

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel with Communion
- 10:15 a.m. FPC Choir Warm Up
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
- 12:15 p.m. Joyful Noise Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 12:15pm Big Questions Room 114
- 2:00 p.m. FPC Youth: Sunday Sillies at Guardians Game
- 2:00 p.m. Faith in the Heights Earth Care Meeting in Room 114

### **Fairmount Ramp Replacement**

Fairmount Presbyterian Church has begun an important building improvement: the replacement of the deteriorating ramp from the adjacent parking lot. WR Restoration has been selected as the contractor for this project, and demolition work begins on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We expect the construction to last a little more than 1 week. Construction hours are 8:00 a.m. till about 4:00 p.m. each day. During this project (demolition, concrete work, and concrete curing) the main ramp, stairs to the Welcome Center, sliding door, and most of the west side of the adjacent parking lot will not be accessible. Parking on the east side of the adjacent parking lot, our far parking lot and street parking will be available. For church office entry, you may enter through the northeast door or southeast door. These doors will be marked. If you need ramp access, the Sanctuary ramp will be open. You can access that ramp from the back driveway. We appreciate your understanding and patience as this necessary work is completed. This project has been made possible through the generous support of Fairmount's Memorial Committee.

### **Happening Today**

Today **WE Time, children in pre-k through 3rd grade**, will be invited to go to their classroom during worship service. Please promptly pick your kids up in room 214 after worship. Kids in Joyful Noise will be brought to the choir room. 4th and 5th graders are invited to sit in the Club 4/5 pews with Lisa Nester in the front of the sanctuary during worship. **Nursery care** is back, and available from 10:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m. on Sundays in the nursery.

### **Big Questions**

Do you have big questions about God, the Bible, or the Church that you're afraid to ask? Or is there some Christian teaching that's never made sense to you? Join Pastor Ryan after worship this Sunday in Room 114 for an open discussion about big theological questions. All questions are welcome. No theological training necessary!

### **FPC's Redesigned Website**

We are excited to share our redesigned website, [www.fpccl.org](http://www.fpccl.org), that was created in partnership with Small Steeples. The updated site highlights who we are as a congregation – our vision, values, worship, and ministries – while also making it easier for visitors and the wider community to discover what Fairmount is about. In addition, the site includes a secure Member section where you can access announcements, the church calendar, giving, council information, volunteer opportunities, Realm, and more. The current password for the Member login is - Fairmount2025! - and we will notify you if that changes in the future.

### **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.



### **Music Ministries**

**The Intergenerational PopUp Choir** will sing for worship on **October 5th** with a rehearsal in the sanctuary at **10:15 am**. All singers of all stages are welcome to join. It is helpful, but not necessary, to let Jim Riggs ([jim@fpccl.org](mailto:jim@fpccl.org)) know of your intention to sing.

Save the date for **John Rutter's "Requiem" on Sunday, November 2, 3:00 p.m.** The Fairmount Choir, soloists, and chamber ensemble offer this work marking the 40th anniversary of its premiere.

## **Fairmount Happenings**

### **Spirituality in Nature Walk - Rescheduled to September 29th**

Please join Nikie Monah and Alycia Ashburn for an early autumn Spirituality in Nature Walk/Picnic on Monday, September 29th starting at 5:30 p.m. at Acacia Reservation in Beachwood. Pack a portable dinner and drink for yourself, and we will stop to picnic during our walk together. Email Alycia at [ashburnlrc@gmail.com](mailto: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:** Pay What You Can

**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



### **Second Genesis**

#### **Fall 2025 Bible Study**

#### **Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. , September 17th through November 19th**

The stories of Genesis—the very first book in the Bible—are foundational to understand what follows. Whether the “pre-historical” stories of Genesis originated from any actual history or they’re purely folkloric tales crafted to teach about God and our origins, they are vital to our faith. In this Bible study, we will read through the stories of Genesis together. But we won’t just read one version. We’ll compare a few different translations, along with a modern theological reinterpretation of the stories, as together we ask: What are these stories really about?

### **Volunteers Needed: No Strangers Club on Sunday, October 12th!**

Fairmount is committed to being a “third place” where people of all or no faiths can connect and see the humanity in one another. In a culture that is increasingly anxious, angry, and transactional, we seek to offer space for healing and connection. No Strangers Club is an interfaith, community-facing gathering for anyone who has a hunger for intentional, low-tech, meaningful connection. If you believe creating space for people to practice the truth that we belong to one another is sacred, consider volunteering! Sign up by scanning the QR code. Questions? Contact Kate Bouldin: [kate@fpccle.org](mailto:kate@fpccle.org)



### **Greater Cleveland Congregations**

Join GCC for two upcoming actions. On October 8th, Pastor Ryan will lead a delegation to the Supreme Court, which will be hearing a case related to our bindover campaign. Then, on October 9th, GCC will hold a forum for judge candidates concerning pre-trial justice. You can register for these events at <https://greaterclevelandcongregations.org/>

### **North Church: Join Us for a Spark Session**

You are invited to a meeting of North Presbyterian Church Partners and Friends on Thursday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. We will share a presentation on latest developments, our vision for North Church, and ways you and your congregation can support this vital urban ministry of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. Scan the Blue QR code to let us know you plan to attend.

