

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 31, 2017

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Still, Still, Still

arr. Wagner

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

People: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

People: In him was life, and the life was the light of humanity.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn #231**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Prayer of Confession

Holy and loving God, we have dwelt in darkness and preferred it to the light; we have been proud of our accomplishments and despaired over our shortcomings. Smooth down the mountains of our pride, and life up the valleys of our doubts. Open a path in the wilderness of our lives that we might find our way to you again. Refine us and prepare us once again for life in your kingdom. 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

Celeste Underdown

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

Anthem

Love Came Down at Christmas

Sarah Dobson, Rachel Underdown & Ashley Young

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2: 22-40

Pew Bible p. 59 - New Testament

Sermon Series Message

Coming Soon
Cliffhanger

Rev. Darren Utley

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response #210**

Love Came Down at Christmas

*** Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

(inside Hymnbook)

Offering

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

Offertory

Let There Be Peace on Earth

arr. Tornquist

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #547**

We Are God's People

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *He is Born, the Divine Christ Child* arr. Hayes

* 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,” say 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 12:17-19)