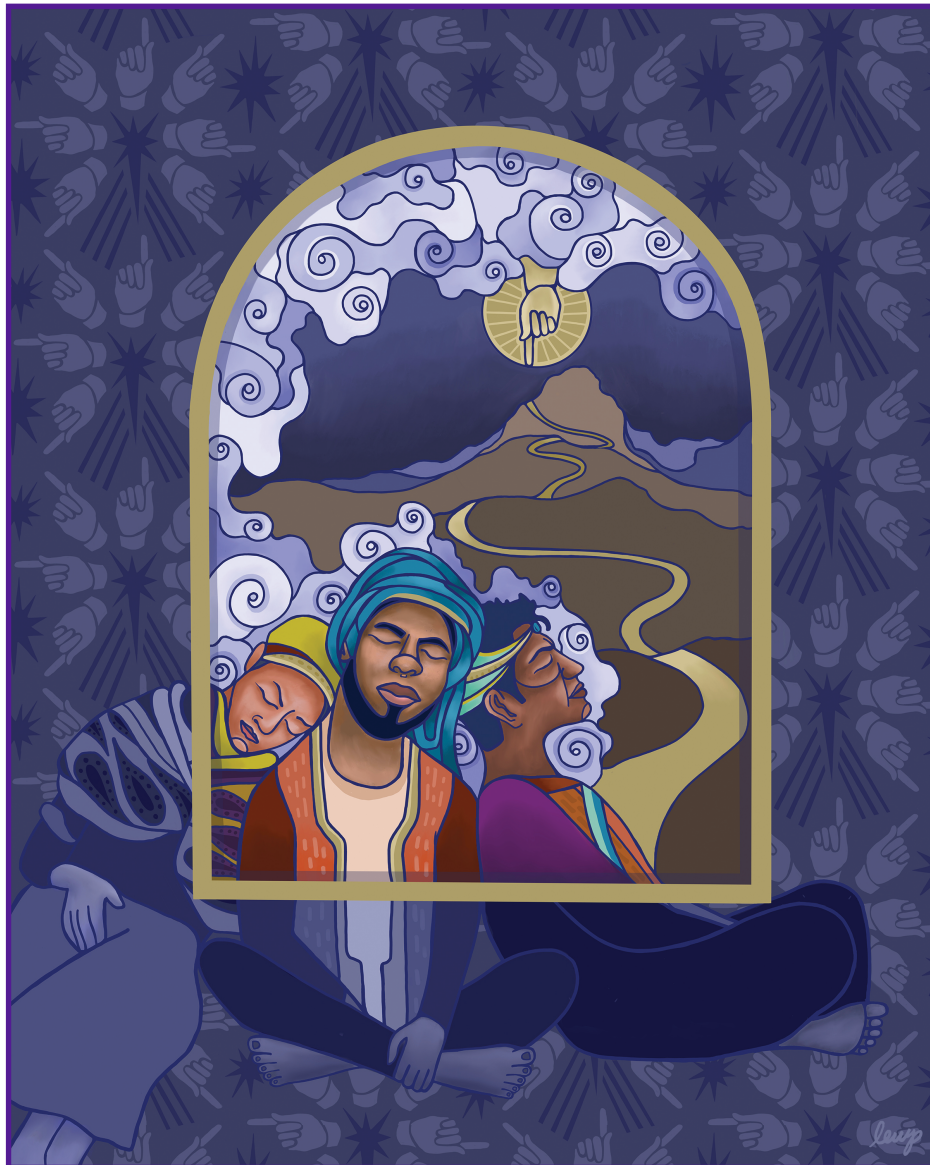




FAIRMOUNT

PRESBYTERIAN Church

Sunday, January 9, 2022
8:30am & 11:00am



The Wise Men's Dream by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
(artists image description found on page 7)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
8:30am & 11:00am

PRELUDE

Toccata No.3 in G major Froberger

*Elżbieta Ziarnik, organist
by Bach*

WELCOME

Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Interim Senior Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to this place -

All: each of us on our own path.

One: The path is winding,

All: and the path is not always clear,

One: and the path changes,

All: but we are here.

One: God is walking us home.

**All: What a gift it is
to not walk alone.**

One: Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of changed plans,

The Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home - a different path, an untraveled road. And to our amazement, they did just that. The Magi packed their bags and went home by another way.

We wish that change could be easy for us, but more often than not, when whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter.

Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy.

Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home.

Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation.

Guide our steps to unfamiliar places.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

KYRIE: Hymn 576

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: No matter which roads we take in this one wild and precious life, God walks with us. God never leaves our side. When the road changes and we find ourselves on a new path home, God is always there.

One: So hear and believe this good news:

All: No matter where we go, no matter what we do, we are claimed, loved, and held by God. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00am)

ANTHEM (11:00am)

"O Magnum Mysterium"

*Xiaoge Zhang, Lauren Vanden-Boeck,
Sam Wetzel and Michael Lada
by Poulenc*

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.

CANDLE ON THE TABLE

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

HYMN 146

This 20th-century Christmas text by an English-born Canadian clergyman was originally a poem called "The Manger Prince." It gains a certain antique flavor by being set to a late medieval song associated with springtime. (The tune name means "The flowering time is near.")

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

"Home by Another Way"

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

*HYMN 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God who welcomes us home, who creates space, who leaves a chair with our name on it - we have two coats and we are giving one away. That's what this offering is. It's our second coat. It's our hearts on our sleeves. It's our audacious hope that there can indeed be a better world than this one. So take these gifts and use them to move us closer to that promised day. 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!*

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (8:30)

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (11:00am)

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 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: As you leave *this* service, your service begins:
Comfort the homesick.
Open your doors to others. Seek sanctuary.
Be brave enough to go home by another way.
And remember that here in God's house,
all are welcomed - so come back soon.
In the name of our Foundation -
God, Spirit, and Son - go in peace.

POSTLUDE

"Ich Ruff Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ"

*Elżbieta Ziarnik, piano
by Bach*

HYMN 145

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

HYMN 151

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

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 and Grant Gannon

Liturgists: 8:30 - Karen Dakin, 11:00am - Henry Brown and David Lamb

Usher Team: Todd Imbler

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"

We love the "joyful noise" that young children and families bring to our sacred space! Around the sanctuary you'll find worship bags with books to read and pages to color. You'll also find a "Wiggle Room" located in the Narthex. This is a space for families that may want a little extra room... to change diapers, nurse, or even for a small change of pace for little ones. Feel free to use the wiggle room whenever you need, equipped with toys, books, puzzles, and more 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, 216-321-5800 ext. 105) with prayer concerns or to talk to a Pastor.

Going Forth: Offering Our Gifts and Our Lives to God: 2022 Stewardship

Dear Fairmounters & Friends, Momentum is building wonderfully in our 2022 Stewardship Campaign. Thank you. We have 157 pledges amounting to \$637,000, or 91% of our goal. 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, <https://fpccle.org/giving-and-stewardship/>, where you can make a pledge or bring in your pledge card to church, 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!

Service 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.

Star Words

It is a prayer practice in churches all over the world to receive a "Star Word" on Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany is on January 6th (12 days after Christmas), and in 2022, Epiphany Sunday is January 9th. We will have Star Words available at church on Sunday morning, and Pastor Lindsay will be putting many in the mail this week. If you want to make sure receive one, please email or call Pastor Lindsay (lindsayhl@fpccl.org, 216-321-5800 ext. 105) so she can get one in the mail for you!

Edwins Bake Sale! Today!

Edwins Leadership and Restaurant Industry is happy to show off their skills by offering a pastry sale on Sunday, January 9th. Their bakery, located on Buckeye Rd., is a non-profit organization which gives formerly incarcerated adults a foundation in the culinary and hospitality industry. All of their pastries are made from scratch on site, less than a mile outside of Shaker Square.

Harpsichord Performance Today at 3:00pm

Fairmount invites you to a special Harpsichord performance this Sunday, January 9th, at 3:00pm. Born in Poland, Harpsichordist, Elżbieta Ziarnik, graduated from the Academy of Music in Katowice, (*Bachelor Degree: piano performance*) and continues her study there, (*Master's Degree: chamber and solo profile*). Last year she started studying harpsichord at the Academy of Music in Krakow. Elżbieta Ziarnik will perform works from Bach, Rameau, Chopin, and Przybyłowicz. This performance will also be live streamed at <https://fpccl.org/online-worship/>, on our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/fairmountchurch>) and on our YouTube Channel (<https://bit.ly/YouTube-fpccl>).

Fairmount Welcomes Rev. Ryan Wallace!

On Sunday, December 5, 2021, the congregation of Fairmount Presbyterian Church approved the call of the Rev. Ryan Wallace to be Fairmount's 10th Senior Pastor in our 105 year history. Pastor Ryan will begin his service at Fairmount in late February. Please join us in praising God for this exciting transition and in praying for our new pastor, his wife Amanda, and their children Mae, Silas and Cece. Learn more about Rev. Wallace and on how the FPC Pastor Nominating Committee chose Rev. Wallace. Visit <https://bit.ly/RevRyanWallace>.



Pastor Jessie will continue serving as our Interim Senior Pastor until her last Sunday on February 6, 2022. It's typical for an Interim to leave a few weeks before the settled pastor arrives.

Become a Liturgist: Help Lead Worship

Anyone can help lead worship because we are all image-bearers of God! And now, FPC has a new streamlined, simple way for interested liturgists to choose the Sunday(s) that work best for their schedule. Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code here and visit the sign up form. Questions? Contact Kate McFadden at kate@fpccl.org.



Little Free Pantry Curators Needed Throughout 2022

Food insecurity is all around us, sometimes unseen, right in our midst. The Little Free Pantry at FPC responds to this need providing curbside, 24-hour access to non-perishable food and personal care items. Curators keep the pantry clean, stocked, and organized throughout the year. While curating is very practical, many have expressed this job "feels like a spiritual practice." Tenderly caring for pantry shelves is simple, tangible work that aids a consistent food supply that makes a real impact in our community. Curators are asked to oversee the pantry for one month, visiting a minimum of once per week. But, don't worry, you don't have to curate alone! Most share the job in partnership with a friend or another family. Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code here and visit the sign up form. Questions? Contact Stacy Hunter at stacyhunter@gmail.com.



Resisting Segregation

The 1960 census found Blacks were less than half of 1% of the Cleveland Heights population. The Black Caucus of Forest Hill Presbyterian Church invites you to join a discussion with Susan Kaeser, Tuesday evening, Jan. 25 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Ms. Kaeser is the author of *Resisting Segregation* which details the multi-racial grassroots struggle to integrate Cleveland Heights. Contact blackcaucus@fhcpresb.org for the Zoom link.

The 2022 Faithful Lives Film Series (26th year)

This year, the sub theme is "Faith in Pandemics and Other Times of Disaster". The movies are shown the 2nd Friday evening of the month, January through May, at Fairmount Presbyterian Church. Please arrive by 6:30pm. All films begin promptly at 6:45pm. Attendees should bring their own food and drink to the movie. For more information, contact Bryan Seekely, bseek57@aol.com. Our 2022 Faithful Lives Film Series kicks off on Friday, January 14th, with the movie *The Abraham Joshua Heschel Story*. Rev. Jessie MacMillan will lead the discussion.

To attend the Faithful Lives Film Series movies in-person, the requirement of attendees will be to attest to being fully vaccinated and boosted, and masks to be worn at all times except when consuming food and drinks. Please email Bryan Seekely with your intent to attend and confirmation of your vaccination requirement for attendance by Wed. 1/12/2022.

The 2022 Faithful Lives Film Series Movies:

January 14th - *The Abraham Joshua Heschel Story*

February 11th - *The American Experience: Influenza 1918*

March 11th - *Joan of Arc*

April 8th - *50/50*

May 13th - *Killing Kasztner*

Cleveland Ecumenical Institute for Religious Studies

Give the Gift of Spiritual Enrichment

If you're still looking for a few last minute gifts, consider giving one of their upcoming winter CEIRS courses to a loved one (or yourself!) Exploration awaits with *The Holy Spirit in the Bible* (Fr. George Smiga), *Thomas Merton and Ilia Delio with a Quaker Touch* (Alan Kolp, Ph.D), and a *Lenten Retreat at the Cleveland Museum of Art* (Rev. Deacon Lydia Bailey).

Giving meaningful, educational experiences is one way to take a low-waste approach to holiday giving. Choosing to give a CEIRS course also supports the outstanding presenter behind the experience, and gives the recipient memories and insights to last a lifetime.

Visit: <https://ceirs.org>

The Wise Men's Dream
by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
Inspired by Matthew 2:1-12 | Digital painting

The Wise Men follow the direction of the shimmering, dotted lights of the night sky, and receive instruction in the subconscious world of sleep. They are ready and willing to discern God's will in the outward, tangible signs of Creation, as well as the inner contours of their own minds. God is in it all, and they are paying attention. Is this what it means to be wise?

In this image, the Wise Men are sleeping, and the viewer has a window into their vibrant dream. Surrounding the dream is the deep blue patterning of stars and hands pointing in every direction except for the direction of God's leading. These hands represent King Herod's desperate search and desire to take out this threatening, newborn King of the Jews. The Wise Men have a choice. They could succumb to the pressure of the King, which is thick in the air and pressing in all around them, or they could choose to listen to the mysterious guiding of their sleeping vision. They decide to change up the narrative and resist the domineering, violent powers of this world, trusting their dream, and taking the long, likely dangerous, journey home by another way.

-Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

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