

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE

December 28, 2014 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Once In Royal David's City"
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Staszkeski
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Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

- * Call to Worship: Isaiah 11
There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. With righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. And the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

- * Hymn: PH 340, stanzas 1-3 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

- * God's Greeting:
Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.
Blessed be God.
And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

- * Prayer of the Day:
Almighty God, you have given to us the new light of your Incarnate Word, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that this light, imparted to our hearts, may shine forth in our lives, and that your name may be known to the ends of the earth. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

- * Response: PH 340, stanza 4 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God our Father, who is rich in mercy to all who call on your name, hear us as we come humbly confessing our sins and seeking your grace and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our actions and choices, by our words and by the sinful affection of our own hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and stubbornness, and our neglect of your will for our lives. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and grant that we, through your great goodness, may serve and please you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 25

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 356 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Go TELL IT
(Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.)

Scripture Reading: I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sermon: *Saved to Serve*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 337, stanzas 1-3 "Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come" ANTIOCH

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Unto Us a Boy is Born" arr. Whitworth

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Blessing:

Now may he, who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and good will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 337, stanza 4 "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love,

Postlude: "Come All Ye Shepherds"

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