

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

What Child is This arr. James Michael Stevens
Debby Starzer, flute

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)* by We the Kingdom

Lighting of the Advent Candle

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn #319

Shine Jesus Shine

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. (*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"

Greatorex

Psalter Reading

Psalm 9:1-2, 7-10

L: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your marvelous works.

P: **I will be glad and rejoice in you;**
I will sing to your name, O Most High.

L: But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever;
You have set up your throne for judgment.

P: **It is you who rule the world with righteousness;**
you judge the peoples with equity.

L: The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed,
A refuge in time of trouble.

P: **Those who know your name will put their trust in you,**
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

Anthem

Watchman, Sing Noel

Bailey

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

John 1: 1-11

Pew Bible p. 91-NT

Message

"Recognizing the Light"

Rev. Nancy Clark

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn (insert)

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

*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

Jesus, the Light of the World

George D. Elderkin

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

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn #184**

What Child Is This

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

The Birthday of the King

arr. Lani Smith

* Those who are able, please stand.