

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

December 11th, 2011

3rd Sunday of Advent

•Those who are able may stand

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Lighting the Advent Candles**

**Call to Worship** (Isaiah 40)

Leader: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**People: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Time With Children**

•**Hymn 8** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

•**Prayer of Confession**

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

**Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon**

•**Responding to God's Forgiveness - The Gloria Patri #579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

**Anthem** "We Wait For The Coming Of Jesus"

Adult Choir

**New Testament Reading:** John 1:6-8, 10-28

**Sermon** "A Person Sent From God"

Rev. William L. Painter, Jr.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 10**

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

WINCHESTER NEW

**GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

**Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes**

**Offertory**

•**Doxology** (#592)

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

•**Hymn 2**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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•**The Charge and Blessing**

•**The Congregational Response**

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"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

**Postlude**

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**WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We hope you will find a home for your heart and an opportunity to serve.