

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship with Communion in the Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. *The Way Back to Humanity* booklet discussion in Ganson Room
- 10:00 a.m. **Earth Stewards Meeting in Chilcote Room**
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship in the Sanctuary and Online**
- 12:15 p.m. **Joyful Noise rehearsal in the Choir Room**
- 3:30 p.m. **Heights Chamber Orchestra Concert in the Sanctuary**
- 5:00 p.m. **No Strangers Club**

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*. This afternoon Fairmount hosts the Heights Chamber Orchestra for a concert in our Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. From 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. you are invited to our first **No Strangers Club** of the program year.

What is No Strangers Club?

Come hang out at the least exclusive club in the world this Sunday evening. There are no outsiders here. Fairmount's **No Strangers Club** is returning this Sunday evening to create space for strangers to come together and find real human connection.

Here's what to expect:

Securely check your phone at the door and take a breather from the 24-hour news cycle and doom-scrolling. Enjoy soothing music in a sacred, low-stim space, with opportunities to connect with yourself and others through art and other flexible activities. Read and drink herbal tea, or 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.

Questions? Contact Kate Bouldin: kate@fpccle.org

Building Improvement Project - Ramp Repair

The Fairmount Presbyterian Church repair of the main ramp from the adjacent parking lot is progressing. The adjacent parking lot is fully open with normal traffic flow. The ramp, stairway and entrance to the Welcome Center will again be open on **Monday, October 13th (tomorrow!)**. In the meantime, continue to use the southeast door for entry to the church offices. In upcoming weeks, the ramp will be temporarily closed to install new railing and sealcoating. We will communicate these ramp closure dates as they approach. 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.

Congregational Meeting next Sunday, October 19th

Following the 11:00 a.m. worship, we will remain in the Sanctuary to elect Fairmount's 2026 Elders, Deacons, and Officers.

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

Music Ministries

Upcoming Community Concerts in the Fairmount sanctuary

- Sunday, October 12th at 3:30 p.m. – Heights Chamber Orchestra
- Thursday, October 16th at 7:30 p.m. – CityMusic Cleveland

Both of these concerts are pay what you can at the door.

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

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 12th, 19th, 26th, and November 9th, 16th, and 23rd in the Ganson Room at 10:00 a.m. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Lindsay: lindsayhl@fpccle.org. The booklet is available in Andersen Hall.

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 know your interest.



Interfaith Group Against Hate Book Discussions

You are welcome to join the IGAH for 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.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Looking for a peaceful start to your week? On the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, Diane Gent will be teaching a Gentle Flow Yoga class in Room 114. The hour-long class begins at 10:00 a.m. (arrive by 9:50 a.m.) Bring your own mat and yoga blocks. There is a \$15.00 fee per class. If you are interested, contact Diane at dmgent717@gmail.com.

Discovering the Spiritual Wisdom of Tress 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](#).



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 diagnosis. RSVP to Dr. Doris Evans (turf4me@aol.com) if you plan to attend.