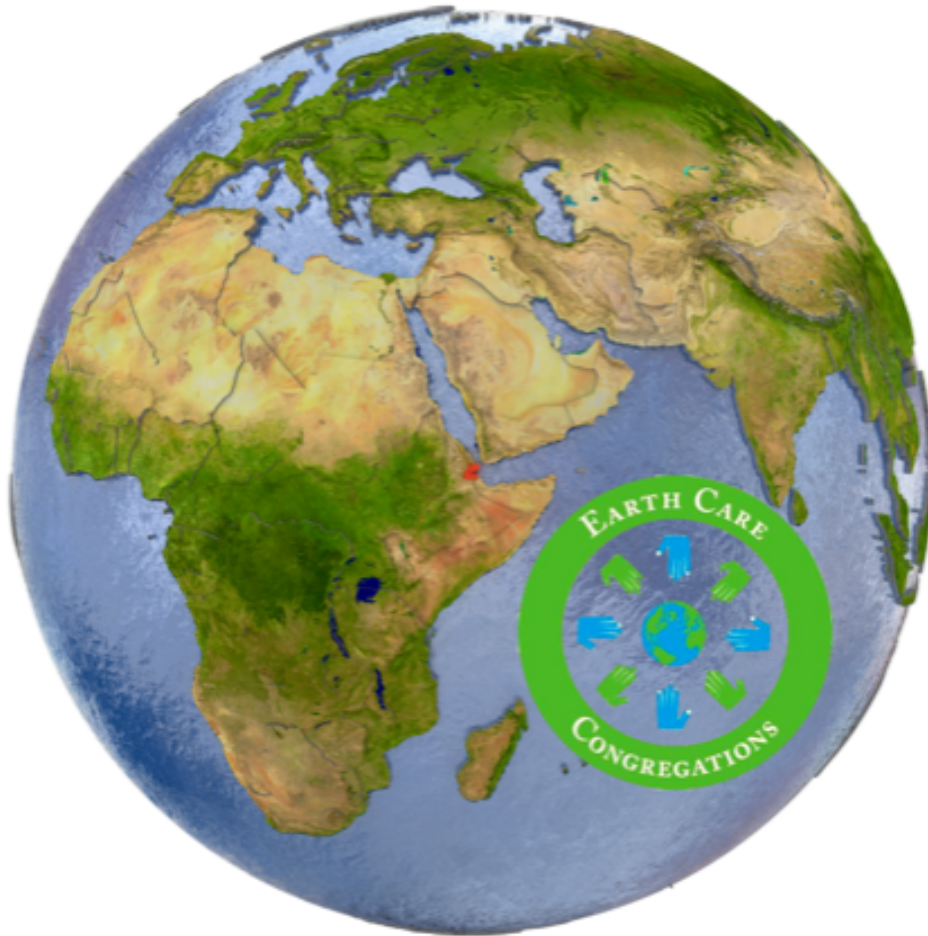




FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN *Church*

Sunday, October 17, 2021
11:00am

Our Home



Fairmount Presbyterian Church
2757 Fairmount Boulevard
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118
216.321.5800
www.fpccle.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Verso in E minor

*Konrad Binienda, organ
by Dominico Zipoli*

WELCOME

Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Interim Senior Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Wisdom calls out to her children

All: "Have you learned with my people the way you must go?"

One: Wisdom gathers to teach us;

All: "Learn lessons from the land, from the gardens and the fields"

One: Wisdom sets out a banquet of understanding

All: "Feast on the harvest of knowledge planted here."

One: Learn from the seasons of planting, and be taught by communities who know. Her children have known struggle and they persevere. They have seen disaster and have come through. Listen to Wisdom calling to you.

All: Let us worship God

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

Becky Zeigler

Trusting in a savior who can see our human fumbling and still long to be near us and shape us anew, let us come before God with the confessions of our hearts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious Creator,

We have eaten our fill of this world's bounty and allowed the leftover to spoil.

All: Have mercy on us, and help us to take only what we need.

One: We have used all of our resources, and taken those of others

All: Have mercy on us, and help us to take only what we need.

One: We have created disasters in our response to disasters

All: Have mercy on us, and help us to listen.

One: We have believed we were right, simply because of our wealth

All: Have mercy on us, and help us to listen.

One: We have received more than we need, and rarely given the excess away

All: Have mercy on us, and help us to share.

One: We have failed to fix our systems of waste

All: Have mercy on us, and help us to share.

One: Come to us, Holy Spirit, and hear our prayers. Forgive us these things and those we have not named. Restore us, O God, and renew our minds, our bodies, and our communities for the work of your justice in this, your world. Amen.

KYRIE: *Hymn 576*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Family of God,

In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the debt of our sin has been paid, and we have been freed for new life. 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

Kate McFadden, Director of Youth and Adult Faith Formation

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 104 (selected verses)

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul

O Lord my God, you are very great.

**All: You are clothed with honor and majesty,
Wrapped with light as with a garment.**

One: You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

All: You set the beams of your chariots on the waters,

One: You make the clouds your chariot,

All: You ride on the wings of the wind,

One: You make the winds your messengers,

All: Fire and flame your ministers.

Refrain : Many and great, O God are your works

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**All: In wisdom you have made them all;
The earth is full of your creatures.**

One: Yonder is the sea, great and wide,

**All: Creeping things innumerable are there,
Living things both small and great.**

One: There go the ships,

And Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**All: These all look to you
To give them food in due season;
When you give to them, they gather it up;
When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

One: When you hide your face they are dismayed;

**All: When you take away their breath, they die
And return to their dust.
When you send forth their spirit they are created;
And you renew the face of the ground.**

Refrain : Many and great, O God are your works

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 6:25-26

SERMON

"Earth As Our Home"

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

SOLO

Colors of the Wind (from the movie Pocahontas)

Alicia Hrubey, soloist

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS

Peggy Roberts

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of love, we know that all good things come from you. As we return these gifts to you, we pray that they will bring you joy. We pray that you will show us how to use them to serve you, your church and your people that you may be glorified. We pray this in the name of the one who modeled servant love for us, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering baskets are located at sanctuary entrances, or you can give online at our website, www.fpccle.org/giving.

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

Observe Children's Sabbath
The [National Observance of Children's Sabbath](#), sponsored and resourced by the [Children's Defense Fund](#), is a time for people of all faiths to unite in shared concern for children and common commitment to improving children's lives and working for justice on their behalf. Children's Sabbath is typically observed in October. As part of the ["Educate a Child, Transform the World" Initiative](#), Presbyterians across the country are encouraged to join in observance through worship, education, and action.

HYMN 14

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

HYMN 484

By connecting the water in the font with the waters of creation, the parted waters through which the Israelites were set free, and the rivers that sustain life everywhere, this hymn reminds us that baptism incorporates us into God's creative, redemptive, and sustaining activity.

HYMN 20

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

DOXOLOGY, Hymn 609

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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

***HYMN 484**

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

RUSTINGTON

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Kate McFadden

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

***HYMN 20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Etude in A-flat Major Opus 10 No. 10

*Konrad Binienda, organ
by Fryderyk Chopin*

Sound recording and production by Jason Jedlicka

The Worship Flowers are given in loving memory of Steven A. Minter: October 23, 1938 - September 19, 2019
and Dolores (Dolly) K. Minter: August 4, 1939 - June 21, 2017, by Doris Evans.

Worship Attribution: Liturgy prepared by the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) and the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, with special thanks to Bryce Wiebe, PHP and Andrew Donaldson, World Council of Churches.

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.

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 Chevrax, Grant Gannon and Caleb Stripes

Usher Team: Todd Imbler, Megan Bennett, Liz Boncella, Mike Chevrax, 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, 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).

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!

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. You may join us in Room 214 (upper level) or join the presentation on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89100287175?pwd=NjZZZU0wQ05WWmNUTnVlNjN6NURjZz09>

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!

Psalm 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 community opportunity, so come and hang out with your church family and enjoy the gifts fall has to offer.



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

Please email Pastor Jessie, jmacmillan@fpccle.org, to sign up for this class and receive the Zoom link.

Fairmount Choir News

Dear FPC Community, During the months of October, November and December we have several interesting musical events planned. In October, we will have pianist Halida Dinova performing a Halloween program for Children.

On Sunday, November 14th, at 3:00pm, Fairmount 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.

On Friday, December 3rd, Fairmount 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.

Looking for New "Ding-A-Lings" for the Fairmount Bell Choir!

Come and experience the joy of a "musical team sport" at our church. Only requirement is the ability to read music! We can help teach all of the rest. We rehearse on Sunday mornings from 9:00am-10:00am in the Undercroft. Our hope is to get back to playing once a month starting in November. No worries if a few weekends call you away – we've learned to adjust and adapt (something this past year and half has taught us well. If interested, please contact Amy Carlson, acarlson@key.com or 216-978-7445. Look forward to hearing from some of you!

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.

Jubilee Weekend

Inspired by scripture and universal faith traditions, Jewish, Christian and Muslim religious groups in the mid 1990's called for tackling the structural causes of poverty and canceling the debt of poor countries around the world. They formed the group that would ultimately become Jubilee USA, of which Fairmount has been a member for many years. This coalition works across the United State, and around our world, on debt, tax, trade and transparency policies that help end poverty. This year one of their main foci has been increasing vaccine distribution around the world. We join this weekend in prayer for this organization and for ways in which together we can lift the voices of the faithful in defense of the world's most vulnerable.

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 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

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)

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Carol Adrine
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Mike Chevraux
Raleigh Smith Duttweiler
Bill Leahy

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