

Order for the Service of Worship
The Lord's Day ~ Sunday, November 22, 2020



Fairview Presbyterian Church

Westminster Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***Introit** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (Vs 1) #559

Come, ye thankful people, come - Raise the song of harvest home; All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.

God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:

Come to God's own temple, come - Raise the song of harvest home.

Call to Worship 1 Chronicles 16:34-36

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Cry out, “Save us, God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.” Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

***Hymn of Adoration** – “Immortal, Invisible” # 25

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious - Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest - to both great and small; In all life Thou livest - the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish - but naught changest Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All praise we would render - O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

***Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

Praise Response Gloria Patri

Receiving New Members: Dottie Spaar and Denise Atkinson

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit, who opens blind eyes and illumines our minds: we confess before you that we have been satisfied with ordinary things and blind to spiritual things. Open our eyes that have been closed by fear and blinded by self-sufficiency, that we may see you in the Word and know you through the Word. Open our eyes to understand the Holy Scriptures that we might be transformed by your person, power and purpose for our lives. Reveal to our souls the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth. Help us to grab hold of Christ and the redemption offered to us in Him. Holy Spirit, form our hearts according to your Word and into the image of our Lord Jesus Christ in whose name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ephesians 1:3-10 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Anthem

“A Simple Thanksgiving” – Arr. Joseph Martin Choir

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving #625**

Hymn of Preparation

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” # 92

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down; Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find that promised rest. Take away our bent to sinning, Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above, Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee: Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise!

Children's Sermon: “What are you thankful for?”

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Text – Hebrews 12:1-2

Sermon Title: “RESPONDING TO GOD’S MERCY”

Rev. Jonathan Williams

Sermon Notes:

Hymn of Response “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” # 371

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today! Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power - all power - surely is Thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always living in me!

Benediction

Threefold Amen #628 IV

Postlude

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November 22-28
TODAY

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

5:30 pm Lord's Supper Thanksgiving Service - This Sunday before Thanksgiving we will gather as a church family to give thanks for what God has done in Christ Jesus. We will do this by participating in the Lord's Supper and worshipping in song. Please make plans to join us for this special evening service.

Mark Your Calendars

November 25 -Table Talk suspended for Thanksgiving.

December 2 - Last Table Talk of 2020. Resumes January 13.

December 5 - 9:30 am Combined WIC Christmas Brunch

December 6 – Appreciation Luncheon for Children's Volunteers - Have you been volunteering with our children? We want to thank you! Please join us after worship.

December 24 – 5:30 Christmas Eve Service - Be sure to join us for our Christmas Eve Service. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus with you!

Cookbooks – WIC has Fairview Church Cookbook reprints for \$20.00 Contact Lynn McCarter

History and Welcome

Fairview has the distinction of being Greenville County's oldest Presbyterian Church. For over 225 years there has been a place of worship on this site. The church was established in 1786 and named Fairview after the founders' church in Antrim County, Ireland. Since 1973 we have been a church of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Our aim in all that we do is to bring glory to God and to express the preeminence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This requires that we be true to the Scriptures, the Reformed Faith, and obedient to the Great Commission.

To our guests and visitors, we extend an invitation to become part of the Fairview Church family. Our hearts are open to you, and we sincerely hope you will open your hearts to us! We look forward to the blessing of your friendship.

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