

***Order for the Service of Worship
The Lord's Day ~ Sunday, November 29, 2020***



Fairview Presbyterian Church

Westminster Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading

The Hope Candle...Billy and Janet Ford

Prelude

***Introit**

“Joy to the World!” (vs. 1) #125

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature
sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and
nature sing.

Call to Worship – Isaiah 9:2, 6 (Responsive Reading)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great
light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them
has light shined.

**People: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and
His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

***Hymn of Adoration**

“Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates!”

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory
waits; the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the
world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility, his
kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is
confessed! O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this
King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide! Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin! Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

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

Praise Response Gloria Patri

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful Lord Jesus, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, as we rejoice in the birth of our savior we ask you to make us ready for His return. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardoning Grace 1 John 4:9-10 (ESV)

In this is the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

***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.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Hymn of Preparation

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” # 123

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O
Israel!

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by
Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far
and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show And cause us in
her ways to go. [Refrain]

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and
mind; Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease, Fill all the world
with heaven's peace. [Refrain]

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Text – Genesis 12:1-3

Sermon Title: “A PROMISED BLESSING”

Kenneth Collins Maple

Sermon Notes:

Hymn of Response

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou
art, dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high,
appear; come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we
long to hear! O’er the hills the angels singing news, glad
tidings of a birth: “Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ
the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no
end; by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer,
Shepherd, Friend. Leaving riches without number, born
within a cattle stall; this the everlasting wonder, Christ was
born the Lord of all.

Born they people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born
to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By
thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine
all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Benediction

Threefold Amen #628 IV

Postlude

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November 29-December 5

TODAY

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

Mark Your Calendars

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!

January 13 – Table Talk Resumes

Worship Flowers - The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Tom and Ann Sevcik to celebrate Tom's 83rd birthday and their 60th wedding anniversary.

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

Birth Announcements

Torran Jacobus Costanzo was born to Cory and Marna on November 18. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20.25 inches long.

Wyatt Thomas Tripp was born to Thomas and Kristin Tripp on November 17. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 in. long.

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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