

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 13, 2009

Third Sunday of Advent

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude** *Austrian Shepherd's Call* arr. Wood

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit** *Get Ready* Joy Choir

**Presence of Joy** J. R. Marker

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Dunn Family

*O God, help us to see that you are at work with us, and your Spirit and power is active in the world today. Give us the eyes of faith to see your will for each of us, Lord. So prepare us to be ready for your coming. Amen.*

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Opening Hymn #189** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

**\*Song of Praise #178** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

## Prayer of Confession

God of light and life, you set before us the challenge of putting on the light of Christ; of being watchful and prepared for your coming in our midst. A vital part of our witness is in revealing Christ to the world by the ways we love and care for one another. Forgive us if people do not see any evidence in us of the One who is to come.

So many people grope in the gloom of despair and suffering, and yearn for the light of hope to dawn in their lives. Remind us that the light of Christ shines through people who claim to follow him, people like us. Therefore, God of mercy, cleanse our hearts and minds of all that hinders us from loving you and loving our neighbor. By your Spirit, transform us so that our lives radiate faith active in love. So work within us as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more in the person of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ we 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)

**Special Music** *Waiting for a King* Williams/Martin  
Youth Choir

**Time with the Children** Beverly Ward  
(\* 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**

