

- **10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Online**
- **11:15 a.m. Celebrate Sunday! Join us after worship for food, fun and fellowship for all ages!**

Happenings at Fairmount

As you have noticed, if you have worshipped with us in person these last few weeks, our sanctuary air conditioning is no longer working and will need to be replaced. We are working actively with contractors to remedy the situation as part of larger system-wide modernization improvements across the heating and cooling systems. In the meantime, we have fans stationed around the sanctuary, as well as personal fans and cold water. We encourage you to dress comfortably as we join together for worship.

Catch the Spirit--Come curious, leave inspired! Join the Music Ministry at Fairmount!

- **Concert Hosting** (Youth/ Adults) welcome guests to Fairmount for an array of concerts. Contact Steve Chapman (schapman1967@gmail.com) for details.
- **Congregational Choir** (All Ages) a community of all ages and stages singing hymns and responses during worship.
- **The Fairmount Bell Choir** (Middle School/ Adults) Contact Amy Carlson (akcarlson1965@gmail.com) for details and rehearsal schedule.
- **The Fairmount Choir** (High School/ Adults), rehearsals on Thursday 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. beginning September 4th.
- **Flute Ensemble** (All Ages), an ensemble that plays for worship several times a year with 2 rehearsals prior. Reach out to Susan Wherley (susan.wherley@gmail.com) for details and dates.
- **Instrumentalists** (All Ages) play for worship throughout the year.
- **Intergenerational PopUp Choir** (All Ages), first Sunday of each month beginning Oct 5th.
- **Joyful Noise** (Elementary), singing and playing Orff instruments. Meeting after worship (12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m.) twice a month beginning on Sept 21st.

For more information or to answer questions, see Jim Riggs, Director of Music Ministries or email him at (Jim@fpccle.org).

Organ Recital, Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Peace, Shaker Square.

The Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will host a members recital on the new Schantz Organ at Our Lady of Peace. Jim Riggs will be playing two pieces on this recital. All are welcome.

Rush Hour Concert, Tuesday, September 23rd at 5:30 p.m. Our first Rush Hour Concert of the 2025-26 season is with saxophonist Tyler Young, pianist Irwin Shung, and cellist Elora Karras. They will dive into seminal saxophone works by the introspective composer David Maslanka.

2026 Fairmount Leadership Nominations

The Nominating Committee invites you to help shape the future of Fairmount by nominating our next Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. If you feel called to serve—or know someone who might—visit Vicki Mentrek in Andersen Hall this Sunday, or scan the QR code to explore role descriptions and submit a nomination online.



Fairmount Presbyterian Church Has Gone Solar!

To date, the Fairmount Presbyterian Church solar panels have saved over 14,000 lbs of CO2 emission, which is the equivalent to planting 103 trees. Join us for a solar panel system celebration on Sunday, September 14th after worship in Andersen Hall (around 12:15 p.m.). This initiative marks an important step toward a greener future—reducing our electricity costs and shrinking our congregation's carbon footprint. Help us cut the red ribbon! Read about the Fairmount solar panel installation in the September Issue of the Heights Observer — [https://heightsobserver.org/!](https://heightsobserver.org/)

Join Us at the 2025 Dougbe River School Gala!

The school, which was started by Fairmount's own Isaac Monah, is the only school in Grand Gedeh County - a rural area of 4028 square miles - and is supported by Fairmount's Serve Council. This year's gala is themed "Nourishing Our Roots, Reaching For the Sky!" and will be held on **Sunday, September 14th at 4:30 PM**. There will be a silent auction, a performance from the Djapo Cultural Arts Institute, and updates about the school. Tickets are available at <https://drpsl.org/2025-gala>.

Want to support the school but can't make it to the gala? Donate online or consider donating a bottle or two of wine to the gala's wine pull. We'll be accepting bottles in the labeled box in Andersen Hall until September 14th. Thank you!

Spirituality in Nature Walk

Please join Nikie Monah and Alycia Ashburn for an early autumn Spirituality in Nature Walk/Picnic on Mon, Sep 22nd starting at 5:30p at Acacia Reservation in Beachwood. Pack a portable dinner and drink for yourself, and we will stop to picnic during our walk together. Rain date: Mon, Sep 29, 5:30 p.m. Email Alycia at ashburnlrc@gmail.com to RSVP

4th Annual All-Church Retreat - Saturday, October 4th

The whole Fairmount community is invited to gather for a day to pause, reconnect, and be inspired. Through worship, conversation, play, and creativity, we'll explore our mission – *Reclaim Our Humanity, Embody God's Love* – and four core values. Come ready to discover new clarity about your *purpose* and *potential*, and to find renewal in *belonging* to God and to this community. Together, we'll reflect on the *liberation* God is calling us toward as individuals and as a community. Bring your curiosity, your heart, and your whole self. This retreat is free and for everyone – children and folks of all ages – including those who are new to Fairmount. It is helpful if you let us know you plan to attend. RSVP by scanning the QR code.

Cost: Free (\$15 Suggested Donation)

Location: Fairmount Presbyterian Church (2757 Fairmount Blvd)

Time: Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Retreat begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 3:00 p.m.

Meals: Lunch is included



Volunteers Needed

As the number of children in our congregation grows, so does the number of volunteers we need to make sure that they are all loved, cared for, and taught about God's great love. Lisa is currently seeking a team of volunteers to help out regularly (3-4 times a year) in the WE class that takes place on Sunday mornings during the second half of worship. A designated teacher will be responsible for presenting the material each week, but an additional set of hands is needed for child protection and to lend a hand. If you are willing to invest in our youngest members with the gift of your time and attention, please let Lisa know after worship or in writing (lisa@fpccle.org).