

December 14, 2025 Announcements

Advent 3

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Earth Stewards Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. Choir Warm Up in Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
- 3:00 p.m. Candlelight Carols Concert in Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. No Strangers Club

Fairmount Happenings

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. This afternoon we invite you to our **Candlelight Carols concert at 3:00 p.m.** This concert features 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.

At **4:00 p.m.** we invite you to our **No Strangers Club**. No Strangers Club is an interfaith, community-facing gathering for anyone who has a hunger for intentional, low-tech, meaningful connection. 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. There will be cookies, cocoa, and holiday cheer!

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.

Music Ministries

- ★ **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@fpccl.org) to register.

Share Christmas Joy with Our Homebound Members

Next Sunday, December 21st, you’re invited to help our Care Council deliver Christmas poinsettias to our homebound members and friends. Small poinsettias will be available in **Andersen Hall**, each with a corresponding delivery address and contact information. Would you consider delivering a plant to someone who lives near you? Your kindness will help our homebound friends feel loved and cherished this Christmas season.

Advent at Fairmount

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.

Sunday, December 28th - Online Worship Only at 11:00 a.m.

On Sunday, December 28th there will be no in person worship at Fairmount. Instead, we invite you take part in a contemplative service we will be posting online. This worship service will include scripture and music from our Advent season at Fairmount, as well as provide you with time and encouragement for reflection and prayer. Our **December 28th** worship will premiere at **11:00 a.m.** on our website, <https://www.fpccl.org/livestream/>, and on our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@fpccl>. To find our online worship on our website, visit www.fpccl.org, and look for the red worship livestream button in the upper right. Click that button.

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

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.

Thank You for Supporting our November Drives!

- The curators of the Little Free Pantry want to sincerely thank everyone who so graciously contributed food and personal items during the November food drive. Your generosity FILLED our storeroom once again and will allow us to help our community throughout the winter. Thank you!!
- The North Church December 6th gift bag assembly event was a huge success as Fairmount Church and partner churches gathered to fill 125+ bags of toiletries and clothing for the Men's and Women's Shelters. A big Thank You to the Fairmount community for making a difference in this North Church mission. Your willingness to help a stranger is greatly appreciated.