

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 31, 2023

1st Sunday of Christmas

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Do You Hear What I Hear

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Little Drummer Boy

Call to Worship

L: Into a weary world,

P: Christ was born.

L: When hope was hard to come by,

P: Christ was born.

L: Even now, among us, before us, within us,

P: Christ is born, hallelujah!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 191**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

Prayer of Confession

Christ, our savior. You were born into this world as one of us, you lived our life, you experienced our death, that we would be saved. Forgive us for the ways we fail to live as a grateful people. Forgive us for not loving you with our whole selves. Forgive us for not living in the world as you have shown us. May your grace enliven and transform us. (*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 148: 1-6, 12-13

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

P: **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

L: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

P: **Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

P: **He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

L: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

P: **Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Go Tell It on the Mountain

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2: 22-24, 39-40

Pew Bible p. 59- New Testament

A Reading

"The Night of His Birth" author Katherine Peterson
Rev. Mike Watson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #184**

What Child Is This?

Greensleeves

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

(inside Hymnbook)

Offering

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

Offertory

We Three Kings

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*** Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #198**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

* Those who are able, please stand.

We would like to thank the men's quartet for providing us with the special music this morning: Dennis Byrd, Randy Green, A. T. Scruggs, and Jerry Williamson.