

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 11, 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Angel's Postlude

William Stickles

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Martha Houchins & Marge Wantz

Reader #1 We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another.

Reader #2 For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Introit

Did You Hear the Bells?

arr. Gallina

Call to Worship

Leader: Into the dry and desolate places of our lives,
God brings salvation.

**People: The desert rejoices and blossoms,
the wilderness teems with life.**

Leader: Sorrow and sighing will flee:

People: let us come into God's presence with singing!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn #176**

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

Prayer of Confession

Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. We may not want the powerful to be

brought down or the rich to be sent away empty. We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those you would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow your way of life and truth. *(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 119: 97-105

L: Oh, how I love your law!
all the day long it is in my mind.

**P: Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,
and it is always with me.**

L: I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my study.

**P: I am wiser than the elders,
Because I observe your commandments.**

L: I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.

**P: I do not shrink from your judgments,
because you yourself have taught me.**

L: How sweet are your words to my taste!
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

**P: Through your commandments I gain understanding;
therefore I hate every lying way.**

**All: Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Time with the Children

Anne Young

Anthem

Antiphonal Celebration Song

Handel...arr. Liebergen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

I John 4:1-6

Pew Bible p.240 - New Testament

Sermon Series

Views of Incarnation

Message

"Docetism"

Rev. Sandi Shaner

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response # 402**

He Came Down

***Affirmation of Faith** (insert)

Offering

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

Offertory

In Dulci Jubilo

Marcel Dupré

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn # 190**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Joy to The World

arr. Donald Hustad

* Those who are able, please stand.