

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Robert J. Hughes

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Love Came Down at Christmas* Colvin

Call to Worship

- L: The days are coming; your salvation is nearing.
P: Teach us your paths as we wait on your coming promise.
L: The heavens are speaking; your kingdom is arriving.
P: Strengthen our hearts as we wait on your coming promise.
L: The world is turning; new life is appearing.
P: Keep us alert as we wait on your coming promise.
L: We worship you with waiting hearts this day.
P: Fill us with hope in this season. Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn # 153 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hyfrydol

Prayer of Confession

- L: God of hope, God of arrival, the days are coming, and your promise is arriving,
P: yet we struggle to wait. We forget how to live as your people.
L: In our impatience, we choose despair, forgetting that in darkness, new life grows.
P: Turn us back to your hope.
L: In our anxiety, we choose ways of violence, believing that our own strength will save us.

P: Turn us back to your peace.

L: In our want, we believe stories of scarcity, forgetting what you have done and given us.

P: Turn us back to your joy.

L: In our security, we forget we are beloved, choosing ways to self-protection over self-giving.

P: Turn us back to your love.

L: Grant us sacred attention in this Advent season,

P: that we might bear witness to your coming, always in our midst and on the way. Amen. (Silent prayer and reflection)

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 25: 1-10

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. My God, I put my trust in you;

P: let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

L: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

P: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

P: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

L: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

P: You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

L: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

P: All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Anthem

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Wohlgemuth

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Pew Bible p. 113-New Testament

**Sermon Series
Message**

Boundless
"Boundless Love"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn # 148**

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

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

Offertory

What Child Is This?

Arr. Hugo Gehrke

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Lord's Supper (see insert)

***Closing Hymn #154**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Ductia on Ríu, Ríu, Chíu

arr. Dennis Janzer

* Those who are able, please stand.