

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 5, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*March on the Three Wise Men of the East*

Franz Liszt

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*O Come Let us Adore Him*

**Call to Worship**

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

**P: Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.**

L: Then you shall see the radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

**P: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

L: Let us worship God.

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**Hymn # 233**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Kings of Orient

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God of deliverance, we praise you for sending Jesus as Light for the nations. He is the glory and radiance of your compassion and care. Our eyes behold the brightness of your promised righteousness; you illumine our darkness with the hope of your justice. As generations before us, we stand in awe of your splendor; we bow down to worship you, lifting our voices in praise of your goodness and giving heed to your instruction. (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, 10-14

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

**P: that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

L: that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**P: Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

L: May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

**P: Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

L: In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**P: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

L: May all kings bow down before him, for all the nations do him service.

**P: For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

L: He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

**P: From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Anthem

*Do You Know Baby Jesus?*

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2: 1-12

Pew Bible p. 2-New Testament

**Message**

“Follow the Light”

Dr. Steve Starzer

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn # 234**

*Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom*

Neumark

### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

#### **Offering**

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

**Offertory**

*“What Star is This?”*

Carlos Staszkeski

**\*The Doxology #44**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

### **The Lord’s Supper (see insert)**

**\*Closing Hymn #236**

*As with Gladness*

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune on “March of the Kings”*

arr. Gordon Young

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\* Those who are able, please stand.