

Manor Minutes
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The Story – November 7 – Chapter 8 Joshua: A Few Good Men...and Women!

Prayer Shawl – November 8, 11am Parlor

Dartball – November 9, 7pm @ Home

Elders Meeting – November 10, 6pm Shepherds Room

Board Meeting – November 10, 7pm Library

Choir Practice – November 11, 6:30pm

Stay up to date, check www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/calendar



Red and White Poinsettias can now be ordered for our Christmas Eve display. The Poinsettia Tree needs at least 33 poinsettias to complete. There is an empty tree on the bulletin board in the Narthex to watch the progress of our poinsettia tree.

Order forms can be found in the bulletin and also in the Narthex.



Upcoming events:

November 21: Baptism

Come and celebrate with our Membership Class as they join the church through the waters of baptism. Nyka Rash, Eli Graff, Molly Johnson, and Owen Stillwell have been learning about what it means to be a part of the Body of Christ so let's have as many members of that body present as possible to uplift them, and maybe you will be uplifted too.

November 21: Congregational Meeting following worship

November 28: 1st Sunday of Advent

November 30: Deadline for poinsettia orders



Fairhill Manor Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

351 Montgomery Ave.

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Rev. Chris Stillwell, Senior Pastor

Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor

November 7, 2021

Installation of Rev. Chris Stillwell Service

Prelude

Audra Allen, organist

Welcome

Pastor Gena

Call to Worship

Amy Caldwell

Let us bless God every chance we get. We bless the God of our salvation.

Magnify the Lord. We lift up God's name in praise.

O taste and see that God is good. Those who make their home in God are filled with joy.

Magnify the Lord. Lift God's name in praise.

Opening Hymn

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Audra Allen, organist

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

A Litany of Praise for the God of All The Saints

Rev. Stillwell and Pastor Gena

Gracious God, you are to be praised for the women and men whose faithful witness to your love inspires each generation of your people.

Mindful of all those who have gone on ahead of us, teach us to follow their example:

To feed the poor; to support and comfort those who mourn;

to cherish and learn from the merciful; to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.

Let us clearly recognize what it means to be called the children of God, and may we know that we are to be your saints,

neither by our own choosing nor in our own strength, but simply by the call of Christ Jesus our Savior.

Loving God, the generations rise and pass away before you.

You are the strength of those who labor; you are the blessed rest of those who have died. We rejoice in the company of your saints.

We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you, whose names we remember before you now as we speak them aloud and in the silence of our hearts:

Joe Palfreyman, Ed Palfreyman's brother
Tom Lane, Beverly Lane's son
Harry L. McKee, Donna Stemski's brother
Peggy Matthias, sister of Mary Wiseman
Kathy Blazier, Rev. Chris' cousin
Rev. Marge Frank
Margaret Winters
Jean Jennings , Matt Shetler's grandmother "Her Spunk is missed, but never forgotten"
Steven Daniels, Carol Daniel's brother
Russell Gorby
Kristen Stock, daughter of Bob Stock and Mary Ellen Doria Grebner
Frances Anderson, John Anderson's mother
Patsy Lewis
Mark Britko, Susan, Chad, Colin, family & friends miss him dearly
Robert Sprague, Carol Daniel's uncle
Charles Riecks
Harriet Jackman
James Herschell, Crystal Glover's father
Bill Behrens
Jack Palfreyman, Ed Palfreyman's uncle

Continue to inspire us by their faithful witness.

O God, we thank you for all of the people who have tried to follow Jesus and have helped us to follow Jesus. Help us to follow Jesus more closely. Amen.

Anthem

"Consecrated, Lord to Thee," composed by Lloyd Larson

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Gena

Faithful God, we gather in your presence in the company of our brothers and sisters and surrounded and lifted by our memories of so many who have gone to their rest in you. We remember especially today all of those who have served this congregation of your people as pastors. We give thanks for those we have known and for those whose presence comes to us only in photos and stories. Thank you for each pastor's care, for their leadership, for the gifts they have shared with us. And now we ask that you be with us today as we affirm Rev. Chris's ministry among us and install him as our Senior Pastor. Bless him as he carries on the ministry of those who have come before him and as he challenges us to grow into who you are calling us to be in this time and in this place.

On this day of looking backward in remembrance and looking forward in anticipation, we pause to confess our sins to you. Forgive us for parading around with self-importance. Forgive us for seeking recognition for what we give and how much we help others. Forgive us for assigning worth based on job title or accomplishment or earnings or clothing. Forgive us for judging based on outward appearances. Give us a healthy understanding of ourselves and each one of your children with whom we share this life. Purify our hearts and clear our vision that we might see each other with your eyes of love. And create within each of us a spirit of generosity and thanksgiving.

Ever-present God, draw near us today. Be with those of us who are pinching pennies and with those of us who have what we need and more. Be with those of us who are in pain and those of us who have learned to live with pain, and those experiencing no pain. Be with those for whom life is drawing to a close and

ministry with prayers of obedience, thanksgiving, and joy.

I now present Rev. Chris Stillwell to be installed as pastor of Fairhill Manor Christian Church.

Rev Allen: Do, you, the members of this congregation, accept Rev. Chris Stillwell to be your pastor and is it your desire that he now be installed in that sacred office?

The Membership: We accept him to be our pastor and we desire that he now be installed in that sacred office.

Rev Allen: Rev. Chris Stillwell, do you accept the call of this congregation to be its pastor and is it your desire to be installed in that sacred office?

Rev. Stillwell: I accept the call of Fairhill Manor Christian Church to be its pastor and I desire to be installed in that sacred office.

EXAMINATION OF THE PASTOR

Rev Allen: Do you reaffirm your baptismal confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and that he is Lord and Savior of the world?

Rev. Stillwell: I do.

Rev Allen: Do you reaffirm your ordination vow to serve Christ as a faithful minister of his holy church, to proclaim the good news of salvation, to attend to the observance of the sacraments, and to be a compassionate pastor to all the people of God?

Rev. Stillwell: I do.

COVENANTS OF INSTALLATION ...OF THE ELDERS

Rev Allen: The officers and members of the congregation will now declare their covenants. Let the elders now rise and make their declaration:

Elders: *We, the elders of this congregation, acknowledge the responsibility of the office for which we have been chosen.
We reaffirm our loyalty to Christ and his one holy church, and our love for this congregation for which we have been given spiritual oversight.
We enter into a covenant with God and our minister, Rev. Chris Stillwell.
We promise to pray with him and for him, to support his ministry, to learn from him, to assist him in the ministry of compassion to which we are mutually called, and to edify and instruct him as companions in the ministry of the gospel.*

...OF THE DIACONATE

Rev Allen: Let the elders be seated and let the members of the diaconate rise and make their declaration:

Diaconate: *We, the members of the diaconate, of this congregation, acknowledge the responsibility of office for which we have been chosen.
We reaffirm our loyalty to Christ and his one holy church, and our love for this*

congregation whose welfare we have been called to serve.

We enter into a covenant with our minister, Rev. Chris Stillwell.

We promise to pray with him and for him, to assist him in the pursuit of our common ministry, to learn from him, and to perform to the best of our ability the duties to which the church has called us.

...OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Rev Allen: Let the members of this congregation rise and make their declaration:

The Membership: *We reaffirm our confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and we confess that he is Lord and Savior of the world. We reaffirm our faithful obedience to God and our loyalty to the one, holy church of Jesus Christ. We now enter into a solemn covenant with God and with our minister, Rev. Chris Stillwell. We receive him as our pastor and will hear from him the gospel and will join him in a ministry of reconciliation and love in this community and throughout the world.*

We promise to pray with him and for him and to provide for his welfare as he works among us. We promise to encourage him as he goes about his ministries. We promise to pay him a fair wage, and to allow him appropriate time for study, prayer, and recreation.

...OF THE PASTOR

Rev Allen: Rev. Chris Stillwell, you have heard the covenants of this people which has called you to be its pastor, will you now make your solemn declaration?

Rev. Stillwell: I now enter into a solemn covenant with God and this congregation which has called me to be its pastor. I promise to proclaim the gospel faithfully and perform the compassionate office of pastor of the people of God to the extent of my ability and as God gives me strength. I will love, nurture, and sustain this people and strive to be with them, by the power of the Holy Spirit of God, a true church of Jesus Christ. I will submit myself to the instruction and discipline of the officers of the congregation and the procedures and practices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as I pursue my ministry.

I will observe a regular discipline of prayer and study in order that my ministry may be undertaken in the power and Spirit of God and not in accord with my own human perceptions and prejudices.

I will strive to be a faithful representative, in this place, of the one, holy, apostolic church of Jesus Christ as it appears in every age and around the world. I will seek to be an obedient servant of our Lord Jesus Christ and always to glorify the holy name of God.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Rev Allen: Having entered into solemn covenants let us now approach the throne of God in prayer. Let the whole congregation be standing and let us pray.

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Rev Allen: The covenants have been made and we have sought the blessing of God upon this ministry in prayer. I now declare that Rev. Chris Stillwell, is installed as the pastor of Fairhill Manor Christian Church and I commend you all to God as you pursue your mutual ministry of thanksgiving, proclamation, and compassion. May the blessing of God be and abide with you forever.

Unison: **AMEN!**

Call to Offering

Amy Caldwell

Holy God, thank you for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us as we worship. Their diversity reminds us of your infinite grace to all your creatures. Your magnificent generosity evokes our deepest thanks. And so, receive these offerings, that we may join that great cloud of witnesses as we share our gifts with others. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below! Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of Offering

Rev. Stillwell

We present these offerings with a keen sense of our oneness in Christ, for as our gifts join the gifts of others, so we personally work with others in doing Christ's work on earth.

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Stillwell

I have a tree in my back yard whose leaves do not turn beautiful in the fall. Rather they turn a pale yellow before going brown and falling all over the place. What the tree lacks in leaves it makes up in helicopter seeds. It started with just a few and I would sweep them off my deck and patio and then the next day there would be more. They came from just one tree, but, because they can fly they are carried on the wind and I find them everywhere.

They don't just add up they multiply, and if I tried to count them all I'd go crazy, so I've been trying to think of them differently. I try to think of them as physical representations of God's grace. Like God's grace they fall out of the blue, and we never know where they'll land. Like God's grace they touch us all, and we often don't know where they come from. Like God's grace we often over-look them or find them annoying, until we are able to see their true beauty. Like God's grace they flutter and spin borne on the breeze of the air like a spirit to their appointed destination to plant their seed in the hopes that it will create life beautiful and proud.

Finally, like the helicopter seeds, God's Grace doesn't just add up, it multiplies. For it consists of a million sins and shortcomings forgiven, some large, but many small. One mercy leads to another, and causes joy and gratitude to bloom within us so that, by the time, we are fully aware of it, we cannot even fully express our joy, or even count our blessings.

Partake in the Lord's Supper and try to count the things for which you are forgiven. When you get to the point that you think you might go crazy trying to count them all, just relax and enjoy the beauty of God's grace.

Communion Hymn*"All Who Hunger Gather Gladly"*

Audra Allen, organist

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here, in truth, we keep the feast.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Prayer for the Bread & Cup

Gary Ford

Dear Lord, we all need to be more like the woman with two small copper coins. We sometimes give more approval and attention to those who have wealth and fame and then we look down upon those who have little and are in need. So, we come to Your table and ask for Your Spirit to come into our hearts and open our eyes and share what we have with those who need it. Jesus showed us the way and we see it here at

this table. Jesus did not have to, but he allowed men to whip his body (this bread) and they spilled his blood (this cup) so that we could all share in the greatest gift of all....God's Grace. So let us have a more generous spirit and a greater ability to trust you instead of ourselves. In Jesus name we pray, Amen !

Words of Institution

Rev. Stillwell

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Sharing in Communion

Closing Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Jody Mullis, pianist

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. [Refrain]

[Refrain:] I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Benediction

Rev. Stillwell

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another...so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Recorded worship services can be found on the Church website or on YouTube,
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmlH3qzih_fzHCC2X0Jhc_sfniJ7C1O3X

**PRAYER
REQUEST**

Do you have a prayer request or need help? Please feel free to contact Rev. Chris (412-956-6590) and Pastor Gena (724) 263-0033 directly and confidentially. Or scroll down on the opening page of our website (www.fairhillmanorchurch.org) to "Requests for Prayer or Help." There you can send an email which will go directly to Rev. Chris and Pastor Gena. We are One Body in Christ!

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In the Military

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Brandon Lipscomb Sarah Lipscomb
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Zoom Worship will continue to be live at
10:15 am each Sunday.

"Join a Meeting" on Zoom at 9:45am using the
meeting ID and password.

Meeting ID: 932 4557 4206 Password: 026316

Fellowship with other "Zoomers" from
9:45 – 10:15am.

Text your prayer concerns to be shared during
worship to Rev. Chris at
(412) 956-6590.

Church Office hours:

Karen is working from home on Monday, Tuesday and Friday,
9 am – 2 pm. She will be in the Church Office on Wednesday &
Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm. The Church phone is forwarded to Karen's
cell phone and can be reached anytime.

Pastor Gena is off on Friday. Pastor Gena is working from home and
comes in to the church as needed. Feel free to text, call, email or set
up a time to meet with Pastor Gena.

Rev. Chris is off on Tuesday during the school year.

If you need anything at any time, please call the Church Office phone
at 724-225-8610.



The beautiful poinsettia tree that adorns our sanctuary each Christmas Eve is a tradition that we all look forward to every year. Please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **November 30th with payment**. Indicate the color and number of poinsettias you would like to order. Cost per plant is \$10. Please **make checks payable to "Fairhill Manor" and indicate "Poinsettias" in the memo line**. Plants may be picked up following the Christmas Eve service.

_____ RED Poinsettias
Poinsettias

_____ WHITE

ORDERS are due by November 30th

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In Memory/Honor of

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Additional Comments: