

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

December 19th, 2010

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**

The Thornton Family

**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 44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

•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 (Titus 2:11)

Leader: The grace of God has dawned upon the world . . .

**People: . . . with healing for all human kind! Amen!**

•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**

**First Scripture Reading:** Luke 2:8-14

**Anthem** "On Christmas Night"

Adult Choir

**Second Scripture Reading:** Romans 5:1

**Sermon** "Why Did Christ Come?"

Rev. Joel P. Thornton

**Service of Baptism**

**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 56 "The First Nowell"

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•The Charge and Blessing

•The Congregational Response #29

"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.