions prior to the WhirlyBall event, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Learn more and sign up online by scanning the QR code by Sunday, April 20th. Contact Bryan Seekely, bseek57@aol.com or 440-681-0461, or Kate Bouldin, kate@fpccle.org with any questions.

