

## Sunday, March 15th

8:30am Worship in the Chapel with Communion  
9:30am FPC Youth: Jr. High Group,  
10:15 am FPC Choir rehearsal in Sanctuary  
11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and online  
12:15pm Joyful Noise rehearsal  
3:00pm Spirituality in Nature Walk at Lower Shaker Lake

### Fairmount Music Ministries

**Music Notes:** As we continue to celebrate Women's Month, today we hear two pieces by female composers. Jeanne Shaffer (1925-2007) was an active member of the International Alliance for Women in Music. For ten years she produced and hosted a weekly radio program on women composers. A Professor of Music, she was also an organist and choir director. Susan LaBarr (b 1981) is a composer and choral editor living and working in Springfield, Missouri. She credits noted American composer, Alice Parker for giving her the knowledge and musical vocabulary that is central to her composing. Her arrangement of "Gather at the River" uses two familiar hymns, "It is Well with My Soul" and "Shall We Gather at the River."

**Rush Hour Concert,** Tuesday, March 17th at 5:30pm. with Andrea Walker and Mikhail Grazhdanov in a program entitled, "The Bachs & Mendelssohns: Family Matters." This series is made possible by Peter and Sabrina Vanden Broeck as well as contributions from the congregation at Fairmount. Give your mind, body, and soul a 50-minute rest and be renewed for the remainder of the week.

### Fairmount Happenings

#### **Lenten Prayer Station**

During this Lenten season we encourage you to take a few moments to pray at our community prayer station in Andersen Hall. You might write your prayers, or pray while coloring. You can also pray for the churches we are partnering with in Lent: Christ Episcopal, First Baptist, Shiloh Baptist, and St. Mark's Presbyterian. There is a special light at the prayer table. As you pray, tap the top of the light and watch as the color changes. Each church has a light like this one, each with a unique color. If you see the color change, you will know that another congregation is praying for you! We hope you will stop by each time you are at church to add to our mosaic of prayer.

#### **Wednesdays in Lent - Rise Up: The Power of the Beloved Community**

Wednesday evenings in Lent, we will gather at one of our partner churches (see schedule below). The first half of our gatherings will be worship, teaching, and prayer-centered on biblical texts that speak to the power of God's people to build the Beloved Community, even when the "powers that be" have other ideas. During the second half of the evening, we'll sit at tables with people from our different congregations to enjoy a meal and fellowship. All are welcome!

- Wednesday, March 18th: The Power of the People at Christ Episcopal Church
- Wednesday, March 25th: The Power of Protest at Shiloh Baptist Church

#### **The Spirituals Project**

Today Fairmount is launching a social justice initiative of reparations to our enslaved siblings. Historically, Negro Spirituals were orally passed through the generations. Since that time countless composers/arrangers have taken these pieces to create their own arrangements which have been sold to churches, schools, and community organizations. These arrangers receive royalties from every copy of music sold. Since there were no copyrights on these original spirituals, the arrangers collect the royalties in full. The Spirituals Project aims to increase awareness about this music that is an important part of our American heritage. We will collect funds each quarter as a reparation, and will share those funds to local organizations supporting black musicians.

For the next quarter (now through June), funds collected will go to the A. Grace Lee Mims Fund held within the Cleveland Foundation which supports graduate students pursuing a degree in voice with a concentration on preserving the Negro Spiritual. A. Grace Lee Mims served as soprano soloist at Fairmount for twenty years and hosted the program “Black Arts” for forty-three years on WCLV. Frederick Taylor, Music Director at Shiloh Baptist, was one of A. Grace Mims’ voice students, and the current section leader at Shiloh, Matthew Jones, was a scholarship recipient in 2021.

If you are interested in participating in this project, scan the code below to make a donation. Or, you can make a check payable to Fairmount Presbyterian Church. Be sure to include Spiritual Project in the memo. You can also donate through your online Realm account by selecting the fund, Spirituals Project. A display in the hallway outside the sanctuary will contain information about each quarter as to how many spirituals have been sung/played, the selected organization, and the amount of money raised.



### **Holy Week Worship Schedule:**

- April 2nd: Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm worship at Fairmount Presbyterian Church
- April 3rd: Good Friday - 12:00pm-3:00pm Worship at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church with Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis preaching, Rev. Ryan Wallace, liturgist
- April 5th: Easter Sunday at Fairmount Presbyterian Church - 9:00am and 11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and online; 10:15am Easter Egg Hunt

### **3rd Annual Silent Saturday Retreat Returns on March 28th!**

Silent Saturday is a one-day silent retreat offering gentle yoga, a sound bath, guided meditation, arts and crafts, and more. Join us on Saturday, March 28th, for a 12 hour restorative and reflective day at Fairmount. Our bodies need deep rest – this day is an invitation to ease built-up stress and slow down with silent practices that gently support both newcomers and experienced retreatants. Silent Saturday is open and welcoming to people of all faiths, those who are deconstructing, spiritual-but-not-religious, or simply seeking peace and quiet. Cost is \$45-\$75 sliding scale, which includes three meals – consider inviting a tired friend to join you! Learn more and register by scanning the QR code.



### **Sunday, March 22nd Bake Sale: Help Support the Fairmount Cooperative Preschool!**

On Sunday, March 22nd, the Fairmount Preschool will be in Andersen Hall selling delicious baked goods during the coffee hours. Enjoy some sweet treats and support Fairmount’s Cooperative Preschool.

### **Help Us Fill Easter Eggs!**

In preparation for our children’s Easter Egg Hunt on April 5th at 10:15am, we are looking for folks to help fill the eggs! Stop by the Andersen Hall stage to pick up a bag of plastic eggs, and a list of items to fill them with. Please return the filled eggs by Sunday, March 22nd. Questions? Contact Pastor Lindsay at [lindsayhl@fpccle.org](mailto:lindsayhl@fpccle.org).

### **Easter Sunday Flower Dedications**

This Lenten season, through your contributions in memory and in honor of loved ones, we decorate the sanctuary with Easter flowers and lilies for our Easter Sunday worship services on Sunday, April 5, 2026. Any additional money raised from your memorial contributions will go towards Fairmount's flower fund. To make an Easter flower dedication, scan the pink QR code. You may also email your dedication to Christine Winters at [cwinters@fpccle.org](mailto:cwinters@fpccle.org). We ask that you kindly donate \$10 per dedication. The Easter Flower Dedication Deadline is Sunday, March 29, 2026.



### **Easter at North Presbyterian Church**

We invite you to join us for a meaningful celebration of Easter at North Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 5th at 11:00 am worship. After worship, we are grateful for the opportunity to provide a wonderful Easter Lunch for our friends from the Men and Women Shelters nearby. There are 3 ways to participate: Provide food, serve the Easter meal on site, or both provide food and serve.

Easter Lunch Menu for 60 guests: Ham, macaroni, green beans, slaw, dyed Easter eggs, rolls, cake, small chocolate Easter eggs, ice tea and water

The Easter season calls us not only for inward reflection, but also to love our neighbors especially those who are marginalized or forgotten. If you are interested in volunteering in anyway, please contact Jerry Parker or Donna Sens. Thank you for your consideration.

### **March 24th William Birkett Williams Lecture Committee**

On Tuesday, March 24th, the William Birkett Williams Committee welcomes Dr. Peter Koritansky, Director of the Center for Civics, Culture and Society at Cleveland State University. This lecture will address the questions:

*Why is a re-commitment to the study of American Civics in higher education necessary right now? How should university students learn about American civics (as opposed those in K-12)? What are the primary cultural challenges to teaching civics in today's universities, and how can they be overcome? How, specifically, do we at the CSU Center for Civics, Culture, and Society plan to confront the challenges of teaching American civics in the coming years?*

5:00pm reception, 5:30pm lecture. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/4bbH0It>

### **Book Study: "Discovering the Spiritual Wisdom of Trees"**

**by Beth Norcross and Leah Rampy**

*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.* The book discussions will take place weekly at Fairmount Presbyterian Church (and virtually on Zoom): Monday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 pm on April 13, 20, 27, and May 4, 11, and 18. To get the most from this experience, participants are asked to attend at least 3 of the 6 sessions. RSVP by April 6<sup>th</sup> via this google form: <https://bit.ly/FPCtrees> Books will be available to purchase from FPC (supporting a local bookstore) and are also available to purchase online from [Broadleaf Books](#) and Amazon. On Wednesday, May 13th Fairmount Presbyterian will welcome author Leah Rampy as the William Birkett Williams lecturer.

### **Spirituality in Nature Lenten Walk:**

**Sunday, March 15th from 2:30pm-500pm** at Lower Shaker Lake. Please join Nikie Monah and Alycia Ashburn as we explore the Holy in all of God's Creation. Meet at the bridge on the west end of Lower Shaker Lake. Parking available on Brook Rd. from both North Park and South Park Blvds. Please dress for the weather, wear comfy shoes, and bring anything you would like to use for reflection (journal, camera, art supplies). Best suited for adults and older kids/teens. RSVP to [ashburnlrc@gmail.com](mailto:ashburnlrc@gmail.com).