

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

December 18th, 2011

4th 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** (Luke 2:14)

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

People: **And peace to God's people on earth. Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Time With Children**

•**Hymn 22** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

•**Prayer of Confession**

**Great God, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives in the stillness of this moment. Illumine our lives with the light of Christ's holy presence. Forgive our sins. Cleanse our hearts. Help us to live both in and for You. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, we pray. 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:** II Samuel 7:1-11, 16

**Anthem** "A Norwegian Christmas Carol"

Adult Choir

**New Testament Reading:** Luke 1:26-38

**Sermon** "The Unsettling Favor of God"

Rev. William L. Painter, Jr.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 23**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

**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 28**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

IN DULCI JUBILO

•**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.