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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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PRELUDE *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* Schalk

♫ *HYMN *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218

FOCUSING ON PEACEFUL JOY

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we await again the arrival of Your son,
the Prince of Peace.
We long for the peaceful waters of joy that run deep
and wide underneath all of life.
When we feel the chaos of life bearing down on us,
help us to remember that it doesn't have to be this way.
help us to step into a slower rhythm that is your Peaceful Joy.
Let truth and grace rule our hearts this day.
Let truth and grace rule our church this day.
Let truth and grace rule the world this day…
in the name of Peace. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

GOD SPEAKS

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 7:10-16

For the Word of God in Scripture; For the Word of God among us;
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Hannah Smith (Daughter of Erica and Brett Smith)

Sung Response (FWS 2249): **Hannah, Hannah, God claims you, God helps you, protects you and loves you, too.**

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Message *Make the Nations Prove: Peaceful Joy* Pastor Richelle Goff

We Respond

Offering our Gifts

Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.
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Offertory

(9:00) *Carols Around* Nygard
Early Choir

(10:30) *Beautiful Name* Martin
Chancel Choir—Kevin Gordon, soloist

*Doxology UMH 246 v. 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing!

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Solo *Emmanuel* Kerr

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Our Father*, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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We Go Forth

♫*Hymn *Once in Royal David's City* UMH 250

Benediction

My friends, may you be blessed with a Peaceful Joy that gives you deep serenity. May you work to help all nations prove that truth and grace are the way to bring right relationship — a right way of looking at the world, of being in the world, and bringing peace to the world. And may you sing along with all heaven and earth!

Postlude *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Held

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In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, born is the King of Israel.
It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold.
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed.
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They looked up on Christmas day, on Christmas day,
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The world in solemn stillness lay,
Sing we now of Christmas, the Lord is born.
Amen.

Emmanuel

He was not the one we thought would come
We were looking for a King but He didn't come in glory
The Author of the oceans and the sun
Still he chose to be written in our story
So He could fill our flesh and blood and we could know His love
Refrain
Emmanuel, a manger for a bed,
No crown upon His head, he came like us instead.
Emmanuel, He meets you where you are
He holds your heavy heart, our God is with us all. Emmanuel
It was no mistake that He arrived
Lost without a home, helpless as a baby
So if we're feeling lost in our own lives
We are not alone, He has felt the same thing
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Oh what an invitation, His only expectation
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Service Music Texts

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There is no name as powerful, memorable, as the name of Jesus.
One day the world will bow and worship at the name of Jesus.
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Who in your life or community needs a "kiss" of peaceful joy and the spirit of Christ?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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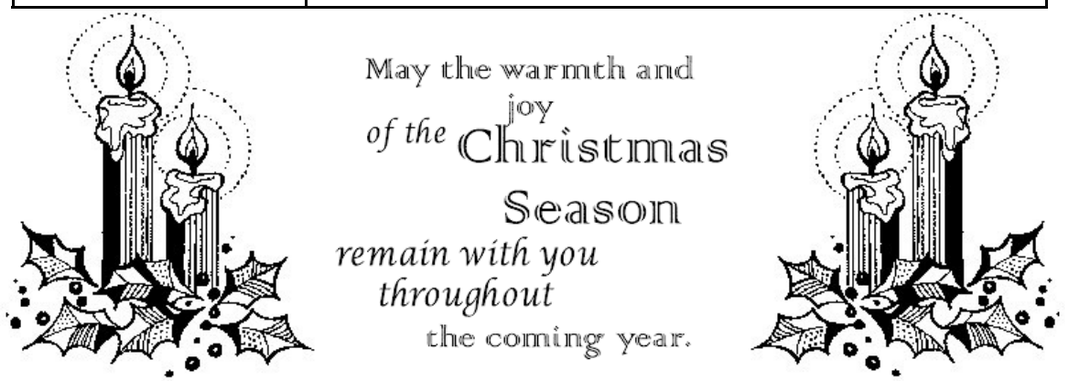

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

Ministers – All God's People
Acolyte - Avery Enser
Reader – Bill MacKenzie (9:00) & Anneliese Leinenbach (10:30)
Greeters – Jennie Guy & Brenda Deever
Feed the Spirit - Doug & Cindy Jack
Coffee Hosts – Bill Hartnett & Barry Bermudez

Pastor – Rev. Richelle Goff	richelle@fairportumc.org
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Administrative Assistant – Laura Smith	laura@fairportumc.org
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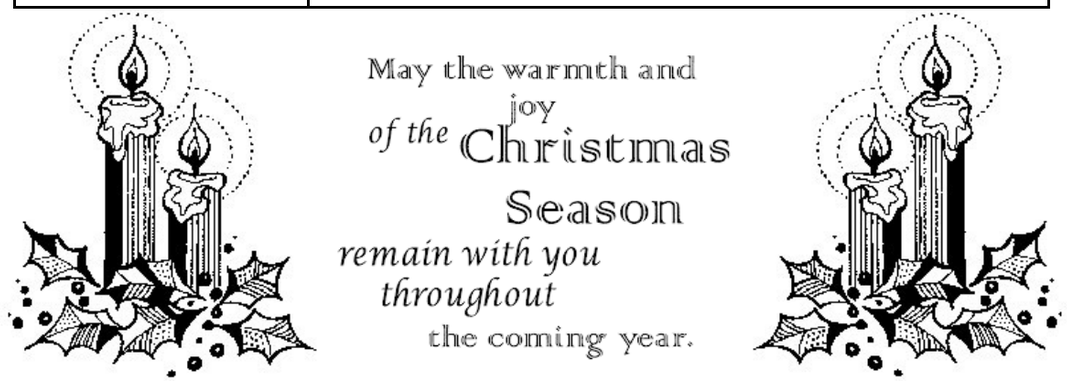

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

Ministers – All God's People
Acolyte - Avery Enser
Reader – Bill MacKenzie (9:00) & Anneliese Leinenbach (10:30)
Greeters – Jennie Guy & Brenda Deever
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