

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Meditation on "Of The Father's Love Begotten"

arr. James Southbridge

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Shirley McGhee, Sarah Rosen & Pam Wells

Introit

People Look East

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn #154

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Regent Square

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We confess that we have not always done your will. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Heal us and make us whole. Set us free from sin and restore to us the joy of our salvation, now and forever. (Silent prayer of confession) 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"

Greatorrex

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40: 28-31

L: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

P: The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.

L: He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

P: He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

L: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted.

P: But those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

L: They shall run and not be weary,

P: They shall walk and not faint.

Anthem

To Us Emmanuel

Horman

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

John 1:1-5,
Colossians 1:16

Pew Bible p. 91-NT
Pew Bible p. 199 NT

Message

"The WORD"

Rev. Dr. Richard Haney

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn # 153**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

***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

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Emily E. S. Elliott

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #670**

O Word of God Incarnate

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachlow

* Those who are able, please stand.

John

This is the Gospel of the primal light,
The first beginning, and the fruitful end,
The soaring glory of an eagle's flight,
The quiet touch of a beloved friend.
This is the Gospel of our transformation,
Water to wine and grain to living bread,
Blindness to sight and sorrow to elation,
And Lazarus himself back from the dead!
This is the Gospel of all inner meaning,
The hear of heaven opened to the earth,
A gentle friend on Jesus' bosom leaning,
And Nicodemus offered a new birth.
No need to search the heavens high above,
Come close with John, and feel the pulse of Love.

By Malcolm Guite