



Fairview Reformed Presbyterian Church

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December 5, 2021

Worship Service to God of History

Communion Preparatory Service

This morning we prepare for the taking of the Lord's Supper this evening.

CALL TO WORSHIP – Zechariah 9:9

*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

*SONGS OF WORSHIP *“Jesus Messiah”*
“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
(words on next page)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

ADVENT CANDLES: “FORETOLD – THE PROPHECIES OF JESUS’ BIRTH”

CANDLE 1: **BLOODLINE** CANDLE (LINE OF JUDAH)

Lighting of the Candle

Readings: Genesis 49:10. Hebrews 7:14

Confession of Faith Westminster Confession 7.5

“This covenant [of grace] was differently administered in the time of the law, and in the time of the Gospel: under the law it was administered by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the paschal lamb, and other types and ordinances delivered to the people of the Jews, all foreshadowing Christ to come; ... to instruct and build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah, by whom they had full remission of sins, and eternal salvation; and is called the Old Testament.”

*HYMN OF WORSHIP No. 209
“O Zion, Acclaim Your Redeemer”
(words on next page)

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

***SCRIPTURE** **Genesis 49 (p.53)**

**PRAYER

MESSAGE **A Broken Family and a Covenant God**

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE *“He Will Hold Me Fast”*
(words on next page)

BENEDICTION

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

**CHILDREN AGES 4 THRU 1ST GRADE

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE

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“Jesus Christ for West Beaver County.”

Songs and Words for Worship

Jesus Messiah

1. He became sin Who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

Chorus *Jesus Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

2. His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled,
and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing. **Chorus**

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You,
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.

*Jesus Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all
The Lord of all, The Lord of all.*

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art:
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

O Zion Acclaim Your Redeemer

1. O Zion acclaim your Redeemer!
Jerusalem welcome your King!
Strew palms on the way to the Savior
His praises exultantly sing.

Chorus – Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice in your Savior and King!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Acclaim Him your Savior and King!

2. He comes from the joys of the ages
He leaves His dominion sublime
From glory to Bethlehem's manger
He comes in the fullness of time. **Chorus**

3. He comes as a ransom most holy
He dies on the cross for the world
Redemption from sin is accomplished
His banner of light is unfurled. **Chorus**

4. He comes from the tomb as a victor
The shadows of death clear away
The slumbering saints are awakened
Aroused from their sleep in the clay. **Chorus**

5. He comes to the sorrowing spirit
And life is renewed by His hand
He comes to establish a kingdom
That shall thru eternity stand. **Chorus**

He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast.

Chorus: *He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast.*

2. Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast;
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast. **Chorus**

3. For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice had been satisfied
He will hold me fast;
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast;
Till our faith is turned to sight
when He comes at last. **Chorus 2X**

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome

Visitors, welcome to worship. We hope you encounter the living God here and a company of new friends. Feel free to contact Pastor Jeff with any questions about faith, Christ, or our church. pastorjeff@fairviewpca.org.

- **Nursery is available** (in the nursery). Call JoAnna with any questions. 724-601-7153.
- **Children's Worship**, led by Amber Harteis & Helper Hannah Oosting
- **Children's Activity Bags** – are available on the rack in the vestibule.

The Lord's Day

9:30am – Sunday School

Sunday School opening at 9:30am in the sanctuary. We provide Sunday school for all ages.

Kids and Youth Classes

Nursery: Ages 0-2 –Coordinator – LL 201 JoAnna Zehnder

Toddlers thru Pre-K: Room LL 203 Ms. Marie, Ms. Diane & Ms. Marci

K thru 2nd: Room LL310 Ms. Kara & Ms. Becky

3rd thru 5th: Room LL 204 Mr. & Mrs. Masters

6th thru 9th: Library downstairs - Mr. & Mrs. Billheimer

10th thru 12th: Youth Room- Mr. & Mrs. Oosting

Adult Classes

Jeff Lyden – “*The Book of Galatians*” – Kitchen

John Gallo – “*Live Not By Lies*” – Fellowship Hall

Pastor Ric – “*Advent the Redemptive Story*” -

Sunday Worship

Morning Preparatory Worship 10:45am – Advent begins! Our advent series this year is called “Foretold,” There are so many prophecies just of Jesus’ birth, that this series will look at their fulfillment in Matthew 1-3. It is also a service to prepare for evening Lord’s Supper.

The morning sermon will wrap up our series on Genesis and one of the book’s greatest themes with Genesis 49, called “*A Broken Family and a Covenant God*.” Hear Jacob’s words over his 12 sons. Consider the wonder that God uses such sinners as they ... and you!

6pm Evening Communion Worship – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel!” This is our only evening administration of the Lord’s Supper every year. We meet to take the Lord’s Supper. We will repeat the advent theme. And the message will be on *Jesus’ Family Tree* in Matthew 1:1-17: a little-used powerful text packed with relevant meaning on the incredible grace of God.

This Week

Monday 10am Bowling – All welcome to join us at Calcutta Lanes.

7pm Session Meeting

Wednesday 10am Ladies Bible Study - The Study will be “Gentle and Lowly,” by PCA pastor, Dr. Dane Ortlund. We will be doing chapters 19, 20 & 21. Babysitting available. DeeDee Raines & Marie Fowler co-lead.

6:30pm–8pm – Covenant Kids – Children, ages 4 years through 5th grade, are welcome to gather on Wednesday nights.

6:30pm–8:30pm – The Rock meets for Games, Worship, Bible Study on “Different.” A video series how we are called to live differently when we follow Christ, and a snack.

6:30pm Evening Prayer – Prayer & Tenacity will be our study in Mark 10:46-52. When faith ceases to pray it ceases to live. Studying and praying together refreshes our tenacity in praying.

Thursday Noon Young In Heart (ages 50 & up) will meet at the home of Melvin & Jean Rowley 219 Pleasantview Drive, Ohioville, for a Christmas Dinner. The meat (turkey & ham) will be provided along with the refreshments. Please RSVP by Tuesday, Dec. 7th to the Rowley’s. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Saturday 5pm Christmas Dinner & Entertainment - Dinner will be served at 5:00pm. Those who signed up for the turkeys & stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy (from the thanksgiving dinner) please bring them. Everyone else bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Next Sunday

9:30am Sunday School – First we meet in the Sanctuary and then head to your class. There are classes for all ages.

10:45am Advent Worship Service – We meet to reflect on the second of 5 birth prophecies: Jesus’ Birth itself, and the miracle of a virgin birth. The sermon will be on Matthew 1:18-25.

6pm Small Groups

Small Groups 1 & 2 (Ohioville) Host: Paul & Marie Fowler & Diane Justice - At the church

Leaders: Elders Giles te Velde or Scott Shepler

Small Group 3 (Chippewa) Pastor Ric & Dee Dee’s 220 Hickory Dr. Chippewa. 15010.

Leader: Ethan Masters.

6pm Jesus Discovery Group – at the Zehnders’ house Who is Jesus? The 6th of 7 lessons.

Congregational Announcements

Adult Sunday School Class – Advent, The Redemptive Story Starting on December 19th, we will be studying the Advent of Jesus. We will be studying the scriptures that tell us of Christ's coming to earth. Also, we will discuss some of the issues that surround the celebration of Christmas. Our purpose is to know more about the birth of Jesus Christ and to grow our faith in the full and complete salvation that God has provided for us.

Angel Tree – The Fairview Missions Committee invites you to bless others this Christmas season by participating in our Angel Tree Project. We help children and their caregivers who live in the Midland area whose loved one is incarcerated. Sunday, December 5th pick up an angel and you will read about their need. Purchase a toy and clothing item listed on the card for the child and purchase a personal hygiene item for the caregiver. All gifts must be wrapped and placed under the tree by December 19th. If you'd like the blessing of delivering the gifts to families in our area on December 19th, please notify Missions Committee.

Church Christmas Cards – Connect with your church family by writing and giving each other Christmas cards. There is a Church Family List of all members and attenders of Fairview. Drop your cards in our supersized Christmas mailbox in the vestibule and our youth will happily deliver them! (Please report any corrections or changes to the church office!)

The Rock Christmas Party – Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 6:30pm The youth will have a fun filled evening, bring a white elephant gift (no more than \$5), games, snacks and lots of fellowship.

Covenant Kids Christmas Party – Wed., Dec. 22nd, 6:30pm. The Covenant Kids 4yrs. old -5th grade – are invited to come and celebrate Jesus' Birthday! We will read the Christmas Story, sing Christmas songs, play games that teach the true meaning of Christmas and eat a snack that shares the Christmas story of God's love to us. Come on out and let's celebrate the birth of our Savior together.

Youth Big Event – Wednesday, December 29th Ice Skating at PPG Place in Pittsburgh. Meet at the church at 1pm & will return around 7pm. Cost: TBA – Bring money for snacks (cookies, hot chocolate, pretzels etc.) if desired. Bring money for dinner on the way home at the Robinson Mall Food Court.

Christmas Carol Sing – Come and chose your favorite Christmas carol to sing at a special Sunday evening service on December 19th. Christmas carols have some great theology about the birth of Jesus Christ and the messages are a great comfort about the love and presence of God with us. Children, youth and adults are welcome to choose a Christmas carol from the hymnal for us all to sing.

Snow Camp Registrations – The theme this year is "Into the Jungle". Snow Camp is February 4-6th 2022. Registration deadlines Regular Registration - \$120 Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2021; Late Registration - \$140 Jan 1-16, 2022; January 17 the last day to sign up! Camp will be held at Seneca Hills Bible Camp.

<https://ascension.breezechms.com/form/snowcamp2022?>

Table Talk Devotional – The December issue is in the vestibule on the missions table.

Worship Helpers

Worship Leader.....**Mark Oosting**
Audio-visual**Josh Sullivan & Brad Billheimer**
Musicians.....**Linda D'Angelo, Kara Masters**
Vocalist.....**Lindsey Hollabaugh**
Children's Worship.....**Amber Harteis & Hannah Oosting**
Nursery.....**Melissa D'Angelo & Laura Masters**
Ushers.....**Giles te Velde, Brad Billheimer**
Gideon te Velde & Josiah te Velde

Next Week's Helpers

Worship Leader.....**Scott Shepler**
Audio-visual**Brad Billheimer & Mark Oosting**
Musicians.....**Linda D'Angelo, Josh Sullivan**
Emily McComas
Vocalist.....**Rosh Raines**
Nursery.....**JoAnna & Ayla Zehnder**
Ushers.....**Ed Shaffer, Stephen Hapach**
Harry Hopkins & Chase Thoman



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Sermon Notes

Genesis 49 – *“A Broken Family and a Covenant God”*