



FAIRMOUNT

PRESBYTERIAN *Church*

Sunday, January 16, 2022
8:30am & 11:00am



Chosen Home by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
(artists image description found on page 7)

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

PRELUDE

Allemande from Keyboard Partita No. 2 in C minor Konrad Binienda, organist
by J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Interim Senior Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said,
All: "This is my Father's house."
One: So come into this space
All: just as you are.
One: Come into this space
All: speaking your truth.
One: Come into this space
All: with your authentic self.
One: This is God's home.
All: This is our home.
One: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

When we call upon God to confess that we've messed up, or forgotten something, or overlooked the truth, God answers with grace. God answers with love. So let us confess today, knowing that nothing could keep God from loving us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

One: We could offer welcome,
All: but we often choose judgment.
One: We could choose action,
All: but we often choose silence.
One: We could choose advocacy,
All: but we often choose comfort.
One: We could choose truth,
All: but we often choose ignorance.
One: We could choose God,
All: but we often choose ourselves.
One: Forgive us, gracious God, for the moments when we chose poorly.
All: Open our hearts to choose you, to choose community, to choose love. Gratefully we pray, amen.

KYRIE: Hymn 576

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist

One: Family of faith, no matter how we choose, we cannot lose God's love. It is undeserved, overwhelming, ever-present, and always with us. So may we accept God's grace, and use it as fuel for better days. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: No matter how many times we walk away, God always welcomes us home. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are invited. Thanks be to God, amen.

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00am)

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Associate Pastor

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 5

Despite the great sweep of these stanzas, each one ends by describing how our human condition needs God's help: formless, aimless, hungry, searching. Each of these adjectives is followed by a related three-syllable petition: shape us now, lead us now, feed us now, meet us now.

SOLO (11:00am)
"Pie Jesu"

Lauren Vanden-Boeck
by Faure

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

God of the stars and God of our hearts -
our days will pass but your words will last.
The earth might fade but your words will last.
Our memories might blur but your words will last.
The grass will wither but your words will last.
The sky could go dark and your words would last.
So as we listen today, help us to hold onto what will last.
Help us hold onto you.
Gratefully we pray, amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Liturgist

SERMON

"Chosen Home"

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

***HYMN 158**

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

MARY'S CHILD

CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Gracious God, Your story is one that forever invites us to be our full selves, to take up space, to go where we feel called, and to allow this community to feel like home. So use these gifts to keep building your home here. With gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Offering baskets are located at sanctuary entrances, or you can give online at our website, www.fpccle.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 265**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Andante Religiosa from Organ Sonata No. 4

Konrad Binienda, organ
by F. Mendelssohn

HYMN 158

Carried by a blues-like tune, this text of clustered phrases centers on the core words "Mary's Child," initially linking images that suggest a Nativity hymn, but by the third stanza widening to the full arc of the Incarnation: birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, return.

HYMN 265

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5-19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

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.

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

Liturgists: 8:30 - Alice Weiner , 11:00 - Molly McFadden

Usher Team: 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

Fairmount Presbyterian Church offices will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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.

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.

Help Our New Pastor Get to Know You!

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. As we get to know the Rev. Ryan and his family, let's help Rev. Ryan Wallace get to know us! Make sure to update your contact information in Realm. Realm offers tools for us to stay in touch with one another. Make sure your address, phone numbers, and emails are correct. And you can also upload a recent or fun photo of yourself for your profile! This will help Rev. Ryan Wallace get to know you! Visit <https://onrealm.org/FairmountPresby/SignIn>. If you do not have a Realm login, or forgot your password, email info@fpcclle.org.

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 signup form. Questions? Contact Kate McFadden at kate@fpcclle.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 signup form. Questions? Contact Stacy Hunter at stacyhunter@gmail.com.



Sunday Chapel/Sanctuary Flowers

Our Sunday Worship services are beautified by lovely floral arrangements, donated by our members in memory and in honor of loved ones, or to commemorate a special occasion. If you wish to make a flower donation for a specific Sunday in 2022, call Angela Williams in the church office, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm at 216.321.5800. You may also email your Sunday Chapel/Sanctuary Flower request to fpcclleoffice@gmail.com. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

Resisting Segregation

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. Join us for the next Faithful Lives Film Series on Friday, February 11th, with the movie *The American Experience: Influenza 1918*.

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>

Reconnecting with God's Creation

Forest Hill Presbyterian Church members Steve Sedam and Kemp Jaycox will teach their ***Reconnecting with God's Creation*** class again this coming spring for the fifth year in a row and invite Fairmount members to participate. The class will take place via Zoom on **Sundays from 4:00 to 5:30 PM from March 13th to June 5th** (Easter, Mother's Day and Memorial Day are optional).

Here is a link for the **promotional video** that Steve and Kemp made along with testimonials from a few previous participants. <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8-rU-E5b5eh44SskHhCsJpyx9NR4uk0e>

If you know of someone who is interested in participating, they can use the Breeze link below to sign up for the class. **Sign up link:** <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/e0fc68>

Chosen Home by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Inspired by Luke 2:41-52 | Digital painting with collage

We don't know why Luke is the only gospel writer to tell us this story of Jesus as an adolescent. Luke offers us short vignettes of Jesus' life after his birth: he's circumcised and dedicated to God, he's blessed by both Simeon and Anna in the temple, and each year he and his parents return to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. His family follows the law according to Moses. This Messiah is not an outsider to the tradition; he's born from within it. But he will grow to question, challenge, reform, and revolutionize it.

We see Jesus' first challenge to that system in this story when, as a twelve-year-old boy, he stays behind without his parents' permission. He dives so deeply into the teachings that he shocks his elders, amazing them with his autonomy, knowledge, and earnestness. His actions threaten the status quo and also create a divide between him and his family of origin. To fulfill his ministry, he'll need to leave his home, his parents, and many of his faith traditions behind.

As I created this image, I felt the grief and tension shared by Jesus and his mother. The distance between them is poignant and heavy. Young Jesus looks over his shoulder at what he must leave behind as he moves forward in the other direction. His mother grieves what she can't fully understand, but she holds all of these things in her heart, keeping them forever. A dividing line made of gold separates them—but this boundary is also sacred and needed for Jesus to live into the fullness of his calling.

No matter the boundaries we choose or are forced to put into place, no matter the separations we endure, we must trust that we deserve true belonging. We must seek our chosen homes and families. When necessary, we must question and challenge the traditions we've inherited. Ultimately, we must trust that our true home belongs with God.

—Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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