

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 7, 2024

Epiphany

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Ala Venue De Noël*

Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*The Lord is my Light*  
from the Taize community

**Call to Worship**

**L:** Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**P:** **The brightness of God's light shines upon all nations. All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**

**L:** God gathers us from far away and carries us. With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

**P:** **We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn # 196**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Cranham

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of light, we confess our sinfulness for guarding our prosperity at the expense of others. We confess ignoring those in need for help. Forgive us for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. (*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 72: 1-7, 19

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**P: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**P: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

L: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**P: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like shower that water the earth.**

L: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**P: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.**

## Children's Message

Anne Young

## Anthem

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

arr. Holst

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2: 1-12

Pew Bible p. 2- New Testament

## Message

"A Camel's Story"

Rev. Mike Watson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn #231**

*Arise, Your Light has Come!*

Festal Song

## Offering

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

### Offertory

*What Child Is This?*

arr. John A. Behnke

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

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

## The Lord's Supper

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Bright shining God, inner light of all faithful souls, we celebrate your gifts of love, creation, and art... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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 #229**

*The First Noel*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune on "March of the Kings"*

arr. Gordon Young

\* Those who are able, please stand.