



# FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN Church

Sunday, November 21, 2021  
11:00am



*Prodigal Son* by Jorge Cocco

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Berceuse

Konrad Binienda, organist  
by Vierne

### WELCOME

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Associate Pastor

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 138

Jennifer Chevraux

One: O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

**All: On the day I called, you answered me.**

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### \*HYMN 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Jennifer Chevraux

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy One,  
we dare to call you Lord,  
but yield to you only fragments of our lives.  
You had nowhere to lay your head;  
we surround ourselves with comfort.  
We expect to serve you with what remains  
after we have indulged our desires.  
Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,  
our desire to pick the times and places  
we will respond to our call.  
In your abundant mercy teach us  
what it means to follow you.  
We ask that you continue to welcome us home.  
Amen.**

### KYRIE: Hymn 576

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting! Believe this good news: In Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God!

May the peace of Christ be with you! Please share the signs of peace with one another.

### ANTHEM

*God Be in My Head*

Fairmount Choir  
by John Rutter

*God be in my head  
And in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes  
And in my looking;  
God be in my mouth  
And in my speaking;  
God be in my heart  
And in my thinking;*

## 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. 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.

## CANDLE ON THE TABLE

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

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Chris Fader, Children's Ministry Coordinator

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of truth, move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts that we might hear your voice and live. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 15:11-32

## SERMON

"Come Back to Life"

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis

## \*HYMN 418

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

## CALL TO OFFERING

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Gracious and generous God, please accept these gifts that we have brought. May these offerings serve to draw others to love, honor, and serve you. Multiply these tithes and offerings, Holy One, and use them for the edification of your people all around the world. All for love's sake, 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 high and low.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:*

*Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

## 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 774

*There Is Now A New Creation*

STUTTGART

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

*Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*

*Konrad Binienda, organ*

*Bach*

Sound recording and production by Jason Jedlicka

## PC(USA)Mission

### Emphasis

## Matthew 25: Eradicating Systemic Poverty Sunday

There are structures in our society that all but guarantee that people living in poverty will stay that way. Systemic poverty refers to the economic exploitation of people who are poor through laws, policies, practices and systems that perpetuate their impoverished status.

Poverty is complex and overlaps with many other social ills and oppressive structures in our society.

## HYMN 37

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle Benedicite, omnia opera Domini (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

## HYMN 418

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11–32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

## HYMN 774

At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

## 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 and Grant Gannon

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

### The Sanctuary "Wiggle Room"

As we gather for worship, we welcome the "joyful noise" that young children and families bring together. As you can see around the sanctuary, there are Worship Bags for the children to use, books to read, and pages to color during the service. We would also like to introduce our "Wiggle Room" located in the Narthex. This is a space for families that may need a little extra room.....to change diapers, nurse, or even for a small change of pace for our little ones. Feel free to use that room whenever you need. There are toys, books, puzzles, and quiet activities for each child to enjoy while listening to worship. We want you to feel at home, to make our place your space.

### 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

### December 5th Congregational Meeting

The Session of Fairmount Presbyterian Church has called a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, December 5th, following the 11:00 am service, for the purpose of voting on a candidate for Fairmount's next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff. There will be only one service that morning, and the candidate will preach. This will be a hybrid meeting with inclusion of our members who cannot be in person with us that day. If you cannot attend in person, fill out this form, <https://bit.ly/FPCDec5>, to receive the meeting link.

### 2022 Stewardship

Dear Fairmounters & Friends, our 2022 Stewardship Campaign is progressing well, thank you! We have 99 pledges amounting to \$472,000, or 67% of our goal. Amazing progress! Thank you to those of you who have remembered to submit a pledge so far. If you haven't had a chance to, please visit Fairmount's website where you can make a pledge (<https://fpccle.org/giving-and-stewardship/>) or bring in your pledge card to church in the next couple of weeks, or simply call the church office at 216-321-5800 and we can record your pledge over the phone. Thank you for all of the ways you give!



### Advent Boxes!

Today you can pick up your Advent box full of supplies and goodies to help you celebrate Advent this year. Inside you will find ideas of spiritual practices you can incorporate into your holiday planning as well as items that will connect your home to our church home. The boxes will be ready for pick up in Andersen Hall. The boxes will remain in Andersen Hall as supplies last. Feel free to stop by during the week to pick one up, and consider bringing one to a friend or loved on!

### Holiday Angels

Holiday Angels is a ministry of the Heights Interfaith Council that collects holiday gifts for the children of the clients served by the Heights Emergency Food Center (HEFC) located at Disciples Christian Church. We are inviting you to consider participating in this ministry which benefits children age 16 and younger. Beginning on Sunday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, you will find a table in Andersen hall with information about the child you will be providing a gift for. Please **spend no more than \$30, and please no gift cards**. If purchasing clothes or shoes, please included a gift receipt. **The wrapped gift with the provided name tag securely affixed needs to be returned to FPC by Friday, Dec 10th**. If you have questions, please email Steph Washlock at [bonnett11@hotmail.com](mailto:bonnett11@hotmail.com), and put Holiday Angels in the subject line. Thank you for supporting this ongoing partnership between Fairmount, the Heights Interfaith Council and the Heights Emergency Food Center!

### Adult Faith Formation - Advent Book Study with Carl Hoffman

How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it? In *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*, beautiful illustrations reimagine each of the four Gospels as a "house." Led by Carl Hoffman, the book group will visit each house with curiosity and open dialogue. This short book, written by Presbyterian pastor and former President of McCormick Theological Seminary Cynthia M. Campbell, reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel. *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* creatively evokes the season and inspires new and exciting reflection for Advent.

The book discussion begins on Sunday, November 28th at 10AM at Fairmount in the Ganson Room. The discussion will be offered for four weeks. [Purchase the book \(\\$8.45\) from the PCUSA store online here](#) or call the church office for support.

### **A Night of Piano & Cello - Friday, December 3rd at 7:00pm**

Join us for a Special Concert featuring Konrad Binienda, piano and Maria Fesz, cello. This concert includes pieces from Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and a special performance of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, arranged for piano and cello by Konrad Binienda.

### **Blue Christmas Worship with Special Music - December 12th at 5:00pm**

For those who have experienced loss, the holidays can be a particularly painful time, stirring up grief in acute ways. As a result, churches around the world have adopted the practice of having a "Blue Christmas" service during the Advent season. This service is designed to provide space for prayer, reflection, and remembrance amidst the holiday hustle and bustle. In this pandemic season of life, we know that grief and loss are magnified and nearly universal, and a service like this is needed now more than ever.

We hope that this service will provide a space of reflection and healing. The choir and an orchestra will be a part of this service, playing and singing part of Mozart's Requiem to lead us in this time. This service will take place in our sanctuary, and will also be live-streamed. We encourage you to invite friends and family you feel would benefit from taking part in this service.

### **2021 Christmas Eve Poinsettia Dedications**

Each Advent season, through your contributions in memory and in honor of loved ones, we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias for our Christmas Eve worship services. Any additional money raised from your contributions will be used to help cover the expense of worship flowers throughout 2022. This year, we are asking you to complete this online form - <https://bit.ly/21FPCpoinsettias>. You may also email your dedication requests to Danielle Everette, [deverette@fpccle.org](mailto:deverette@fpccle.org). On Sundays November 28th, December 5th and December 12th, you will have the opportunity to fill out a paper poinsettia dedication form in Andersen Hall after both worship services.

Please give \$10.00 per dedication. Payment may be made:

- Online - log in to your Realm account, go to Giving, select "Give" and drop down to the "Church Flowers fund" before you make your payment.
- Check/Cash - please drop off your dedication form and check or cash to the church office.

Note: Due to ongoing issues with the US Mail, we suggest you DO NOT mail your poinsettia form or payment. If the mail arrives late, we cannot guarantee your dedication inclusion.

**THE DEADLINE for poinsettia dedications is Sunday, December 12th.**

### **Become a Liturgist**

The term "liturgy" in Greek literally means to "work for the people." It is a work of the people, for the people, in communion with God. Anyone can be a liturgist! The more liturgical voices represented on Sunday morning, the more our worship reflects our community. We encourage you to offer your presence and voice as a worship leader in the 8:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. services. If you are interested, please contact Kate McFadden at [kate@fpccle.org](mailto:kate@fpccle.org), or by calling the church office.

### **Earth Care Congregation**

Fairmount members can participate in earth stewardship by reducing their household's energy use, changing habits as consumers, investing in renewable energy sources, and by helping us discern how to include earth stewardship as part of our commitment to be a Matthew 25 congregation. Please see the Earth Stewards page on Fairmount's website for more information, <https://fpccle.org/earth-stewards/>.

### **Fairmount Choir**

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).

### **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](mailto:acarlson@key.com) or 216-978-7445. We look forward to hearing from some of you!



*Yearning* by Hannah Garrity  
Inspired by 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

## Fairmount Presbyterian Church Leadership

### Session

Clerk of Session, Elder Gordon Landefeld  
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

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#### Class of 2021

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#### Class of 2022

Geoff Barnes  
Doris Evans  
Mark Eisele

#### Class of 2023

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

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

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Amy Carlson  
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Nate Kruse  
Os Mills

Elder Keith Mills  
Elder Sarah Pope  
Vanessa Whiting (chair)

### Pastor Nominating Committee

Carol Adrine  
Peter Bush  
Mike Chevraux  
Raleigh Smith Duttweiler  
Bill Leahy

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