

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 2, 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**                      *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*                      arr. Hayes

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**                      Janice Baily & Gloria Dunham

**Minute for Mission**

**Introit**                      *People, Look East*                      Adult Choir

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord,

**People: and our spirits rejoice in God our savior.**

Leader: God has done great things. Holy is God's name!

**People: God's mercy is for all who fear the Lord, God's love is from generation to generation!**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn # 153**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Advent God, come among us. Awaken us to your presence, and fill us with your love. Forgive us when our hunger for justice gives way to our hunger for power. Forgive us when our hope for peace is swallowed by our fear of failure. Forgive us when our songs of faith are drowned out by the shouts of the world. Advent God, come among us, and make all things new. 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”*

**Psalter Reading**

Psalm 25: 1-10

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Time with the Children**

Majken Whitaker

(\* We urge children 4 and up to stay in worship, experiencing the fullness of worship as "family" during the summer. However, following the Children's talk, the nursery is available for all children through pre-school.)

**Anthem**

*Star In the East*

arr. Courtney

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Lesson**

Luke 21: 25-36

Pew Bible p.85- New Testament

**Sermon Series**

Living ‘In Between’

**Message**

Looking for the Fig Tree

Dr. Steve Starzer

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response #148**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

**Offering**

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

**Offertory**

*What Child Is This/The First Noel*

arr. Davis

Hawthorne Davis, guitar & Debby Starzer, flute

**\*The Doxology #44**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**The Lord's Supper** (insert)

**\*Closing Hymn** #154

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Fantasia on "Adeste Fidelis"*

Wade-Smith

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\* Those who are able, please stand.

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

The December memory verse is: *"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.."* Luke 1: 78-79