

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 20th, 2009

4th Sunday of Advent

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "On Christmas Night"
Sara Ann and JoAnn

Greetings and Announcements

Gathering Song "O Come All Ye Faithful" (Chorus)

Call to Worship (Isaiah 45:8)

Leader: Shower, O heavens, from above and let the skies rain down righteousness;

People: Let the earth open, that salvation may spring up.

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

Advent Candle

Men of the Church

•**Hymn 31** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

•**Prayer of Confession** (Book of Common Worship)

God of grace, Your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of Your will. Prepare our hearts for His coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of His kingdom for the sake of Jesus Christ the Ruler of all, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Mark 1:15)

Leader: The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand!

People: Repent, and believe the Good News!

•**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: John 4:1-10

Anthem "Christmas Gift"

Adult Choir

Accompanied By: Emily Hewitt (Flute)

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 9:36-41

Sermon "The Real Gifts"

Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 53**

"What Child Is This"

GREENSLEEVES

Special Service

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory

"Stars Over Bethlehem"

Sara Ann and JoAnn

•**Doxology** (#592)

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 38**

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

CAROL

•**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.