

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 10, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

Johannes Brahms

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Union Sunday School Class

**Introit**

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

**Call to Worship**

L: Wilderness living calls us to seek God in the voice that cries out,

**P: "Valleys will be lifted up and mountains will be made low,"**

L: to seek God in the sound of the one who speaks of peace,

**P: "The day of the Lord is coming,"**

L: to seek God in the loud noise that foretells what will be made new.

**P: In the wilderness, let us listen only for God's voice. Let us worship God!**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn #148**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Italian Hymn

**Prayer of Confession**

Great God, in these times between your birth and your coming, we hear the words of John the Baptist for us today. In baptizing and receiving confessions, John pointed beyond himself to Christ. Help us embody the good news that John proclaimed in our words and our work, that our lives might also foretell the coming of peace. Teach us to share good news with those who yearn for transformation and to listen for your gospel when we need a change of heart. In the name of Jesus, we pray. (*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 85: 1-2, 8-13

L: You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**P: You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.**

L: I will listen, O Lord God, to what you are saying, for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**P: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**P: Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: O Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

**All: Righteousness shall go before you, and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.**

## Children's Message

Celeste Underdown

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

## Anthem

*Hurry, Hurry to Bethlehem*

Price/Besig

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## Scripture Lesson

Mark 4: 35-41

Pew Bible p. 39- New Testament

## Sermon Series Message

Names for the Messiah  
"Mighty God"

Dr. Steve Starzer

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn #190**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Es Ist Ein Ros'

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.27

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ,  
the Word of God incarnate,  
to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness  
through the Holy Scriptures,  
which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.

**Offering**

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

**Offertory**     *Meditation on "Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

arr. James Southbridge

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

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn #183**     *Once In Royal David's City*

Irby

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*People Look East*

Besancon Carol

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\* Those who are able, please stand.