

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 8, 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Johannes Brahms

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Introit

Joy Came Down at Christmas

Call to Worship

L: A voice cries out; a prophet speaks:

P: In the wilderness, prepare the way.

L: The valleys are filled; the mountains are made low.

P: In the wilderness, prepare the way.

L: The winding roads are made level, the rough ways made smooth.

P: In the wilderness, prepare the way.

L: God's salvation has come and even now it is on its way.

P: Blessed is the Lord God, who has come to save us! Hallelujah!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn # 189

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

Responsive 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 150

L: Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

P: Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.

L: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with Lyre and harp.

P: Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.

L: Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

P: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Anthem

While By My Sheep

arr. Jungst

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 3: 1-6

Pew Bible p. 56-New Testament

Sermon Series
Message

Boundless
"Boundless Joy"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn # 183**

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

(inside Hymnbook)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

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

Offertory

In Quiet Joy

Marcel Duprè

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #210**

Love Came Down at Christmas

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachlow

* Those who are able, please stand.

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