

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 23, 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Christmas Jubilation
Fairfield Ringers

arr. Edwards

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

People Look East

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Starzer Family

Call to Worship

L: Our souls magnify the Lord,

P: and our spirits rejoice in God our savior.

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

P: God's mercy is for all who fear the Lord,

All: God's love is from generation to generation!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn #182**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Unison Prayer of Confession

Living God, you beckon us to wake from our sleep: to open our eyes to the goodness of your reign, the injustice of our world, and the gap in between. You call us to follow in the path of your love.

Forgive us, O God, when we choose the easy way. Forgive us, O God, when we choose the selfish way, the fast way, the successful way, the nice way, the friendly way, the comfortable way. Convict us, awaken us, empower us, and enliven us to follow the Way of justice in love. 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 80: 1-7

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Time with the Children

Darlene Shegogue

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

Anthem

Star-Led and Wonder Bound
Debby Starzer Jerry Williamson, soloists

Beall/Carter

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1: 39-55

Pew Bible p. 57 - New Testament

**Sermon Series
Message**

Living ‘In Between’
Can They Hear Us Singing?

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

Celtic Noel
Fairfield Ringers

arr. Tucker

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Closing Hymn #188**

Angels We Have Heard on High

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

arr. Lowery

* 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