

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 16, 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

arr. Wood

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*Festive Holiday*

Youth Praise Band

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

The Price Family

**Call to Worship**

L: We gather because we are waiting.

**P: We are waiting for the coming of Christ anew.**

L: We work because we are waiting.

**P: We are waiting for a world of love and justice.**

L: We worship because we are waiting.

**P: We are waiting for God, whose glory is about to be revealed.**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn #185**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

You have told us what we should do: live humbly, give generously, and be rich in compassion. Even still, O God, we fall back into our selfish ways. We have been claimed in the waters of baptism, but we do not live as people redeemed. We have been washed in waters of grace, but we do not trust the depth of your love.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Heal us, guide us, and call us to try again. 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”*

**Psalter Reading** (insert)

Psalm 96

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

**Time with the Children**

Celeste Underdown

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

**Anthem**

*The Star That Shone on Bethlehem* Clarkson/Shackley  
Donna Horn and Jerry Williamson, soloists

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Lesson**

Luke 3: 7-18

Pew Bible p. 60 - New Testament

**Sermon Series**

Living ‘In Between’

**Message**

What Then Should We Do?

Rev. Darren Utley

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response #218**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

(inside Hymnbook)

**Offering**

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

**Offertory**

*Wexford Carol*

Debby Starzer, flute, Jane Welborn, piano

**\*The Doxology #44**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Closing Hymn #179**

*Joy to the World!*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*He Is Born*

arr. Alexander

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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