

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2017

4th Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Mitchell Family

Introit

Nowell Carol
Debby Starzer, flute

arr. Leiberger

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: The mystery of the ages is now revealed.

People: To God be the glory forever! Amen.

Leader: Let us worship God.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 182**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Prayer of Confession

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. You offer us a place in your house, yet we find no room for you in our lives. You invite us into your eternal realm, yet we fail to welcome others.

Forgive us, God of grace. Let your word of life be with us so that we may truly believe that nothing is impossible with you; 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

Ashley Young

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

Anthem

Mary, Did You Know?
Debby Starzer

Lowry-Greene

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1: 26-38

Pew Bible p. 56 - New Testament

**Sermon Series
Message**

Coming Soon
The Subjunctive Space

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response #184**

What Child Is This

*** Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed (inside Hymnbook)

Offering

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

Offertory

All is Well

Smith-Tornquist

***The Doxology #44** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn # 188**

Angels We Have Heard on High

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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* Those who are able, please stand.

Hearing assistance devices are available for anyone who needs them.
Please ask an usher.

Our memory verse for December is: *“Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” (Romans 12: 17-20)*