

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 29, 2009

First Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Breath of Heaven* arr. Tornquist

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Presence of Hope Martha Houchins

Lighting of the Advent Candle John & Liz Crowe

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Opening Hymn #153** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us but we have not loved you. You call but we have not listened. You make promises to us but we have not believed them. We walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen. *(Silent prayer and reflection)*

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)

Time with the Children Beverly Ward

(* After the Children’s Message, children ages 4 through 2nd 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 *Prayer of Thanksgiving* arr. Hustad

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Scripture Lesson:

Micah 5:2 (Pew Bible p.865-Old Testament)

Anthem *Christmas is Coming* Raney

New Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 1:1-18 (Pew Bible p. 1- New Testament)

Sermon “Sign of Bethlehem” Rev. Richard L. Haney

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #180** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verse 1)

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (inside cover of hymnal)

***Closing Hymn #154** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

***Postlude** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. Broughton

* Those who are able, please stand.

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