

December 7, 2025 Announcements

Advent 2

- 10:15 a.m. Intergenerational Pop Up Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Breaking Bread Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
- 12:00 p.m. Breaking Bread Community Meal and Advent Activity in the Dining Room
- 12:00 p.m. Special Session Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Club 4/5

Fairmount Happenings

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and also our 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. Today our Breaking Bread community meal features an all ages Nativity Making experience.

This year's Advent bags are located outside of room 114. 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!

We invite you to visit our 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.

With Grateful Hearts this Season

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. As we enter this sacred season of Advent - a time of hope, anticipation, and renewal - we give thanks for your continued support and faithful presence. If you have yet to make your 2026 commitment, 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.



For those who wish to pay their 2025 pledge or prepay their 2026 pledge by the end of December, please note that the envelope must be received or postmarked no later than Wednesday, December 31, 2025. The 2025 contribution records will be closed December 31st.

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@fpccle.org.



Music Ministries

- ★ **Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m. – Candlelight Carols--A Concert with a Cause.** Free Concert featuring the Fairmount Choir, handbell ringers, flute choir, the Joyful Noise, brass quintet, percussion, and organ – consider bringing a non-perishable food item to stock our free food pantry. This event is made possible by the Eleanor R Baird Music Fund.
- ★ **Give yourself the gift of music--Join the J-Term Choir for the month of January.** Shower singers or seasoned singers aged high school--adult. One rehearsal on Saturday, January 10th from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to learn the music for the month. The J-Term Choir will sing on Sunday mornings at the 11:00 a.m. service. It's really that simple. Email Jim Riggs (jim@fpccle.org) to register.

Advent at Fairmount

Ecumenical Bible Study on Wednesday, December 10th

A 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.)
- Attend on Zoom at in the evening: Communal Prayer beginning at **6:30 p.m.**, Bible Study at **7:00 p.m.** Scan the QR code, or use the information below to enter the Zoom meeting.

Meeting ID: 123 218 024

Password: 004262

Dial in number 1-646-558-8656



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.



Supporting Our Community

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!



January North Church Lunch Service Opportunity

On January 4, 2026, FPC will be providing and serving a lunch at North Presbyterian Church after their worship service which is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. The church is located at 4515 Superior Avenue and provides assistance to homeless men who reside at the State of Ohio's largest men's shelter at 2100 Lakeside Avenue. In addition to the main course (ham) which has been donated, it is requested that the FPC congregation provide the various sides and desserts for fifty (50) people. Please consider preparing a side and/or a dessert and bringing it to FPC prior to January 4, 2026, 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions and/or comments, please contact the following: Jerry Parker, (216) 870-1131, jerryparker8@gmail.com, or Donna Sens, (251) 233-8687, dsgrandma3@gmail.com.