

## November 2, 2025 Announcements

- 10:30 a.m. Joyful Noise Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Breaking Bread Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
- 12:00 p.m. Breaking Bread Meal in the Dining Room
- 12:00 p.m. Explore Fairmount in Room 114
- 12:30 p.m. Club 4/5
- 3:00 p.m. All Saints' Concert - John Rutter's "Requiem" in the Sanctuary

### Happening Today

Today is Breaking Bread Sunday! On the first Sunday of the month, Fairmount gathers as one church family for Breaking Bread worship at 11:00 a.m. Children remain in the service, which is designed to be more accessible for kids and youth. Together we share in the sacrament of communion, followed by a community meal where we live into the meaning of our open table.

Following worship, there will be an Explore Fairmount session. Grab your Breaking Bread lunch and bring it to room 114. We'll get to know each other, talk more about being Presbyterian and about Fairmount in particular, and answer your questions. At the end of the gathering, we'll give you next steps if you decide that you would like to become a member of our church. But there is no obligation to join after attending the class.

This morning everyone is invited to participate in a brief activity during lunch in preparation for Advent. Please plan to stick around! For those who would like to brainstorm ideas for an Elders Association event next April, please connect with Jim Dakin during lunch. After lunch, Club 4/5 will meet.

We also want to thank you for your generous contributions on Gratitude Sunday. Your generous contributions enable abundant programs at Fairmount for all ages and interests, and for that we are forever grateful! If you have yet to make your 2026 commitment, you can fill out a 2026 commitment card found in the pews and return it to the office, or scan the QR code to make your commitment online. If you have any questions about your commitment, call our office 216.321.5800.



### Music Ministries

This afternoon, we invite you to our special All Saints Sunday concert at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary - John Rutter's "Requiem" for choir and chamber ensemble with The Fairmount Choir, Brianna Mosely and Jackie Josten, soloists, and Jim Riggs, conductor. This work, along with other anthems, will be offered. This event is made possible by the Eleanor R. Baird Music Fund.

The next **Rush Hour Concert** is **Tuesday, November 11th at 5:30 p.m.** with Papa Assane M'bayn, West African Drums. A concert filled with excitement and participation.

### Fairmount Happenings

#### **No Strangers Club on Sunday, November 9th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

There are no outsiders here. Fairmount's No Strangers Club creates space for strangers to come together and find real human connection. Here's what you can expect: Securely check your phone at the door and take a breather from the 24-hour news cycle and doomscrolling. Enjoy soothing music in a sacred, low-stim space, with opportunities to connect with yourself and others through art and other flexible activities. This month, the event will offer an optional singing circle! Read and drink herbal tea and apple cider, join a story sharing game, or meet new friends while you experiment with crafts. Unwind and make space for creativity and reflection in an intentionally tech-free environment. While registration is not required, letting us know you plan to attend is helpful! Scan the QR code. Questions? Contact Kate Bouldin: [kate@fpccl.org](mailto:kate@fpccl.org)



## Fairmount's Little Food Pantry - Thanksgiving Donation Drive

Fairmount's Little Food Pantry continues to serve many families in our community. Now more than ever — due to the government shutdown, cuts in SNAP benefits, and other hardships — families are in need of assistance with food and personal care items. During this season of Thanksgiving, let's come together to strengthen our community and build our shared humanity through donations to our Little Food Pantry. Throughout the month of **November**, we will be collecting **non-perishable food** and **personal care items**. Please place all donation items in the bins located on the stage in **Andersen Hall**.

**Suggested donations include:** cereal, boxed milk, canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, jelly, soups, shampoo, deodorant, diapers.

Your kindness and generosity help make a real difference. Thank you for your continued support!

## *The Way Back to Humanity* Sunday Devotional Talks

Fairmount's Faith Formation Council invites adults to join in a weekly conversation to reflect on *The Way Back to Humanity* — A Seven-Week Devotional to Reclaim What Makes You Human in Christ. After doing your weekly devotional, come gather with friends to reflect, ask questions, and learn from others' devotional experiences. Discussions will be held between worship services on November 9th, 16th, and 23rd in the Ganson Room at 10:00 a.m. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Lindsay: [lindsayhl@fpccl.org](mailto:lindsayhl@fpccl.org). The booklet is available in Andersen Hall.

## Second Genesis - Fall 2025 Bible Study

Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., 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?

## Spirituality in Nature Walk on Saturday, November 8th

Join Nikie Monah and Alycia Ashburn for an autumn Spirituality in Nature Walk on Saturday, November 8th from 9:30 a.m. till noon at Acacia Reservation in Beachwood. Email Alycia, [ashburnlrc@gmail.com](mailto:ashburnlrc@gmail.com), to RSVP.

## Discovering the Spiritual Wisdom of Trees Book Group

There is great wisdom to learn from trees, and when we connect intimately with them, we can deepen our spiritual lives and grow in the understanding that all beings are part of the fabric of the holy. A discussion group on the book "[Discovering the Spiritual Wisdom of Trees](#)" (by Beth Norcross and Leah Rampy) takes place on **Sundays through November 12th from 2:00 -3:00 p.m.** Today, **Sunday, November 2nd**, meet at Fairmount Presbyterian Church as author Beth Norcross will be joining our discussion via Zoom. Scan the QR code to learn more about the book. One does not need to make every Sunday to participate. RSVP to Alycia at [ashburnlrc@gmail.com](mailto:ashburnlrc@gmail.com). Books can be ordered through [Loganberry](#), [Broadleaf Books](#), [Amazon](#), or [Barnes & Noble](#).



## *The God I Know*, A Theatrical Education Experience from *Getting to We*

**Thursday, November 13th and Friday, November 14th, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Step into a powerful theatrical storytelling experience that sparks enlightened conversation. Join us for *The God I Know*, a community social trust project that explores the interface of personal and religious identity and the intersection of religious liberty, freedom of speech, and separation of church and state. More information about the performances and ticket purchases can be found by scanning the QR code. General Seating is \$20.00 and Reserved Seating is \$25.00. Fairmount has a number of complementary tickets available. Please let Christine know at [cwinters@fpccl.org](mailto:cwinters@fpccl.org) if you are interested.

