

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Robert J. Hughes

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle Cornerstone Class

Introit *O Come All Ye Faithful* traditional, arr. Parker/Shaw

Call to Worship

L: Awake! Rejoice! Prepare to meet our God.

P: **Christ is coming - open the door, sweep the path, prepare the way!**

L: Christ came at Christmas to live as one of us. Christ comes today to love and lead us. Christ will come tomorrow wherever we may be.

P: **Let us prepare the way for Jesus Christ, our wonderful counselor!**

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn #160** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* Rejoice

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we become distracted, even weary, in our discipleship. We keep busy schedules; we rush about. Captivated by technology, seduced by the lure of consumer goods, we do not remain alert to your divine presence in our lives, in the church, in the world. Be gracious toward us, we pray, until we are gathered from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven, into your embrace. We pray in the name of Christ, who was, and is, and is to come. (*Silent prayer and reflection*) Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gloria Patri #734**

"Glory Be to the Father"

Greatorex

Psalter Reading

Psalm 25

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

P: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

L: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

P: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

L: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

P: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

L: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

P: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

L: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

P: All paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

L: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

P: Who are they that fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

Children's Message

Sarah Dobson

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Christmas is Coming

Raney

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Pew Bible p. 638- Old Testament

Sermon Series

Names for the Messiah

Message

"Wonderful Counselor"

Rev. Mike Watson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #153**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

Offering

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

Offertory

Sleepers, Wake!

arr. Walter Anderson

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Through the words of the prophets you promised your people...

...It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, holy God, creator and ruler of the universe...As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

In passing the bread, those who wish may say "The body of Christ, broken for you." In passing the cup, you may say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Closing Prayer

***Closing Hymn #154**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Hosanna to the Living Lord

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

* Those who are able, please stand.