

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 27, 2009

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude** *Shepherd's Song* arr. Ingram  
Fairfield Ringers

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome & Announcements

### Minute for Stewardship

### Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 61:10-11)

L: Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us,  
so God's Spirit is ever present and around us.

P: **Come Creator, into our lives.**

L: We live and move and have our very being in God  
and in the child who comes to us, the Savior of the world.

P: **Open now the windows of our souls.**

ALL: Let us rejoice as we sing of the wonders of God's love for us.

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Opening Hymn # 198** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

**Song of Praise # 218** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

### Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you make all things new and you promise treasures of joy and peace and hope for us. Too often, we waste the opportunities for receiving such gifts. We let our doubts overwhelm us, we let our selfish ways bind us, and we let our fears stop us. You offer us new dreams, and we succumb to old weaknesses. You offer us ways to bring hope and peace into the lives of others and instead, we turn away.

Loving God, when we are about to give us, renew our hope and commitment to live for you. Forgive our selfish ways. Fill us with a new Spirit, so that joy, compassion, and generosity mark our character as we enter the new year. In the name of Jesus. Amen. (Time for Silent Reflection)

### Silent Prayer and Reflection

**Assurance of Pardon** Titus 2:11

Leader: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Friends, in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri (#734)** *"Glory Be to the Father"*

**Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** (inside cover of hymnbook)

**Time with the Children** Celeste Underdown

(\* After the Children's Message, children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome to go to Kid's Worship - room # 6. Younger children may go to our Preschool Nursery)

**\*Doxology (#34)** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Offering/Offertory** *Do You Hear What I Hear?* arr. Ingram  
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## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 2:25-39 (Pew Bible p. 59-New Testament)

**Sermon** The Sign of Peace Rev. Dixie W. Brachlow

**Anthem** *Redeemer* Bryson  
flutists: Lindsey and Eileen Martin, drum player: Rachel Underdown

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*A Christmas Confession** (insert)

**\*Closing Hymn** #614 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** *Joy to the World*

**\*Postlude**

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\* Those who are able, please stand.

Hearing assistance devices are available for anyone who needs them. Please ask an usher.