

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Coventry Carol
Fairfield Ringers

arr. Austin

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Clark Family

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

People: Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

People: God sends good news to the oppressed.

Leader: Let us worship God.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 176**

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

Prayer of Confession

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. You send your Spirit to release us, yet we remain captivated by sin. You stand among us in Christ Jesus, yet we claim we do not know you.

Forgive us, God of grace. Make us holy; make us whole. Keep us safe and sound until the day of your coming; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Silent prayer and reflection)*

Words of Assurance

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri #734**

“Glory Be to the Father”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Time with the Children

Majken Whitaker

(* After the Children’s Message, children ages 4 through 2nd grade are welcome to go to our Infant/Toddler Nursery.)

Anthem

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

arr. Wohlgemuth

Anthem

Nowell Carol
Debby Starzer, flute

arr. Leiberger

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Pew Bible p. 91 - New Testament

Sermon Series

Coming Soon

Message

John, the Doppelganger

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Anthem:

Do You Hear What I Hear?
Donna Horn, soloist

arr. Simeone

Anthem:

Hush, My Babe

arr. Gray

Offering

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads during this time)

