

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD,

he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

THE LORD'S DAY December 25, 2022

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT | O Come, All Ye Faithful, # 145 vs. 1

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem Come and behold
Him, born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP | Luke 1:46-55 ESV

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

HYMN OF ADORATION | As with Gladness Men of Old, # 163

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*PRAISE RESPONSE | *Gloria Patri*, #623 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION adapted from *The Services of the Christian Year* by Robert Webber

Dear Heavenly Father, we sing with great enthusiasm, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her King." Yet as we review the true desires of our hearts, we would confess that we are more prone to seek the gifts and benefits that Christ can grant than actually receive Him deep within our lives. Lord, have mercy upon us and cleanse us. Forgive us and grant us the same trust and obedience as Joseph and Mary. Renew your sustaining Spirit within us that we might truly know and live in your joy through Jesus' redeeming name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE Ephesians 1:7-10 ESV

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 | 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. Amen

CHOIR ANTHEM | Joy to the World, arr. Martin

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY DUET | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, arr. Koets, Robyn Davenport and Andrew La Croix

Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving # 625 Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*HYMN OF PREPARATION | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, # 133

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

Parents may dismiss their children at this time to children's church (ages 3.5 to 7). Nursery is provided from birth to 3.5 years old from the beginning of worship service.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON TEXT | Luke 2:22-32

SERMON | Christmas Consolation

Rev. Jonathan Williams

SERMON NOTES

HYMN OF RESPONSE | Joy to the World!, # 125

BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN # 628 IV

POSTLUDE

TODAY

8:45 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. | Sunday School
Classes: Nursery (age 0-3.5) | Volunteers
Preschool (3.5-5) | Lynn McCarter
Elementary (6-9) | Lisa Miller
Preteen (10-13) | Ann Spaar
Teenagers | Jonathan Williams
Fellowship Class | Kenny Maple
Covenant Class | Tom Sevcik, Dan Nowell
11:00 a.m. | Lord's Day Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Table Talk | Suspended until January 11, 2023

Church Cookbooks are on sale for \$20 each. See Lynn McCarter to purchase.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

January 1, 8, 15 | Choir Break

January 5 | Men's Prayer Breakfast at Cracker Barrell, 7 a.m.

January 12 | Women in the Church (WIC) Evening Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 14 | Men of the Covenant, 8 a.m.

January 15 | Ordination and Installation of new Elders and Deacons

January 19 | Men's Prayer Breakfast at Cracker Barrell, 7 a.m.

January 19 | Women in the Church Morning Meeting,10 a.m.

January 22 | Choir Rehearsal Resumes, 8:45 a.m.

February 1 | *Communicant's Class* for children/teens for the spring semester will be on Wednesdays from 5 to 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Classroom in the FLC starting February 1. Speak to Kenny to learn more about the class.

DEACON OF THE MONTH | James Wickliffe (864) 303-6369 jfwickliffe3@gmail.com

MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH | Josh Grimm, Italy

HISTORY AND WELCOME

Fairview 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 and look forward to the blessing of your friendship.

LEADERSHIP AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Deacons | Stutts Armstrong, Cephas DiLella, Wes McCarter, Jimmy Sprouse, James Wickliffe

Location

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