



# FAIRMOUNT

PRESBYTERIAN *Church*

Sunday, October 10, 2021  
11:00am



"Life is Sharing the Same Park Bench" mural. E. 9th & Superior Ave., Cleveland. Story by David C. Barnett and Mary Fecteau. October 6, 2021 <https://www.ideastream.org/news/life-is-sharing-the-same-park-bench-mural-rededicated-this-weekend>

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** "I'll Never Turn Back No More" Antonio DeBerry, Dancer  
Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Hall Johnson, Dr. Thea Wilson, Soprano

**WELCOME** Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Interim Senior Pastor

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Izzy Seelbach and Lilly Nordstrom

One: I will tell God's story to family and friends;  
I will offer praise in the center of the congregation!

**All: Let us raise our hallelujahs together, God's children one and all!**

One: Because God has never turned away from our suffering or hidden  
away when we were in need.

**All: God has been right here listening,  
a breath away when we cry out for help.**

One: To our great comfort, I raise my voice in praise.

**All: In the presence of the congregation we honor you, O God!**

**\*HYMN 311** Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather TOKYO

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Lilly Nordstrom

Once, daunted by the challenges of faithfulness, Jesus's disciples asked  
urgently, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For  
humans it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

Trusting in God who longs to mend our broken places, let us turn to God in  
prayer.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Izzy Seelbach

**Holy God,  
sometimes it hurts too much to look honestly at the world and ourselves.  
We grow tired of the constant bad news, so we put on a brave face and  
gloss over the ache of violence, sickness, disaster, and human  
callousness that plagues our globe.**

**With those we are closest to, we sometimes pretend that we feel okay,  
that we are not worried, that we have a plan.  
We even lie to ourselves, not fully admitting the impact of our actions on  
one another or ourselves.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we try to hide our hearts from you.  
Fuel our trust that we might approach you with our full selves - authentic  
in our gifts, and our fears, and our shortcomings.  
Give us the courage to walk together through the trials of life, rather than  
soldiering on alone.**

**And help us to sense your faithful presence through the days when there  
feels like more shadow than sun.**

**KYRIE:** Hymn 576

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful  
love.

As high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love  
is for God's children.

As far as east is from west - that's how far God has removed our sin from  
us.

In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

Please share the signs of peace with one another.

## 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, chapel, or watching online at home - we want to hear from you! Using your smart phone or tablet, simply scan the QR code.



## CARING FOR ALL

In accordance with CDC guidelines, and in order to caretake for the most vulnerable in our community, we ask that you wear your mask at all times while inside the church building, with the exception of partaking in Communion. In the sanctuary every other pew is roped off to encourage physical distancing and we will be passing the peace from our seats. Thank you for helping us ensure the health and safety of all members of our community.

## HEARING ASSISTANCE

We have Loop capabilities and assisted listening devices available for the sanctuary. Hearing Assistance devices are available from an usher.

## AUTUMN SERMON THEME

During the fall worship services and throughout Advent, we will be exploring themes of HOME in the spiritual life. The stories of the Bible can help us connect with our own wanderings and longings toward home, as well as the church's call to provide shelter and nurture for the people of God.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6:1-10

### SERMON

"Household of Faith"

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

### ANTHEM

"Total Praise"

by Richard Smallwood  
Joslyn Luton, dancer

### STEWARDSHIP WITNESS

Gina Kashuk

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, all that we have is yours. Accept these gifts - signs of our gratitude - as we return them to you. Show us how to use them that they may point to your abiding love, which is our eternal hope. Amen.

Offering baskets are located at sanctuary entrances, or you can give online at our website, [www.fpccl.org/giving](http://www.fpccl.org/giving).

### DOXOLOGY, Hymn 609

*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!*

### ANTHEM

"Ain't a That Good News "

arranged by Rollo Dilworth

### MOMENT FOR MISSION

Marin Hunter

### CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kate McFadden, Director of Youth and Adult Faith Formation

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

"O Glory"

*Spiritual, arranged by Hall Johnson  
Pamela Maly, Soprano, DuffyLit Youth Dancers*

## CANDLE ON THE TABLE

The candle on the communion table is lit in solidarity with individuals and communities experiencing the effects of gun violence.

### PCUSA MISSION EMPHASIS

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and this Sunday, October 10th, is Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday. This week, this month, and every day, may we lift up the stories of all those, past and present, who have been silenced far too long, praying that they may empower us to live into the gospel message of hope.

### HYMN 311

This gentle hymn was created for a 1958 international convention of Christian educators in Japan. The tune's use of the gagaku mode, originally from China but later limited to use in the Japanese court, serves as a subtle but significant affirmation of Christ's sovereignty.

Sound recording and production by Jason Jedlicka

### Online Sanctuary

Are you unable to get to church? Do you miss your Fairmount community? Come worship with us in the Online Sanctuary! Peter and Brenda Horth will be hosting a zoom worship meeting during the livestream on Sunday mornings at 11:00am. There will be time for greeting before and after worship as well. If you need technical help or have questions, contact Brenda Horth at [brendamhorth@gmail.com](mailto:brendamhorth@gmail.com).

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85628648447?pwd=ZFBmMytFTFhzQlZJMzFmRlo1Q1g0QT09>

Meeting ID: 856 2864 8447

Passcode: 423623

### Thank you to all our amazing Sunday Volunteers!

Sound booth volunteers- Mike Chevraux, Grant Gannon and Caleb Stripes

Usher Team: Todd Imbler, Megan Bennett, Liz Boncella, Mike Chevraux, Bob Olson, Bryan Seekely

8:30am Communion Team: Mary Giffin, Nate Kruse, Jean Sylak, Stephanie Washlock, Alice Weiner, Hedy Westra

Office/Building Team: Vicki Mentrek, Jan Spalding

### Worship Announcements

#### Prayer Requests

If you would like your prayer listed in our weekly Fairmount Prayer List which is sent to our prayer community, fill out the form at <https://fpccle.org/prayer-request-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)).

#### 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today!

#### **Fairmount Welcomes the Duffy Liturgical (DuffyLit) Dance Ensemble Sunday, October 10th at 3:30pm**

Fairmount Presbyterian is proud to host the Duffy Liturgical (DuffyLit) Dance Ensemble for a second time. We welcome anyone who is willing to attend, or watch live on Sunday, October 10th at 3:30 PM.

The mission of the DuffyLit Dance Ensemble is to research, preserve and perform the American Negro Spiritual and to educate the community about this art form. Their classes and performances inform audiences about the influence the Spiritual and its refractions (blues, gospel, jazz) have had on social change, social justice and the cultural development of the United States of America.

Children and youth who attend classes at DuffyLit Studio develop respect, self esteem and garner pride in their American Cultural Heritage. DuffyLit is dedicated to improving the quality of life through performance of the Spiritual and application to everyday life of its universal message of faith, hope, optimism, and perseverance.

#### **Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Conversation - Wednesday, October 13th, at 6:30 pm**

We are excited to welcome Marcella Brown, Vice President for Development & Communications of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries on Wednesday, October 13th for a Zoom conversation! She will be talking about the ministries of LMM, as well as giving a presentation about their Breaking New Ground Campaign, which addresses renovation for affordable housing in Cleveland. Join us to hear more about this incredible project and to ask any questions you might have about it. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86308510407?pwd=bWRTNUp1bkVMbUNFRnp2c2xoSGR1QT09>

#### **AMIS (Americans Making Immigrants Safe) - Sunday, October 17 at 9:45 am**

Attorney Brian Hoffman and Anne Hill will make a presentation on immigration. Brian will speak about the law and what is happening now with immigration reform. Anne will talk about the local work with Heights Friends of Immigrants and AMIS. Q&A period to follow. All are welcome.

### **2022 Stewardship**

*This will always be my home; this is what I want, and I'm here for good. I'll shower blessings on the pilgrims who come here, and give supper to those who arrive hungry...the holy people will sing their hearts out!*

*Psalms 132:14-15*

Hello Fairmounters! Our theme for the 2022 Stewardship Campaign is Reaffirming Our Home. As you have seen, the community at Fairmount has been doing so much to welcome each other back, in person as well as virtually. We are making improvements to the inside and outside of the Church, developing wonderful programming, and finding ways to be together. Each year we ask for your pledges for the following calendar year on Gratitude Sunday. **This year Gratitude Sunday is on October 24th!** And to make that date even more special, we will have a Fall Festival (called Harvest Home Festival) after church, to enjoy each other's company. Pledge cards will be sent to your home in the next couple of weeks. **Please bring your pledge card on October 24th, or you can call the church office or visit here to make a pledge:** <https://fpccle.org/giving-and-stewardship/> Thank you for all the wonderful ways you give!

### **Join us, Harvest Home Festival at Fairmount!**

Sunday, October 24, 12-1:30pm

We will have creative home-themed activities for youth, children, and adults and a professional photo booth. Enjoy Cheesy Dave's Food Truck and another Edwin's Bake Sale. This is a great fellowship opportunity, so come and hang out with your church family and enjoy the gifts fall has to offer.





## **Fairmount Choir News**

Dear FPC Community, During the months of October, November and December we have several interesting musical events planned. On October 10th, FPC Adult Choir will be collaborating together with the Duffy Literature and Dance ensemble during a concert at 3:00pm. This is a performance of African-American Spirituals. Later in October, we will have pianist Halida Dinova performing a Halloween program for Children.

November will feature our first Organ recital featuring students of renowned Cleveland organist Professor Todd Wilson as well as a formal piano recital by pianist Halida Dinova.

December will feature a concert by yours truly (Konrad Binienda) together with Cellist Maria Fesz. We will be performing an Advent recital featuring Chopin's Cello Sonata in G minor Opus 65, an arrangement of O Come, O Come Emmanuel and other works. This will be followed by the culmination of our choir's hard work on Blue Christmas featuring movements from Mozart's Requiem in D minor.

Fairmount Presbyterian Adult Choir is currently in the process of looking for additional members (especially tenors and basses!) If you have an interest in joining the choir, please email [musicdirector@fpccle.org](mailto:musicdirector@fpccle.org).

## **PNC Update**

In the time since our last report, your Pastor Nominating Committee has been hard at work. We have:

- Received final approval from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry of the "Ministry Information Form," which is a document that is read by prospective candidates to tell them who Fairmount is
- Established a process for reviewing prospective candidates' Personal Information Forms
- Held in-depth conversations around the criteria that we will use to guide our process
- Reviewed the Personal Information Forms of over 50 candidates

The PNC is thankful for your continued prayers as we continue our search.

## **New Member Class: Monday, November 1st, 6:30pm-8:00pm on Zoom**

Please email Pastor Jessie, [jmacmillan@fpccle.org](mailto:jmacmillan@fpccle.org), to sign up for this class and receive the Zoom link.

## **Pastor Led Bible Study on Zoom from 9am - 9:50 am on Thursday mornings.**

We are studying the book of Acts. No preparation necessary. Email Pastor Jessie at [@jmacmillan@fpccle.org](mailto:@jmacmillan@fpccle.org) if you would like to join.

## **Our Republic of Congo Guest**

Our Republic of Congo guest, Jonas, is looking for odd jobs to earn money. Jonas is a hard-worker and a wonderful young man. He has worked with my neighbors gardening and many other needed tasks. Call or email: Jean Sylak (216-905-8853, [jsylak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jsylak@sbcglobal.net)) to discuss your needs.

## The Congregational Nominating Committee

The Congregational Nominating Committee is looking for individuals to serve as Elders (3 year term) and Deacons (2 year term). You are welcome to nominate yourself or another member of the congregation. Please contact Elder Peg Zitzner with questions or nominees by October 15. [peg.zitzner@gmail.com](mailto:peg.zitzner@gmail.com)

**Elder Expectations:** Elders have a strong faith, a willingness to wrestle with important questions, and a passion for the church. Elders are the spiritual leaders of the congregation, who with the pastors seek to lead the congregation into God's future. At their meetings elders pray for the congregation, seek God's guidance and wisdom through discussion and study, act on Council initiatives, and conduct the necessary business of the church. During their three-year term, elders serve on one of the four Councils providing leadership and ensuring that each Council remains connected to church's vision and values.

Practical Requirements:

- Provide spiritual leadership for the church.
- Communicate with congregation members regarding vision and direction of church.
- Pray for the congregation as part of the Prayer Chain Ministry, seeking God's wisdom and guidance as you lead the church.
- Attend Session meetings on the first Wednesday of month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.\*
- Attend Council Meetings on the third Wednesday of the month.
- Make every effort to attend the annual Session Retreat, date to be determined, that will be in place of regularly scheduled meeting.
- Provide leadership to one of the four Councils (Service, Faith Formation, Administration, Care). First year elders serve as secretary of council; second year elders as vice moderator; and third year elder as moderator.
- Elders may also be expected to serve in other capacities as needed, such as nominating co-chairs, presbytery representatives, and/or members of Personnel.
- Make a pledge to support the work and ministry of the church.

**Deacon Expectations:** Deacons exhibit a strong faith, a dedication to discipleship, an ability to connect with others, and a passion for sharing the love of Jesus to all people.

The office of deacon as set forth in scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. During their two-year terms, deacons, through their work on the Care Council, coordinate the important caring ministries of the church. They also pray for those in need, contribute financially to the church, and regularly attend worship. Through prayer, study, and discussion, deacons seek the guidance of the Spirit, as they work with the three elders on the Care Council to ensure that everyone connected to our congregation is experiencing the love and grace of God.

Practical Requirements:

- Pray weekly for the congregation through the Prayer Team ministry.
- Attend the regular meeting of the Care Council on the third Wednesday.
- Take responsibility for coordinating the following ministries:
- Visitation
- Congregational Care
- Fellowship – including greeting
- Preparing and serving Communion
- Flower Delivery
- Make an annual pledge in support of the mission and ministry of the church.

## Fairmount Presbyterian Church Leadership

### Session

Clerk of Session, Bourbon Zeigler  
Matt Hrubey, Treasurer

#### Class of 2021

Carol Adrine  
Raleigh Duttweiler  
Gordon Landefeld  
Stephanie  
Washlock

#### Class of 2022

David Bosler  
Keith Mills  
Sarah Pope  
Peg Zitzner

#### Class of 2023

Megan Bennett  
Grant Gannon  
Todd Imbler  
Chin-Tai Kim

### Deacons

#### Class of 2021

Peter Bush,  
Mary Ann Conn-Brody  
Kathy Imbler  
Martha Lee  
Joyce Pope  
Judy Steehler  
Julia Swanson

#### Class of 2022

Denise Benton  
Susan Kent  
John Kieger  
Nate Kruse  
Nana Landgraf  
Sarah Stone

### Endowment Trustees

#### Class of 2021

Deanna Campbell  
Ian Murphy

#### Class of 2022

Geoff Barnes  
Doris Evans  
Mark Eisele

#### Class of 2023

Tom Roulston  
John Zitzner

### At Large Nominating Committee

Jim Dakin  
Doris Evans (Trustee)  
Todd Imbler  
Susan Kent (Deacon)  
Nate Kruse (Deacon)

Kevin Petru  
Christina Seekely  
Jean Sylak  
Barbara MacWilliams  
Peg Zitzner (Elder)

### Personnel Committee

Amy Carlson  
Gina Kashuk  
Nate Kruse  
Os Mills

Elder Keith Mills  
Elder Sarah Pope  
Elder Vanessa Whiting (chair)

### Pastor Nominating Committee

Carol Adrine  
Peter Bush  
Mike Chevraux  
Raleigh Smith Duttweiler  
Bill Leahy

Sarah Stone  
Vanessa Whiting  
Rev. Arvid Whitmore,  
*Presbytery Liaison*

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