

# 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"*

Greater

## **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 Message**

John 1: 1-11  
"Recognizing the Light"

Pew Bible p. 91-NT  
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

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\* Those who are able, please stand.