

***Order for the Service of Worship
The Lord's Day ~ Sunday December 27, 2020***



Fairview Presbyterian Church

Westminster Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***Introit**

Who Is He in Yonder Stall? (vs 1) # 168

*Who is He in yonder stall, At whose feet the shepherds fall?
Who is He in deep distress, Fasting in the wilderness?*

Refrain:

*'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord! the King of
glory! At His feet we humbly fall, Crown Him! crown Him,
Lord of all!*

Call to Worship: Zechariah's Prophecy, Luke 1:68-75 ESV

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

***Hymn of Adoration**

Angels We Have Heard on High # 132

*Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the
plains, And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous
strains.*

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains
prolong? Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your
heav'nly song? [Refrain]*

*Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels
sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-
born King. [Refrain]*

*See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, With us sing our Savior's birth.
[Refrain]*

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

Praise Response Gloria Patri

Corporate Prayer of Confession

*Holy God, you sent a star to guide the Magi to the child
Jesus. We confess that we have not followed the light of your
Word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the
world or trusted your good news to be good. We have failed
to praise your Son's birth and refused his peace on earth. We
have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt
and renew in us all fine desires that we may watch and wait
and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus
Christ, the Lord. Amen.* The Worship Sourcebook

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardoning Grace from Luke 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God ...
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have
seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of
grace and truth ... For from his fullness we have all received,
grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace
and truth came through Jesus Christ.

***Affirmation of Faith**

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

As with Gladness Men of Old # 163

*As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming
bright, So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led to
Thee.*

*As with joyful steps they sped To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before Him Whom heav'n and earth
adore, So, may we with willing feet Ever seek the mercy seat.*

*As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and
bare, So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly
King.*

*Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way; And when
earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory
hide. Amen.*

Children's Dismissal | Parents may dismiss their children at this time to the nursery (birth to 3.5) or to children's church (3.5 to 7).

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Text: Luke 2:15-20

Sermon Title: "ONCE THE ANGELS HAVE LEFT"
Kenneth Collins Maple

Sermon Notes:

Hymn of Response

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem # 167

*O sing a song of Bethlehem, Of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them From angels in the air:
The light that shone on Bethlehem Fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth The angels sing away.*

*O sing a song of Nazareth, Of sunny days of joy, O sing of
fragrant flowers' breath, And of the sinless Boy; For now the
flowers on Nazareth In every heart may grow; Now spreads
the fame of His dear name On all the winds that blow.*

*O sing a song of Galilee, Of lake and woods and hill,
Of Him who walked upon the sea And bade its waves be still:
For though like waves on Galilee, Dark seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Master's word, Falls peace upon
the soul.*

*O sing a song of Calvary, Its glory and dismay;
Of Him who hung upon the tree, And took our sins away:
For He who died on Calvary Is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heav'n adored, Is mighty now to
save.*

Benediction

Threefold Amen #628 IV

Postlude

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December 27 - January 3

TODAY

No Choir Rehearsal 12/27, 1/3 & 1/10 Resumes 1/17 9:00 am
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Mark Your Calendars

January 7 – 7:00 am Men’s Breakfast

January 9 – 10:00-11:30 am Wedding Shower for Amy (Nowell) La Croix and Andrew La Croix (married on October 4) which will be held in FLC. Registered at Bed Bath & Beyond, Belk, or Gift Cards from Lowes.

January 10 – 10:00 am

Children’ Sunday School Classes resumes.

Nursery (age 0-3.5) – Volunteers

Preschool (age 3.5-5) – Lynn McCarter

Elementary (age 6-9) – Lisa Miller

Preteen (age 10-13) – Ann Spaar

Teenagers – Jonathan Williams

January 13 – Table Talk Resumes

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

Nursery - We have a great need for more volunteers in our nursery. Starting January 10, we are encouraging all our members who have been background checked to serve in the nursery at least once every sixth months or as there is need. There will be a signup sheet in the back of the church and one online. Bring volunteering concerns to Kenny, and he’d be glad to speak with you.

Online Church Services

Beginning January 3 our service will be streamed only through YouTube. The link is found on church website and church Facebook page. Thank you for tuning in for worship.

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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