

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2023

4th Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *The Birthday of the King* arr. Lani Smith

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Two English Christmas Carols* arr. Helman

Lighting of the Advent Candles Open Door Class

Special Music *He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)* Praise Band
18th century carol/additional music Ingram/Andrews

Call to Worship

L: We gather in the name of the promise that calls us.

P: **From a village called Bethlehem comes a leader, to govern God's people - to lead us as a shepherd guides the flock to water and good pasture.**

L: With origins deep in the past, comes a child about to be born, the source of true security - whose greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth.

P: **We gather to worship Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace.**

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn #182** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Adeste Fideles

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of peace, we have turned away from you, neglecting the welfare of your creation, ignoring the plight of your people, trampling on your creation, taking from Earth what we cannot give back. We have not helped our neighbors in need, kept peace within our families, or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives. Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious life. In your compassion, turn us to your way. Restore us, O Christ; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (*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 89: 1-8

L: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

P: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

L: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

P: 'I will establish your descendants forever , and build your throne for all generations.'"

L: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

P: For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord

L: a God feared in the council of the holy ones, great and awesome above all that are around him?

P: O Lord God of hosts, who is as mighty as you, O Lord? Your faithfulness surrounds you.

Children's Message

Grayson Palmore

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

O Come All Ye Faithful (traditional)

arr. Parker/Shaw

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1: 46-56

Pew Bible p. 57- New Testament

Sermon Series Message

Names for the Messiah
"Prince of Peace"

Rev. Mike Watson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn** #(insert) *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

***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 *In Quiet Joy* Marcel Dupre

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** #188 *Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Joy to the World* arr. Don Hustad

* Those who are able, please stand.