

Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church

Our Vision Statement

*To be a joyful, welcoming community
igniting hearts and minds for God's work.*

a Reconciling Congregation

November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday

10:30am

**Welcome to worship at Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church!
We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today.**

- *Masks are welcome, but no longer required.*
- Our service will be live-streamed. If you are concerned about your image on the livestream, the greeters can assist in finding a place to sit where you will not be visible by the camera.
- We want to pray with you. Feel free to complete a prayer card located in the pew in front of you and place into the offering plate when passed, or give to an usher.
- HEARING AIDS AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS are available for those who prefer. Our ushers are happy to assist you.
- Nursery care is available for children ages 5 and under. The nursery is located off of the Wesley Room, west of the sanctuary. Our ushers are happy to assist you.

PRELUDE

Prelude on Rhosymedre

R. Vaughan Williams

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

All Thy Works Shall Praise Thee

James Rogers

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints shall bless thee.

*PRAYER OF INVITATION †

Almighty and everlasting God,

it is your will to restore all things to Christ,

whom you have anointed priest for ever and ruler of creation.

Grant that all the people of the earth,

now divided by the power of sin,

may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us greet each other in the name of the Risen Christ. Peace be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

UMH No. 327

ANTHEM

Praise Him

J.S. Bach

Adult Choir

*Praise Him, O praise the Lord most holy.
Bow before Him, all ye peoples, bow before Him, the Lord on high.
Worthy art Thou to be praised,
For Thou art the true and righteous Lord of all on Heav'n and earth.*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

CHILDREN’S TIME

Children are invited to come forward as parents are comfortable.
Please note that children who come forward may be visible on the livestream.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS ††

***Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your lovingkindness.
According to the multitude of your tender mercies,
blot out our transgressions.***

***Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins.
For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.
Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

*The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins,
true repentance, amendment of life,
and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Adult Choir

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

UMH No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*HYMN

“Jesus, Remember Me”

UMH No. 488

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

We now offer petitions of joy and concern from prayer cards.

Lord in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord... **hear our prayer.**

Prayers lifted during this time are shared with our Prayer Chain, a group of individuals who have covenanted to being in prayer with and for our congregation.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:33-43

SERMON

Homecoming

*HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

see insert

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Go in the Grace of the Lord

James Barnard

*Go in the grace of the Lord. Walk in the way of His Word.
Stand in the strength of His promises, and go in the grace of the Lord.*

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

GO IN PEACE.

****Congregation, please rise in body and spirit, stand as you are comfortable.***

† UM Hymnal No. 721: *Christ the King*, after *The Book of Common Prayer*

†† UM Book of Worship No. 475: W. E. Orchard, England, 20th cent., alt.; Psalm 145:8; *The Book of Common Prayer*

LAITY ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP:

Ushers: Ron and Terri Ausen, Muriel Olson

Nursery: Josiah and Eli Horn

Fellowship Servers: Steve and Sandra Burrowes, MJ and Claire Ryan

Fellowship Servers Next Week: Doug and Karin Trail-Johnson, Scott and Corrin Wendell

If you have swapped serving dates, please inform the church office so that service recognition is accurate. Thank you!

Here's What's Happening at Fairmount Avenue

YAM Game 'Night'— Today, November 20 following worship. All young adults welcome!

UMW Afternoon Circle— Monday, November 21 at 1:00pm via Zoom.

Finance Committee Meeting— Monday, November 21 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Church Council Meeting— Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00pm.

Simpson Thanksgiving— Thursday, November 24.

Hanging of the Greens— Next Sunday, November 27 following worship.

The church office will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wednesday Night Programming: November 23

***No Supper or T.G.I.W. Programming

6:30pm— Heritage Ringers rehearsal

7:45pm— Adult Choir rehearsal

Sunday Morning Programming: November 27

***No Sunday School Programming for Followers

9:00am— All Ages Sunday School

10:00am— Fellowship Time (Coffee Hour)

10:30am— Worship

This Week's Happy Birthdays go to:

- 20 Maizie A.
- 21 Erik Olmstead
Taylor Southward
- 24 Nate Woodward
- 25 Ian Hall
Ella S.
- 26 Karin Trail-Johnson

Today is Pledge Sunday!

Giving to FAUMC directly supports our ministries, creating opportunities for worship, faith development, justice advocacy, community service, and outreach. It is a practice of our faith that grounds us in generosity, gratitude, and vision for a better world.

A pledge is a commitment, not a contract, to give a set amount over the course of the next calendar year. Pledging helps church leadership plan ministries and approve budgets, allowing us to dream about the upcoming year and grow in how God is calling us as a community.

Please complete and place your pledge card in the offering plate during worship, or place in the administrator's mailbox after worship. Still need to decide your pledge? Mail your pledge card to the church, or submit it online as soon as possible. Thank you!

All pledging information is recorded confidentially.



FAIRMOUNT AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MINISTERS: *The Congregation*

Pastor

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Music/Choir Director and Organist

Children's Ministries Director

Heritage Ringers

Rev. Shawna Horn

Rev. Jin Hur

Michael Ferguson

Ashton Horsley

Mindy Way-Johnson

Joyful Ringers

Parish Nurse

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Happenings at Fairmount

Week of November 20, 2022

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Get Involved: Creating a Joyful, Welcoming Community

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All-Church Conference— Monday November 28 at 7:00pm via Zoom

All church members are invited to participate as we vote on clergy compensation and review annual conference forms. Online access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82308043538> Meeting ID: 823 0804 3538

"Nicholas - The Origin of Father Christmas" Performance— Brian and Nita Hanson would like to invite you to join us in seeing "Nicholas - The Origin of Father Christmas" at **Open Window Theater in Inver Grove Heights. We will be attending on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30pm.** We've seen a number of plays at this theater that we've really enjoyed. They focus on telling relevant stories of faith, hope, and reconciliation. Tickets are available online at <https://openwindowtheatre.org>. Contact Nita (nitahanson@gmail.com or 651-238-1037) if you're interested in carpooling. This theater is quite small, so do purchase tickets soon.

About the play: St. Nicholas of Myra lived during the 4th century, and by the Middle Ages his remarkable life had become well known and widespread throughout all of Europe. His adventurous life of faith, combined with his heroic generosity and humble service of the less fortunate, would eventually become the basis for our modern-day Santa Claus. Learn about the man behind the legend in this festive world-premiere production, suitable for all ages!

Go Deeper: Igniting Hearts and Minds

Explorers Visit the City of Angels

The angels had good news to share with people far and wide and about the coming of God's son, Jesus. They appeared to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, shepherds... come along to the "City of Angels" to hear what the angels have to teach about Jesus as we celebrate Advent.

Register online at faumc.net, or email Ashton Horsley, Director of Children's Ministries, at ahorsley@faumc.net for more information.

November 27: An Angel Appears to Zechariah

December 4: An Angel Appears to Mary



And don't forget that we're preparing for Christmas, too:

All Explorers PreK-5th Grade are invited to participate in this year's Christmas program, **performed on Sunday, Dec. 11 during worship.** Whether you would like a speaking part, a non-speaking part, or just want to celebrate Jesus' birth, join us **during Sunday School, 9:00-10:00am on Sundays.**

Additionally, Explorers **ages 5 and up** are invited to play the handbells during the Christmas program again this year! Rehearsals are **before TGIW activities, Wednesday evenings from 6:00-6:30pm.**

Email Ashton Horsley, Director of Children's Ministries, at ahorsley@faumc.net for more information.

There will be no T.G.I.W. activities this Wednesday, November 23. Happy Thanksgiving!

Serving Together: Doing God's Work

Thank you to our volunteers who help make worship happen. You are invaluable!

We are looking for more Sunday morning volunteers to be greeters, lay readers, and audio/visual technical support. Please contact the church office at admin@faumc.net or Pastor Shawna if you would be willing to volunteer to be on the worship team.

Or come play in the nursery! Volunteer to be in the nursery with the littlest members of our church family! Sign up for just one Sunday per month to be in the nursery and be a part of creating a welcoming home at Fairmount Avenue UMC for kids and their families. Contact Ashton Horsley at ahorsley@faumc.net to sign up. Please know that all volunteers working with children must be vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear a mask while with children.

Help Collect and Deliver First Fruits Food Donations to Keystone

- Sign up at www.faumc.net
- Deliver donations to Keystone (1916 University Ave. W., St Paul, MN 55104, 651/917-3792) They accept donations M-F from 9-5 during the week. Mask and gloves required.

Points of Contact— Food Security Ministry Team: Judy Thielen at 3klsdal@gmail.com or Linda Hucke at linda.hucke@centurylink.net.

Adopt-A-Drain— Sign up to Help!

We are still looking for volunteers to clean the storm drains near the church: 3 at the corner of Fairmount and Saratoga and 2 on Fairmount just east of Snelling. Volunteers are asked to pick up trash, leaves and debris, and/or shovel snow to allow water to drain. Sign up for a month online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4fada828a2fa7-adopt>. If you have any questions, please contact Nita at nitahanson@gmail.com.

We have some donated yarn on a table on the west side of the Fellowship Hall that would be great for making hats, mittens or scarves. If you could use some, please help yourself.

Pastor and Staff Salaries Update

Equity and fairness are core values for us here at Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church. The Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) works hard at maintaining these values for our pastor and staff salaries. At the same time, we are very aware that these items comprise close to two thirds of our annual operating budget. Our pastors and paid staff are a key part of the overall success of our church, and we are grateful for their dedicated service and your generosity as a congregation in supporting them.

In response to the current economic state of affairs in our world we are proposing a 6% cost-of-living increase for all paid staff. We feel this is long overdue and comes much closer to matching the rate of inflation that we have in the past. In addition, we are proposing an additional merit increase, similar to the step raises found in most other pay systems, that reward performance and longevity above and beyond merely keeping pace with rising costs of living. This is a new step for us, but a necessary one in order to offer truly equitable compensation for staff. We ask that you consider this when making your pledging decision for next year.

Due to other variables in the budget process, these proposals will result in a minimal overall increase in the church's operating budget for 2023.

Again, sincere thanks to all for your continuing support for our staff and all of our ministries.

— PAUL HOWE, Chair, SPRC