



Fairview Reformed Presbyterian Church

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December 12, 2021

Worship Service to the God-Man, Jesus Christ

For Meditation:

*"[Christ] was born of a virgin, that we might be born of God.
He took our flesh, that He might give us His Spirit.
He lay in the manger, that we might lie in paradise.
He came down from heaven, that He might bring us to heaven.
And what was all this but love? If our hearts be not rocks, this love of Christ should
affect us. Behold love that surpasses knowledge (Eph. 3:19)!"*
~ Thomas Watson, 1600s

MOMENT OF PERSONAL MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP – Matthew 19:14

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."*

*SONGS OF WORSHIP *"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery!"*
"Away in a Manger" (No.186)
(words on next page)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

ADVENT CANDLES: "FORETOLD – THE PROPHECIES OF JESUS' BIRTH"

CANDLE 2: **BIRTH** CANDLE (THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS)

Lighting of the Candle

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:14

New Testament Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Who is Jesus?

Confession of Faith Westminster Confession 8:2
*"The Son of God ... [was] conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the
womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and
distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined
together in one person, without conversion, composition, or
confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only
Mediator between God and man."*

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAISES & REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF WORSHIP *"Meekness and Majesty"*
(words on next page)

**PRAYER OF BLESSING OVER OUR COVENANT CHILDREN
AND PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT

MESSAGE **Miracle Baby**

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE *"O Holy Night"*
(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

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry

In the dawning of the King,
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity,
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come,
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us.

2. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry

He the perfect Son of Man,
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin,
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand.

3. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry

Christ the Lord upon the tree,
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory,
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold.

4. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry

Slain by death the God of life,
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive,
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope,
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes.

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Away in a Manger (186)

1. Away in a manger, No crib for a bed,

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, The baby awakes,

But the little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus! I ask Thee to stay

Close by me forever, and love me I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Meekness and Majesty

1. Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity,

In perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity;
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

**Chorus - O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty,
bow down and worship
for this is your God.**

2. Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence;

yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice;
and as they crucify prays, "Father forgive". **Chorus**

3. Wisdom unsearchable, God, the invisible;

Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly;
Lifts our humanity to the height of His throne. **Chorus**

O Holy Night

1. O holy night the stars are brightly shining,

It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and darkness pining.
Till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A Thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!
Oh night divine, Oh night when Christ was born!
Oh night divine Oh night Oh night divine!

2. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,

With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend!
He knows our need to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!

3. Truly He taught us to love one another,

His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy Name!
Christ is the Lord! Oh praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
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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*” – Dec. 19th

Sunday Worship

Morning Advent Worship 10:45am – We meet to reflect on the second of 5 birth prophecies: Jesus' Birth itself, and the miracle of a virgin birth. When the normal science of things is disrupted, we have a decision to make: Fiction, or Fact?

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
Why did Jesus come? The 6th of 7 lessons.

This Week

Monday

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

7pm Deacons Meeting

Tuesday

6-8pm Fairview Food Pantry – Will be open. If you or anyone that you know is in need of help please contact Angel Shepler.

Wednesday

10am Ladies Bible Study - The Study will be “Gentle and Lowly,” by PCA pastor, Dr. Dane Ortlund. We will be doing chapters 22 & 23. Babysitting available. DeeDee Raines will be leading.

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

6:30pm–8:30pm – The Rock Christmas Party The youth will have a fun filled evening, bring a white elephant gift (no more than \$5), games, snacks and lots of fellowship.

6:30pm – 7:30pm Evening Prayer – Prayer and Holiness – Jesus teaches us to pray, “*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*” Matthew 6:13. Jesus saves us from sin. Prayer helps us to stop sinning and live more holy lives. “Get men to pray and they will stop sinning.” Everyone is invited to a time of study and prayer.

Thursday

6:30pm – 8:30pm Young Adult Christmas Dinner – Ethan Masters & Josh Sullivan will be making dinner for everyone. Please sign-up in the vestibule or text Kara Masters at 907-690-3428. Bring a \$5 gift for the white elephant gift exchange – can be normal or funny. Come out for an enjoyable evening with friends.

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 third of 5 birth prophecies: Jesus' Birthplace. The sermon is “*Little Bethlehem – Big Prophecy*” Is the Bible the Word of God? Is there a god? Matthew 2:1-12 is about God caring about a little place and changing the world. Invite your family and friends to worship this amazing God.

6pm Evening Worship - Christmas Carol Sing – Come chose your favorite Christmas carols to sing. The Christmas carols teach great theology and the wonderful true story of Christ's birth. Let us worship and adore our Savior and King.

Congregational Announcements

Sympathy – The members and friends of Fairview Church send their deepest sympathy to Sharon Brooks and family in the passing of her niece Donna Roman on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Please keep Sharon and the family in prayer.

Treasurers - All church treasurers are asked to turn in their books and reports to the church office by Wednesday, January 5, 2022. The Auditors will go over the treasurer books and give a report to the Deacons by the end of the month. We want to thank the treasurers, auditors and Deacons for their faithful work.

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 Great News – Wow, all the angel tree gifts have been gobbled up within a week! Remember that all gifts must be wrapped and placed under the tree by December 19th. Please consider the joy of helping deliver the gifts to families in our area on December 19th. Notify Edie or the 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!)

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 Eve Candlelight Service - Friday, December 24th at 7pm The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is a simple but elegant reminder that in this dark world, a great light shines. Jesus is the Light of the world. We will also light a remembrance candle in memory of family members whose light now shines in heaven. An offering will be received this evening to go to retired ministers, missionaries and widows. We will live stream the service.

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?>

Worship Helpers

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

Next Week's Helpers

Worship Leader..... **Pastor Jeff**
Audio-visual**Mark Oosting & Gideon te Velde**
Musician.....**Linda D'Angelo**
Vocalist.....**Rachel Sullivan**
Nursery.....**Charity & Esther te Velde**
Ushers.....**Tim Shepler, John Shepler**
Daniel Shepler & Jacob Shepler



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Sermon Notes

Matthew 1:18-25 – “Miracle Baby”