

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 22, 2019

4th Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Fairfield Ringers

arr. McChesney

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

What Songs Were Sung Praise Band Members
Liturgical Dance by Paige Lake & Ryleigh Steveson

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Bill & Cory Walter

Call to Worship

Leader: Look, O house of David! The Lord will give you a sign.

People: The young woman shall bear a child;

Leader: she shall name him Immanuel -

People: God is with us.

Leader: Listen, O house of David! The Lord draws near.

People: With love in our hearts, let us worship God!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 182**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel! You call us each by name and invite us to follow you. But we - like sheep - do not heed your voice; we stray from your path. Now we call upon your name. Save us from all that ensnares our lives!

People: Restore us, O God! Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: You claim us for service and assure us we have nothing to fear. But we are timid disciples who discount dreams and discredit messengers, for we do not believe you can use a flock like us to usher

in your reign.

People: **Restore us, O God! Let your face shine, that our faith may be made strong.**

Leader: You come among us to enfold us with love. As we await the babe of Bethlehem, give us the steadfast faith of Joseph and the expectant hope of Mary, that we, too, may come in wonder to worship the newborn king.

People: **Restore us, O God! Let your face shine, that our trust may be renewed. 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 80: 1-7, 17-19

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

Carol of the Bells

Wilhousky

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Pew Bible p. 636 Old Testament

Romans 1: 1-7

Pew Bible p. 152 New Testament

Sermon Series

A Geography of Salvation

Message

Somewhere in Between

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response # 184**

What Child is This?

*** Affirmation of Faith** (back of bulletin)

Offering

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

Offertory

All Glory In The Highest
Fairfield Ringers

arr. Eithun

*The Doxology #44

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn # 188

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Benediction

*Postlude

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

arr. Alfred

* Those who are able, please stand.

Hearing assistance devices are available for anyone who needs them.

Affirmation of Faith

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.
His faith and obedience were the response
of the perfect child of God.
He was the fulfillment
of God's promise to Israel,
the beginning of the new creation,
and the pioneer of the new humanity.
He gave history its meaning and direction
and called the church to be his servant
for the reconciliation of the world.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967