



# FAIRMOUNT

PRESBYTERIAN Church

Sunday, July 25, 2021



*Paul in Prison by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman*

**Fairmount Presbyterian Church**

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We are excited to welcome you back to our building, with many of the prior restrictions lifted in accordance with CDC guidelines. Sunday morning worship throughout the summer will be at 10 am, with communion each Sunday. The first Sunday of the month, weather permitting, we will worship outside. Best of all, we can sing indoors and outdoors!

If you are fully vaccinated, you no longer need to wear a mask while in the church or on the grounds, though of course you are free to do so if you wish. Pre-registration is not required, come as you are! We will serve coffee and juice boxes outside following worship. Activities for children and families are in the works too, so stay tuned.

Not everything will go back to normal right away, so please be patient as we make our way slowly and safely, always cognizant that there are children among us who are not able to be vaccinated at this time. We are not passing the peace with handshakes for now, nor will there be offering plates, attendance pads or communion elements passed in the pews. Every other pew is roped off to encourage physical distancing.

We will continue to livestream worship services for those who choose to worship from home. We also have online giving options on new website, which is soon to be released. Please take a moment to ensure you are signed up to receive our digital communications. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

## WELCOME!

Fairmount Presbyterian Church warmly welcomes everyone to worship today! Check in to this Sunday's worship service - whether you are in the pews of our sanctuary, outdoors, or watching online at home - we want to hear from you! Using your smart phone or tablet, simply scan the QR code to check in.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WORSHIP ENRICHMENT

Worship Enrichment Resources can be found here:  
<https://fpccle.org/home/worship-enrichment-we-time>

### PRELUDE

Gerry Mass, organ  
"Offertoire" by Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

### WELCOME

Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Interim Senior Pastor

### INTROIT

"Jesu, Jesu"

Fairmount Handbell Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Family of faith, this must be the place.

**All: This is the place for connection and growth, for community and hope.**

One: This must be the place for questions like,

"Where are you from?" and, "What do you need?"

**All: For whispers of: "I've been thinking of you," and, "I've been meaning to ask. . ."**

One: This must be the place, because all belong here. All are welcome here.

**All: All hurt and joy, needs and prayers,  
dreams and love, are welcome here.**

One: God is near. Let us worship Holy God.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jane Reynolds, liturgist

Even before we admit our sin,  
God promises to hear us with mercy.  
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extend of our sin.

**All: But you know us completely, O God.**

One: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

**All: You forgive our transgressions.**

One: You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love.

**All: Humbly, we thank you;**

One: For no words can express our gratitude  
for the gift of your salvation. Amen.

**KYRIE:** Hymn 576

*Lord, Have Mercy*

SINGAPURA

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE**

Siblings in Christ,  
The news is so good we can scarcely believe it:  
God does not hold our sin against us but pours out abundant grace.  
Give thanks to God and by the Spirit's power  
Share the gospel far and near:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**HANDBELL VOLUNTARY**

*Allegro Spiritoso*

Fairmount Handbell Choir

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Timothy 4:9-18

**SERMON**

Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Interim Senior Pastor

I've been meaning to ask...what do you need? (part 2)

**\*HYMN 543**

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

**OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*DOXOLOGY**, Hymn 609

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE PEOPLE ARE SERVED

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*O Divine Redeemer*

*Katie Galicic  
by Charles Gounod*

*Translation-*

*Ah! Turn me not away,  
Receive me tho' unworthy;  
Hear Thou my cry,  
Behold, Lord, my distress!  
Answer me from thy throne  
Haste Thee, Lord to mine aid,  
Thy pity shew in my deep anguish!  
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,  
Though righteous thine anger,  
O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me!  
On Thee, Lord, alone will I call.*

*O Divine Redeemer!  
I pray Thee, grant me pardon,  
and remember not, remember not my sins!  
Forgive me, O Divine Redeemer!  
Night gathers round my soul;  
Fearful, I cry to Thee;  
Come to mine aid, O Lord!  
Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!  
Hear my cry! Save me Lord in Thy mercy;  
Come and save me O Lord  
Save, in the day of retribution,  
From Death shield Thou me, O my God!  
O Divine Redeemer, have mercy!  
Help me, my Savior!*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**\*HYMN 546**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

*SICILIAN MARINERS*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Toccata"*

*Gerry Mass, Organ  
by Gordon Young (1919-1998)*

Sound recording and production by Jason Jedlicka  
Sound booth volunteers- Mike Chevraux, Grant Gannon and Caleb Stripes

### Fairmount Handbell Ringers

Anne Borchert, Mariko Kishimoto, Leslie Walker, Melda Graves, Christina Boeryd Seekely, Amy Seekely,  
Becky Zeigler, Chris Cullen, Barbara Petersen, Vicki Mentrek

## **Worship Notes**

### **Prayer Requests During This Difficult Time**

If you would like your prayer listed in our weekly Fairmount Prayer List which is sent to our prayer community, [fill out this form](#). You can also call or email Pastor Lindsay, ([lindsayhl@fpccle.org](mailto:lindsayhl@fpccle.org), 216-321-5800 ext. 105) with prayer concerns or to talk to a Pastor.

### **Going Forth: Offering Our Gifts and Our Lives to God**

With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our energy, our hands, and part of our income in service to God. One way we respond to Christ's call is by giving our financial gifts to further God's mission in the world. You may mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the many ministries of Fairmount Presbyterian Church by clicking the Giving tab on the homepage of our website ([www.fpccle.org](http://www.fpccle.org)). There are also baskets by each of our entrances where you can place your offering as you enter or leave worship today. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Service by Phone**

We want to let you know of a new way you can connect to our weekly worship services – by phone! All you have to do is call 216-255-9353 around noon on Sundays and you will be able to hear a recording of our Sunday worship service.

## **Paul in Prison**

(pictured on front)

**by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman**

**Inspired by 2 Timothy 4:9-18**

**Hand-carved blocks printed with oil-based ink on paper**

Paul's actions have returned to him. While in a position of power, as Saul, he persecuted people of faith, and now he sits alone at the end of his life, beaten and imprisoned for his own beliefs. It would make sense to me that Paul would be in turmoil, filled with guilt for his former actions, and troubled with resentment. He lists people who have abandoned him, which might have led him to instruct Timothy to right it all. However, Paul chooses another way: "May it not be counted against them!" (2 Tim. 4:16) Perhaps he is able to offer forgiveness because of the blinding forgiveness he himself received...

What does Paul need at the end of his days? He needs companionship, and he needs it quickly. He needs his cloak to wrap around his battered body and the company of books to keep his imagination engaged. He needs parchments to share his wisdom and to proclaim the Good News. He could've passed on bitterness to Timothy, but instead expresses gratitude for God's provision. I believe the foundational need of this text is the need for forgiveness. Forgiveness transforms Paul's life. It enables him to seek companionship and comfort instead of vengeance, and it is the essence of the message he carries.

In this block print, I carved Paul writing this letter to Timothy. The lines on his skin echo the twists and turns of his life while the lines on the page give him release. The cell bars obscure the view, however, the light of his halo and the power of his letter cannot be contained. His hand reaches just beyond one of the bars because in receiving forgiveness, reaching out for companionship, and letting go of guilt and resentment, he is free.

—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 25th

### Coffee Hour Resumes!

After our 10:00am worship, join us in Andersen Hall for conversation and coffee. Coffee, water and juice will be served, and each week. A different Deacon will serve as host. Coffee hour will include compostable coffee cups. You may of course bring your favorite hot beverage container to both refill at church and reduce waste.

### More Ushers Needed

Are you friendly and outgoing? Do you care about Fairmount being known as a welcoming place? We need more ushers! You can sign up for Sundays that fit your schedule [here](#). Training is available, for questions please contact Todd Imbler, [toddimbler@att.net](mailto:toddimbler@att.net).

### FPC Youth Summer of Service - Habitat for Humanity: Thursday, August 12th, 9:30am to 12:30pm

This project is for youth age 12 to 15! Youth will meet at Fairmount Presbyterian Church at 9:30AM to make lunch for the Habitat for Humanity construction team. Then, volunteers will deliver lunch to the construction site, get a tour, and learn all about the important work Habitat for Humanity does in our community. We'll finish up the morning by eating lunch with the construction team at 12PM. Following lunch, the group will return to Fairmount for pickup.

Adults are needed for this project to help with coordinating lunch and transportation of youth to and from the church and Habitat for Humanity site. Visit <https://fpccle.org/announcements/> to find the sign-up link. Questions? Contact Kate or call/text: 216-616-9635.

### Building Our Free Little Pantry team

Thanks to all who have been contributing food this summer to keep our Little Free Pantry the vital resource it is. As someone who tends it weekly, I can tell you those donations disappear and make a difference to those in need. For me, it has been a quiet and fulfilling practice to stop by the church once a week, straighten up the pantry, and pull items from our stockroom to keep it full. Would you like to help? Being a Little Free Pantry Curator takes about 5-10 minutes and could easily be accomplished after Sunday worship or any day during the week. If so, just fill out the form: <https://fpccle.org/little-free-pantry/little-free-pantry-sign-up/>. We'll send you a link with pointers to make it easy. Thank you for helping to fill our summer and fall schedule as we respond together to hunger right in our neighborhood. - Sarah Stone, LFP Committee

### Presbyterians for Earth Care

Presbyterians for Earth Care is a grass roots group that holds a conference every 6 years, this year's conference is on Zoom over 3 Sunday's: August 1st, 8th and 15th. Each Sunday is \$20 to participate; \$50 for all three Sundays. Please review the schedule and consider registering for one or more Sunday Zoom sessions. Contact Keith Mills, Fairmount Earth Stewards small group, at [kccmills@cox.net](mailto:kccmills@cox.net) with any questions.

*2021 Conference Creation Care Buffet: Come to the Table*

A wide Range of Sessions by Presbyterians for Earth Care on August 1st, August 8th and August 15th. [Click here for the schedule and more information](#) and visit <https://presbyearthcare.org> to register.

### Flock Tending

As part of the Deacons' service, we are looking to mobilize people to periodically check in with every member of our congregation. This is one way we seek to build church community, involve all members, and strengthen the ties that connect us as a church. Can you, and will you, answer the call to take on this role?

- **Commitments:** A training session with the Pastors and then having an informal individual conversation, typically by phone, with approximately 10 individuals, twice a year.
- **Purpose:** To ensure each member or friend of the congregation has a connection to the church. These connections will including having conversations, connecting members to ways they can be more involved in the church, and becoming a known and friendly voice and face of Fairmount.

If you're interested in responding to this call, please reach out to Pastor Lindsay at [lindsayhl@fpccle.org](mailto:lindsayhl@fpccle.org) or 216-321-5800 ext. 105.

### **Stephen Ministry**

Fairmount is exploring becoming a Stephen Ministry Congregation. Stephen Ministry would deepen, expand, and extend the caregiving capacity of our congregation. To do that we need your help.

- **WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?**

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

- **WHO ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS?**

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

- **COULD I BE A STEPHEN LEADER OR A STEPHEN MINISTER?**

Yes! If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please reach out to Pastor Lindsay at [lindsayhl@fpccle.org](mailto:lindsayhl@fpccle.org) or 216-321-5800 ext. 105.

### **Welcome Visitors!**

Visitors, we are so delighted you joined us for worship this Sunday! We want to hear from you, and help you get to know Fairmount. Scan the QR code, let us know you joined us for worship and drop us a line!

