

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

December 21st, 2008

4th Sunday of Advent

•Those who are able may stand

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude** "Still, Still, Still"

Sara Ann and JoAnn

**Greetings and Announcements** (Please sign the friendship register)

**Gathering Song** "Let's Worship and Adore Him"

**Call to Worship** (Isaiah 9:6)

Leader: A Child has been born for us,

**People: A Son given to us!**

Leader: Authority rests upon His shoulder, and He is named

**People: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Children's Sermon - Advent Candle**

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

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•**Prayer of Confession**

**All glory to You, great God, for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, whom You sent to save us. In His name, we ask forgiveness, mercy, and grace that our sins might be blotted out and that we might be restored to You. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Titus 2:11)

Leader: The grace of God has appeared!

**People: Bringing salvation to all!**

•**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 7:14

**Anthem** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flock" Adult Choir

**New Testament Reading:** Revelation 21:3-5

**Sermon** "Immanuel" Rev. Joel Thornton

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 53** "What Child Is This" GREENSLEEVES

**GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

**Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes**

**Offertory** "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" Solo

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

•**Hymn 60** "Silent Night, Holy Night" STILLE NACHT

•**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.