

- 8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. FPC Youth: Senior High Small Group
- 10:00 a.m. The Way Back to Humanity booklet discussion in Ganson Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting to Elect 2026 Elders, Deacons and Officers.

#### **Happening Today**

This morning, join us for worship at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and online. At 10:00 a.m. in the Ganson Room, we continue our Faith Formation booklet discussion, *The Way Back to Humanity*. Following the 11:00 a.m. worship, we will remain in the Sanctuary to elect Fairmount's 2026 Elders, Deacons, and Officers.

## Fairmount Ramp Repair Complete!

The Fairmount Presbyterian Church repair of the main ramp from the adjacent parking lot is complete. We appreciate your understanding and patience throughout this project. This project has been made possible through the generous support of Fairmount's Memorials Committee.

**Finding our Worship Live Stream:** Go to our new website landing page, <a href="www.fpccle.org">www.fpccle.org</a>. At the top, click the little red livestream button to visit our livestream worship page, <a href="https://www.fpccle.org/livestream/">https://www.fpccle.org/livestream/</a>. Here you will find the current live-streamed worship and the videos of previous services.

The 2026 Stewardship season will start with **Gratitude Sunday on October 26th**. There are many ways to make your commitment: bring your commitment card to worship on October 26th, fill out a 2026 commitment card found in the pews, scan the QR code to make your pledge online, or simply call the church office, 216.321.5800. Your generous contributions have enabled abundant programs at Fairmount for all ages and interests, and for that we are forever grateful!



#### **Music Ministries**

On **Sunday, November 2nd at 3:00 p.m.**, we invite you to **John Rutter's "Requiem"** for choir and chamber ensemble with The Fairmount Choir, Brianna Mosely and Jackie Josten, soloists, and Jim Riggs, conductor. On this "All Saints Sunday" this work along with other anthems will be offered, including a hymn setting commissioned by Fairmount in 1996. 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**

#### Want to learn more about becoming a member of Fairmount?

Join us for an "Explore Fairmount" gathering on Sunday, November 2nd, from 12:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. in Room 114 (next to the chapel). It's a Breaking Bread Sunday, so we'll grab our lunch and bring it to the meeting room. 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. Scan the QR to let us us know your interest.

# 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 October 19th, 26th, and November 9th, 16th, and 23rd in the Ganson Room at 10:00 a.m. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Lindsay: <a href="mailto:lindsayhl@fpccle.org">lindsayhl@fpccle.org</a>. 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?

#### **Interfaith Group Against Hate Book Discussions**

You are welcome to join the IGAH for an upcoming book discussion. Books are available in area libraries, most in print and online, as well as in bookstores. The final book discussion will be on Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Fairmount Presbyterian Church. The book for that evening is *Woodworking* by Emily St. James.

#### Embody God's Love - Feed Our Neighbors

As part of the IGAH support of our neighbors, food will be collected through October 20th for immigrants. The list of needed food includes white rice, masa harina and vegetable oil. A more extensive list is found on the stage in Andersen Hall where you can leave your donations. Look for the box labeled IGAH.

#### Sisterhood of Service Luncheon on Sunday, October 26th

The SOS Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 26th in the dining room following the 11:00 a.m. Worship service. SOS (Sisterhood of Service) is a small-group ministry at Fairmount of single women. Its purpose is to be helpful to its members, others in the congregation and to others in the community at large. The luncheon is open to women in Fairmount's congregation and any others wishing to fellowship with us. The speaker for this luncheon is Dr. Dines who will present a forum on various dementia diagnoses. RSVP to Dr. Doris Evans (<a href="mailto:turf4me@aol.com">turf4me@aol.com</a>) if you plan to attend.

#### 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, <u>ashburnlrc@gmail.com</u>, 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. at Horseshoe Lake Park in Shaker Heights (here at FPC when weather isn't great). 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. We will meet near the entrance/parking area on the east side of the park. Please bring a portable chair or blanket so we can sit under the big oaks. 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. If cost is a concern, we have a few complementary tickets available. Please let Christine know, cwinters@fpccle.org.