

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Es ist ein Ros entsprungen* Johannes Brahms

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Masters in This Hall* arr. McChesney

Lighting of the Advent Candles Open Door Class

Special Music *Away in a Manger* JOY Choir

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn #181 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of the present, you came in the flesh to show us the Father and show us the way of faithfulness. God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not welcomed your guidance or expected your kingdom.

We live casual lives, ignoring your commands and your promised judgement. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth you made, and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to recognize your ways and to welcome your kingdom. Give us your light to follow your Son, our Savior.
(*Silent prayer of confession*) Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: Friends, hear the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

P: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel; Shall Come to Thee, O Israel.**

***Gloria in Excelsis Deo** (refrain) #158

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-3, 6, 9

L: A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
From his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

P: **The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him -
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord -**

L: and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

P: **The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.**

All: **They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.**

Anthem

Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

arr. Jennings

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson Message

John 1: 10-13
"Children of God"

Pew Bible p. 91-NT
Rev. Dr. Richard Haney

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn** #196

In the Bleak Midwinter

***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 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Larson

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #185** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Postlude #1* arr. William Stickles

* Those who are able, please stand.