

- 8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation *The Way Back to Humanity* devotional discussion in Ganson Room
- 10:15 a.m. Fairmount Choir Warm Up in Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
- 12:15 p.m. Joyful Noise Rehearsal in the Choir Room
- 12:15 p.m. Sisterhood of Service Planning Meeting in Chilcote Room
- 5:00 p.m FPC Youth: Sunday Sillies

Happening Today

Transgender Day of Remembrance (Nov 20th) is an annual observance that commemorates the lives of transgender people lost to violence, discrimination, and hate. Today the prelude, opening hymn, and the lighting of a candle honor the memories of those who have died.

Our church offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

With Grateful Hearts this Thanksgiving

As we gather in this season of Thanksgiving, we are deeply moved by the generosity of our Fairmount community. Your gifts make it possible for our church to offer vibrant ministries and missions for all ages – and for that, we give thanks. If you haven't yet made your 2026 commitment, we invite you to do so with the shared spirit of gratitude that sustains our ministry. Commitment cards are available in the pews and can be returned to the church office, or you may use the QR code to make your commitment online. Should you have any questions, please call our office at 216.321.5800. Thank you for helping Fairmount continue to grow, serve, and shine.



Music Ministries

Advent and Christmas at Fairmount

- ★ **Thursday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m. – CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra.** Pay at the door what you can. Music by Mozart, Haydn, and Stravinsky
- ★ **Saturday, December 6th at 7:30 pm--Noel, Noel by Les Delices.** This candlelit concert brings together beloved Christmas carols, French noels, German hymns, and festive Baroque music. Soprano Elena Mullins Bailey and an ensemble of recorder, violin, cello, and organ are sure to put you in the holiday spirit! The congregation can get 25% off tickets by entering code FPNOEL at checkout. Tickets and more information at <https://lesdelices.org/event/noel-heights-2/>
- ★ **The Intergenerational PopUp Choir** will sing for worship on Sunday, December 7th with rehearsal at 10:15 am. All ages and all stages of singers are welcome. Can we get 40 singers?
- ★ **Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m. – Candlelight Carols--A Concert with a Cause.** The performance is Free – consider bringing a non-perishable food item to stock our free food pantry. This performance features the Fairmount Choir, handbell ringers, flute choir, the Joyful Noise, brass quintet, percussion, and organ. This event is made possible by the Eleanor R Baird Music Fund.
- ★ **Dust off your instruments!** We are hoping to put together an Intergenerational Instrumental Ensemble (4th grade to age 100) to play a few Christmas Carols prior to the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Email me (Jim@fpccle.org) of your interest and to get music. There will be one rehearsal on Saturday, December 20th from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Advent at Fairmount

This year's advent bags will be located outside of room 114 beginning on Sunday Nov. 30th. Only 1 bag per family is needed, but feel free to share a bag with a friend or loved one you think might enjoy it!

Slow Advent Space (Room 114)

Slow down with self-guided activities including a book nook, puzzle corner, and artistic and other spiritual practices. Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & Weekdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at FPC.

Ecumenical Bible Study on Wednesday, December 10th

Special Advent discussion with Rev. Ryan Wallace and Rev. Dr. Napoleon Harris. Attend in person **12:00 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church** (8869 Cedar Ave.) and at **7:00 p.m.** on Zoom in the evening.

Breaking Bread and Nativity-Making on Sunday, December 7th at Noon

Join us for lunch and an all ages nativity making experience.

Blue Christmas

For those with grief of any kind, the joy of the holiday season can often feel out of reach. This service provides space for healing. Join us on **Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.** at **Church of the Redeemer** (2420 S. Taylor Rd.)

Ecumenical Advent Service

FPC is invited to an ecumenical Advent worship experience with several local congregations, including Shiloh Baptist Church. Join us on **Wednesday, December 17th, 6:00 p.m.** at **Antioch Baptist Church** (8869 Cedar Ave.)

Christmas Eve Worship

On December 24th, each service features candlelight and carols in our Sanctuary and online. **4:00 p.m.** Intergenerational & Children's Choir; **7:00 p.m.** Chamber Choir; **10:00 p.m.** Fairmount Choir and Bell Choir.

Christmas Poinsettia Dedications

Each Advent season, through your generous contributions in memory and in honor of loved ones, we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias for our Christmas Eve worship services. Any additional money raised from your contributions will be used to help cover the expense of worship flowers throughout 2026. The 2025 Poinsettia dedication form is open through **Wednesday, December 17th.** Scan the QR code to make your dedication



Fairmount Happenings

Volunteers Needed: No Strangers Club on Sunday, December 14th!

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. There will be cookies, cocoa, and holiday cheer! 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.



International Student Holiday Homestay Program

UPCaM is seeking families to host international students who remain in Cleveland over winter break (Dec. 18, 2025 – Jan. 8, 2026). Hosts provide a welcoming home, shared meals as able, and a sense of community during the holidays. To learn more or ask questions, contact Campus Minister Amanda Powell at amanda@upcam.org or 413-949-3366. Interested in hosting? Scan the QR code!



Fairmount's Little Food Pantry – Thanksgiving Donation Drive

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!

Caring For One Another: Support the North Church Ministry

Pastor Katherine Chilcote (North Church) has invited all the partner churches to support their Christmas gift outreach at the Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside Ave. E. and at a Women Shelter. How can You help? By providing items from her gift list of toiletries or give a check payable to Fairmount Church noting North Church Ministry on the memo line. **Toiletries Needed:** *body wash, soap, deodorant, body lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor, shaving cream and SOCKS and WINTER HATS.* Please place all items collected in boxes on stage in Andersen Hall before Sunday, November 30th.