

A NEWS RELEASE from FAIRMOUNT PREBYTERIAN CHURCH

▪ *A Faithful Presence in the community for 198 YEARS* ▪

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DISCOVER FAIRMOUNT CHURCH – AN HISTORIC TREASURE

Nestled in the wooded hills of NW Franklin Park Borough, is a small church that has withstood the changes in our country, and has continued to provide comfort to area residents for 198 years.

Fairmount Church is centrally located at the junction of the thriving communities of Bell Acres, Economy, Franklin Park, and Sewickley Hills boroughs.

In 1822, James Monroe was president of the 24 United States, future president Abe Lincoln was a 13-year old Indiana schoolboy, and past US presidents Adams, Jefferson, and Madison were still alive.

In September of 1822, a small group of farm families living in the wooded hills and valleys along Big Sewickley Creek received a charter for Franklin Park's first organized church. They met for several years in a log meeting house near the creek, before building a permanent church in 1838 at the present location.

As you can imagine, Fairmount Church has many stories to tell as it has weathered the ups and downs of life in the United States over the last 198 years. This is the first in an *Upcoming Series of Newsletters* celebrating the families and the rich history of the church as it has served the North Hills community for almost 200 years.

Fairmount Church will hold several commemorative events during 2022, culminating in a festive celebration in September 2022.

You can read more about Fairmount Church at www.fairmountarpcchurch.com.



Fairmount church built in 1838



Rebuilt after fire ca. 1902



Fairmount Church today