FAIRMOUNT



COME to the TABLE

live into communion

Sunday, October 25th, 2026

A Seat at the Table

11:00 A.M.

▲ *The congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit*

Prelude In Quiet Mood Florence Price

Statio *Our "Holy Pause," is a period of silent centering, gathering as one body with one spirit.*

▲ ***Call to Worship***

Come to the Table. There's a seat waiting for you.

We come from north and south, from east and west;
we come to receive a gift we didn't earn.

At this Table, we belong to one another.

We offer our gifts and receive what others have to give.

Here, difference isn't a challenge to overcome.

At this Table, difference becomes communion.

So, come to the Table!

Let's live into communion.

▲ ***Hymn 712*** As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FOREST GREEN

Welcome

Prayer of Lament and Confession

God of abundance, you have given each of us something to bring to the Table. Yet too often, we hold back what we have, afraid there won't be enough left for us.

Forgive us for holding back our gifts out of fear,
or believing they're too small to matter.

We insist on providing for ourselves, refusing the generosity of others and forgetting how much we need one another.

Forgive us for mistaking self-sufficiency for strength, and refusing the gifts our neighbors have to offer.

Together, we've created a world where abundance is hoarded, resources are guarded, and too many go hungry while others have more than enough.

Forgive us for creating scarcity where there could be communion.

Open our hands to give what we can and receive what we need. Teach us to trust that when we share what we have, something greater becomes possible.

Remind us that we belong to one another,
and that there is a seat at the Table for everyone.

Kyrie 764 For the Troubles and the Sufferings PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO

▲ ***Assurance of Grace and Passing of the Peace***

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Prayer for Illumination Listen to the Word CANADIAN

Listen to the word that God has spoken;
Listen to the One who is close at hand;
Listen to the voice that began creation;
Listen even if you don't understand.

First Scripture Reading John 6:1-14

Time for Young Disciples

Anthem Grieve Not The Holy Spirit of God T. Tertius Noble

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed, unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen. (Ephesians 4: 30-32)

Second Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 8:8–15

Sermon A Seat at the Table: What Can I Bring?

▲ ***Hymn 460*** Break Thou the Bread of Life BREAD OF LIFE

Moment for Mission Catherine Miller

Call to Generosity

Offertory Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring J.S. Bach
arr. Richard E. Thurston

▲ ***Doxology 609 and Prayer of Dedication***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

▲ ***Hymn 69*** Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM
Stanzas 1 and 3 only

▲ ***Charge and Blessing***

Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers

The Sanctuary flowers are given in memory of all those we love who have gone before us by Pamela MacWilliams

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CHAPTERS at a GLANCE

Chapter 1: Setting the Table	September 13 - September 27
Chapter 2: A Seat at the Table	**October 4 - October 25**
Chapter 3: Table for One	November 1- November 22
Chapter 4: This is My Body	November 29 - December 20
Chapter 5: Turning the Table	January 10 - February 7
Chapter 6: Table Manners	February 14 - March 21
Chapter 7: We Need a Bigger Table	April 4 - May 9

Participating in Worship:
Rev. Ryan Wallace, Pastor
Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Pastor
Jim Riggs, Director of Music Ministries
Rev. Andrew Genszler, Pastor
Dr. Tyler Young, Director of Media
Lisa Nester, Transitional Educator
Kate McFadden, Director of Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation
The Fairmount Choir, Jake Sonnenberg, soloist
Jackson Naglick, Organ Scholar
Fairmount Flute Choir, Susan Wherley, director

Sunday, October 25, 2026
8:30am Worship in the Chapel
9:00am Fairmount Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Undercroft
11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
12:00pm Congregational Meeting to Elect Leadership
12:15pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal in Undercroft

This morning: Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers
Your 2026 Nominating Committee (co-chaired by Elders Peg Zitzner and Susan Wherley) has been hard at work these past few months discerning candidates for Elder, Deacon, Endowment Trustee, and At-Large Nominating Committee members, who will begin terms on January 1, 2027. There are paper copies of the full slate on nominees for each office with photos and bios on the table leading into Sanctuary from Andersen Hall.

This Afternoon, Turn Up the Vote!
From 1:00pm to 4:00pm today at Playhouse Square Plaza, you're invited to a free community celebration of our right to vote. This experience includes live DJs (including a line dance set), corn hole, a giant Connect Four game, and watching the Cleveland Browns take on the Tennessee Titans on the big screen. We're going to have a community vision board on which we'll ask people what they want for their neighborhoods and why showing up at the polls is how we get there. We're also going to have resources for people to make plans to vote: early voting info, Election Day details, and answers to their questions. Everyone is welcome, and we are not supporting or opposing any candidate, party, or ballot issue. Partners are Beloved Cleveland, Buckeye Veterans Coalition, and Project HALO.

November 1st - All Saints Breaking Bread POTLUCK Meal
We hope you will join us for a potluck meal after the 11:00am service on Sunday, November 1st. In order to help us celebrate the saints who have gone before you, you are invited to bring a favorite recipe of someone in your life who has been important to you - perhaps your mother's famous mashed potatoes, or maybe your Aunt Millie's pumpkin pie! We're working on a new Fairmount recipe book, and would love to add the recipe, so make sure to bring the recipe along or email it to pastor Lindsay (lindsay@fpccle.org). We can't wait to share all these delicious dishes!

We want to see YOUR table!
As we begin this next chapter in this year's series, we need your help. Please email or bring pictures of your table to Pastor Lindsay (lindsay@fpccle.org). That might be a beautifully spread Christmas dinner table, or your dining room table covered in art supplies and yesterday's water glasses! Maybe it's a picnic table you often sit at, or your kitchen table, or maybe your table at your favorite restaurant. We want them all! We will be creating a display in the welcome center and want to make sure your table is a part of it!

<u>Music Ministries</u>

Our next **Rush Hour Concert** is on **Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30pm** with the Cleveland Winds, Birch Browning, conductor.

The Intergenerational PopUp Choir will sing for worship next **Sunday, November 1st** with rehearsal at **10:15am** in the sanctuary. All ages and stages are welcome and expected. It is helpful, but not necessary to email Jim Riggs (Jim@fpccle.org) of your intention to sing.

Community Sing ("It's yoga for the voice") on **Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00pm** at **Plymouth Church, UCC, Shaker Heights**. Step away from this noisy world into a peaceful setting to sing, to reflect, and to be renewed. This 50-minute gathering will be led by music colleagues Jim Riggs and the Rev. Dillon Shipman.

Spirituals Project 4th Quarter Update
To date we have raised $4,700.00 for three organizations that support black musicians in The Arts. For the fourth quarter your donations will support The Cleveland School of the Arts, the region's only comprehensive performing and visual and creative arts public high school. The bulletin board outside the sanctuary contains complete details about this ongoing project. Scan the QR code to make a donation.

Fairmount Happenings

Scareborough! Saturday, October 31st
Stop by Fairmount for candy and cider on Halloween, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, and take in the spooky sights on Scareborough - the most festively decorated street in Cleveland Heights! Come for an evening of safe trick-or-treating. Costumes encouraged and all are welcome!

Explore Fairmount
Are you interested in learning more about Fairmount and what being a "member" really means? Join us for a **no-obligation conversation** on Sunday, November 1st, after worship. **We promise there won't be a time-share presentation.** Scan the QR code to learn more and let us know you are interested.

Fairmount's Little Food Pantry – Thanksgiving Donation Drive
Fairmount's Little Food Pantry continues to serve many families in our community and we need YOUR help! During this season of Thanksgiving, let's come together and live into communion to support our community through donations to our Little Food Pantry. 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 donation items include: c**ereal, boxed milk, canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, jelly, soups, shampoo, deodorant, and diapers.

Your kindness and generosity help make a real difference. Thank you for your continued support!

A Message to Fairmount from the Juvenile Justice Center
Judge Anne C. McDonough sends you her warmest thanks for all of the gently used clothing, shoes and children's & teen books you have given to the Community Closet. Donations of these are always welcome. Other items such as bedding, toys or adult books are **not needed**. She appreciates you! For more info. contact Mary Giffin at marygffin@att.net

Support the Cleveland Ronald McDonald House
The Sisterhood of Service Fellowship (SOS) is sponsoring an ongoing collection of pull tabs from soda pop, soup, pet food and other canned goods. The Cleveland Ronald McDonald House staff works with a local recycler to turn those tabs into money. The money from the recycled pull tabs goes into their Family Fund, which gives families staying at the Ronald McDonald House special moments of normalcy and joy, such as birthday gifts, trips to the hair salon and anniversary dinners. Specially marked containers will be placed in in the main office and the kitchen counter for the collection of these tabs. An SOS member will deliver the collected pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House.

Community Events

The Next Spirituality in Nature Walk
Please join Nikie Monah and Alycia Ashburn at Lower Shaker Lake on Saturday, November 14th, at 9:30am as we explore nature and Spirit in late autumn. Dress for the weather. We will meet by the bridge at the west end of the lake. Please RSVP to ashburnlrc@gmail.com

Save the Date! Reducing Costs and Pollution: Moving to Solar and Minimizing Electricity Usage
Sunday, November 15th , 1:30pm to 3:30pm at Fairmount
The Earth Stewards will hold a discussion about solar panel installations throughout Northeast Ohio. Mike Foley, Administrator of Cuyahoga County Green Energy, will share his extensive experience with solar panels and micro-grids throughout the region. Others from Cleveland Owns, Fairmount, and St. Dominic's will also discuss their solar panel installation projects. Fairmount will present their 15-year project to reduce electricity use, costs, and carbon emissions. Join us for an afternoon to learn about the progress being made in Northeast Ohio around environmental and economic stewardship.