

- 10:15 a.m. Intergenerational Pop Up Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Breaking Bread Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
- 12:15 p.m. Breaking Bread Community Meal in the Dining Room
- 12:30 p.m. Club 4/5
- 2:30 p.m. IGAH Book Discussion at Heights Christian Church

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. Breaking Bread also features an intergenerational Pop-Up Choir, where anyone is invited to arrive early, rehearse, and join the song for the day. This monthly tradition is a celebration of belonging: to God and to one another.

This Sunday we will be presenting Bibles to our 4th and 5th graders. As a part of Club 4/5, these tweens will be learning more about the Bible and life of faith, and we're excited to walk with them on this journey. Celebrating this milestone with our tweens is a part of how you can fulfill your baptismal vows to them!

The indoor Labyrinth will be available in the chapel today before and after worship.

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

Fairmount Ramp Replacement

Fairmount Presbyterian Church has begun an important building improvement: the replacement of the deteriorating ramp from the adjacent parking lot. We expect the construction and concrete curing to last through part of next week. Construction hours are 8:00 a.m. till about 4:00 p.m. weekdays. 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 southeast door, located next to the garage. This door is 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.

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

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?

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@fpccl.org. The booklet is available after worship today.

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@fpccl.org



Interfaith Group Against Hate Book Discussions

You are welcome to join the IGAH for upcoming book discussions. Books are available in area libraries, most in print and online, as well as in bookstores. The next book discussion is on Sunday, October 5th at 2:30 p.m. at Heights Christian Church in Shaker Heights. The book is *Snow in August* by Pete Hamel. 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.

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/>.

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 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) will begin on **Sunday, October 5th from 2:00 -3:00 p.m. and will continue weekly for six consecutive Sundays 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 discuss chapters 1 and 2 this Sunday, October 5th, and 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](#).

