

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 30, 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Wind in the Olive Trees*

arr. Wood

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*People Look East*

**Call to Worship**

L: We waited.

**P: And imagined a savior.**

L: We imagined power

**P: One like the world, but stronger and on our side.**

L: We imagined a king, on a white horse wielding a sword.

**P: We got a baby born in stable among the livestock.**

L: We imagined the work done for us, through the destruction of our enemies.

**P: We receive a baby, who will teach us our calling to seek reconciliation and love generously.**

L: Praise be to God for the unexpected babe of Bethlehem.

**All: Praise be to the wisdom of God's eternal love. Amen.**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn # 183**

*Once in Royal David's City*

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of glory, you sent your Son to take away our sins. We celebrate Jesus' birth, and we ask you to change us, heal us and help us turn away from our selfish ways. Forgive us when we neglect to honor Christ with the gifts of mercy and kindness. Forgive us when we allow the things of this world to distract us

from the promises of your Kingdom. Forgive us for neglecting the cry of those in need of justice and peace. Grant us the opportunity to celebrate the coming new year with a renewed faithfulness, turning our lives back to you and to your will for our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, 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 148

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

**Time with the Children**

Anne Young

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

**Anthem**

*Mary, Did You Know*  
Tracy Green, soloist

Lowry-Greene

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Lesson**

Luke 2: 39-52

Pew Bible p. 59 - New Testament

**Sermon Series**  
**Message**

Living 'In Between'  
The Sounds of Silence

Marcy Wright

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response #210**

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

(inside Hymnbook)

