



FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN Church

Sunday, October 24, 2021
11:00am



Harvest of Righteousness by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
Inspired by Philippians 1:3-11, @sanctifiedart

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude in E minor for Organ BWV 555

*Konrad Binienda, organ
Bach*

WELCOME

Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Interim Senior Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

One: If life was a home, then we would pray—

All: may love be the foundation.

One: May God be the cornerstone.

All: May the Spirit be the windows—ushering light in.

One: And may hope be the walls—holding us together.

In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.

All: We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.

One: Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN 367

Come Ye Thankful People Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

Grant Gannon

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 (unison)

Holy God,

We forget that in the beginning we were made good.

We doubt that we could possibly be enough.

We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection.

We deflect words of praise.

We hide behind shiny first impressions.

Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job.

Open our ears as you open our hearts,

so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

KYRIE: Hymn 576

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Family of faith,

No matter how old we get,

God continues to say to us:

"You are loved; you are forgiven."

That is the foundation of our lives.

That is the truth upon which we build our home.

So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here.

Join me in proclaiming this good news:

All: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

God, who speaks a good news language—
we admit, listening has never been our greatest gift.
We are easily distracted,
our minds run a million miles a minute.
We doubt your faith in us,
and take the easy way out when it comes to hope.
So today we bow our heads and ask for help.
Settle our hearts. Quiet our minds. Steady our breathing.
Help us to rest in you. Help us to listen for your good news.
Gratefully we pray, amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 132:14-16

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 1:3-11

SERMON

"Harvest Home"

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

ANTHEM

"The Best of Rooms"

Randall Thompson

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy God,

You are our home.

You and your goodness are the place we return to, the place we long to lay our head. So today as we offer you these gifts, we pray that you would take this offering and turn it into ministry. Use these gifts to transform the world we live in to better reflect the home you have envisioned for us—a home of peace, a home built on the foundation of love. Gratefully we pray, amen.

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

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 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Associate Pastor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis

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.

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 Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations

The Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations has a long history in the global community. Active in the United Nations since its formation in 1945, the church has held special consultative status through the UN Economic and Social Council since 1998. This allows the Presbyterian voice to be heard by the global audience and contribute to its agenda by attending conferences, making statements, and taking part in advocacy and networking.

HYMN 367

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

HYMN 301

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.

HYMN 36

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Etude Opus 10 No. 8 in F major (Sunshine!)

Konrad Binienda, organ
F. Chopin

Sound recording and production by Jason Jedlicka

The Worship Flowers are given in loving memory of Jim Walton from his wife, Pamela MacWilliams.

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=ZFBmMytFTFhzQlZJMzFmRl01Q1g0QT09>

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, 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! GRATITUDE SUNDAY AND HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL @ 12:00PM

In the past year, the words "home church," and "spiritual home," took on new meaning. The lines between home and church and other places where we dwell will forever be blurred. We think about home in a new way—the words spiritual home, our body as home, our home as sanctuary, feel different as we continue to navigate our world in pandemic. We have much to grieve, reflect upon, and change. Our work as God's people for a more loving, just, and equitable world continues. But we also have much to be grateful for and to celebrate.



So, we hope you will come and party with your Fairmount family the harvest of your church home. We will gather outdoors and this event is shaping up to be something really special:

- Cheesy Dave's food truck will roll up with hearty autumn lunch offerings, including vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options. We will also have hot cider and another Edwin's charitable bake sale! So, come hungry.
- We will have a professional photo booth hosted by photographer Odin Black for you to get your holiday photo captured.
- Chris Fader's band "The (2-1-Chicks)" will perform live with special guest Ben Bosler on the saxophone.
- Pastor Lindsay has dreamed up spiritually nourishing creative activities to engage your heart and mind. These activities are for children, youth, AND adults to take home and enjoy through the season.
- Fairmount Youth will host a BIG food drive to get the pantry ready for the cold winter months ahead.

Our hope in planning this festival is to connect with one another in friendship as we ready ourselves for Advent and Christmas. And we will show our gratitude for communal giving that continues to sustain the life of our church ministry and support people and justice initiatives in Northeast Ohio. In a season that has been so disconnected and challenging, the Fairmount family has continued to be a home for its members and show love to the community through partnerships and financial giving. We have many reasons to celebrate, friends. So I hope you will join in on the fun at our Harvest Home Festival. See you there.

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://fpccl.org/giving-and-stewardship/>. Thank you for all the wonderful ways you give!**

Living Well Through the End of Life, presented by Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams Sunday, November 7th, at 12:00pm

Living well through all the phases of our life is of utmost importance. Yet our culture does all of us a great disservice, by emphasizing youthfulness at the cost of the aged, and completely avoids anything dealing with the death of the body. Only when we embrace the fullness of life, can we fully live through each part of our earthly journey. We will be focusing on pragmatic and spiritual issues, regarding preparing for the end of life. Materials will be provided for starting the conversation in your family and preparing a Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare.

This workshop will take place after worship from roughly 12:00pm to 1:30pm on Sunday, November 7th. Fairmount will be providing a boxed lunch for attendees. Visit <https://fpccl.org/2021/10/02/livingwell/> to learn more about this event and select your boxed lunch. This workshop will also be offered virtually for those who cannot attend in person.

Fairmount Music 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.

Celebrating Jiana Peng's Piano Competition in Warsaw, Poland

The Fairmount Presbyterian Church community takes pride from Jiana Peng's beautiful performance at the prestigious Chopin International piano competition in Warsaw, Poland. For anyone interested in listening to her performance, please see the link below. The jury this year mentioned that the level of the competitors is unprecedented, which may be due to the extra year of preparation. The exposure which Jiana gained from this experience will serve her well in her future career. <https://youtu.be/YCawJqosVsA>

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. We look forward to hearing from some of you!

The Presbytery of the Western Reserve Is Looking for a Recording Clerk

The Presbytery of the Western Reserve is looking for a person to serve as a Recording Clerk for the six stated meetings of the presbytery and special meetings as needed, to be supervised by the Stated Clerk. The stipend is \$150 per meeting. Minutes must be completed and presented to the Stated Clerk no more than 10 working days following the meeting. The ability to use Google Drive is expected (training will be available if needed). If interested, please reply with a paragraph on your qualifications to Judy Mitchell jmitchell@preswesres.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.

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.

Artist's Statement

Harvest of Righteousness by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Philippians 1:3-11 | Block print with oil-based ink

Paul's letter is filled to the brim with affection, and models perfectly his prayer for the reader to live and move in the world from a foundation of overflowing love. When I began creating this image, the reaching, mirrored hands of the Close to Home logo emerged for me as a way to reference Paul's outstretched, compassionate posture toward the Philippians as well as Paul's hope for the reader to mirror that Christ-like embodiment. How do we determine what is best? We constantly strive, extending our hands and stretching our fingertips to get a grasp of the person of Jesus, having our lives transformed in love along the way.

When I considered the metaphor of harvest that Paul provides, I knew I wanted to use botanical and fruit imagery. All of the flowers symbolize different kinds of love: Coltsfoot flowers representing maternal love and care, Forget-Me-Nots imaging faithful love and undying memory, and Heliotrope meaning eternal love and devoted attachment. At the center of the piece, the object of the hand's reaching is a pomegranate, bursting open with seeds. Throughout history, pomegranates have been used as a symbol for royalty because of their richness of color and flavor, and for the crown-like shape on the end of the fruit. At times, this fruit was used as a symbol for Christ and resurrection as well. The split-open fruit with seeds spilling out represents Christ breaking out of the tomb.² The hands are ready to receive the knowledge and full insight of Christ and to be nourished by the harvest of righteousness. —Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

Fairmount Presbyterian Church Leadership

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