

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Fairfield Ringers

Introit

The Holly and the Ivy
Fairfield Ringers

English Carol...arr. Moglebust

Call to Worship

L: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God.

P: For you have clothed me with the garments of salvation, you have covered me with the robe of righteousness.

L: For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up.

P: So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all nations.

L: Let us worship God!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn #185**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God of the Covenant, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The afflicted await good tidings. The brokenhearted would have their wounds bound. The captives still yearn for freedom, and those who mourn remain to be comforted. Forgive us who fail to follow Christ's call to faithful ministry; restore us and make us worthy to serve his name. (*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 126

L: When the Lord brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed.

P: **Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**

L: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

P: **Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negev.**

L: Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

P: **He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.**

Children's Message

Rev. Mike Watson

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

What You Gonna Call Your Pretty Little Baby?

arr. Miller

Traditional Spiritual

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 103

Pew Bible p. 554- Old Testament

Sermon Series

Names for the Messiah

Message

"Everlasting Father"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #218**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

***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

Christmas Jubilation
Fairfield Ringers

Edwards

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #179**

Joy to the World

Antioch

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

* Those who are able, please stand.