

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 13th, 2009

3rd Sunday of Advent

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Gesu Bambino"

Greetings and Announcements

Gathering Song "Emmanuel"

Call to Worship (Isaiah 40:3, II Peter 3:13)

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

People: In accordance with God's promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth where righteousness is at home.

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

Advent Candle

Bethel Presbyterian Women

•**Hymn 41** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

•**Prayer of Confession** (Ancient Christian Prayer)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me.

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (John 13:34, and see John 20:19-26)

Leader: Hear the teaching of Jesus: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

People: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

•**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: Judges 17:7-13

Anthem "Who Is This Child"

Adult Choir

Accompanied by Emily Hewitt

New Testament Reading: Matthew 2:1-6

Sermon "God's Agenda"

Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 44** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory "What Child Is This"

•**Doxology** (#592)

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 23** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

•**The Charge and Blessing**

•**The Congregational Response** #29

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Postlude

WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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