

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 4, 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Vom Himmel hoch"

Pachelbel

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Tracy & Beth Young

Reader #1 We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring.

Reader #2 For he shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth his righteousness.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Introit

How Far Is It to Bethlehem?

arr. Knowles

Call to Worship

Leader: God's vision of peace is a realm where all live together in harmony:

People: enemies become friends, fear gives way to understanding.

Leader: God calls us to be this community;

People: let us gather together to worship.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 189**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your peaceful kingdom. *(Silent prayer and reflection)* Amen.

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 72: 1-7, 18-19

L: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

**P: that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

L: that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**P: Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

L: May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**P: Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

L: In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.

**P: Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

**All: And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Infant Holy, Infant Holy

arr. Livingston

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson I Corinthians 1: 20-25 Pew Bible p. 166- New Testament

Sermon Series Views of Incarnation

Message "Arianism" Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #183** *Once in Royal David's City*

Offering

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

Offertory *"Interlude on "The Coventry Carol"* W. S. Lloyd Webber

***The Doxology #44** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Lord's Supper (insert)

***Closing Hymn # 210** *Love Came Down at Christmas*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Festal March in C* J. Baptiste Calkin

* Those who are able, please stand.