

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 25th, 2011

Nativity of Jesus Christ/Christmas Day

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude and Chimes

Greetings and Announcements

Four Cents A Meal Offering

Call to Worship

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Silence, everyone in the presence of God.

People: God has come out of the sanctuary of heaven in Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

•Hymn 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

•Prayer of Confession

God of all worlds, ours seems at times like an abandoned world. We share in its sin, its darkness, and its despair. We feel our own way out of the mess we have made of things. We have forgotten that the world was created by you, revisited by you in Jesus Christ, and is still yours, a dwelling place of your choice for your Spirit. Forgive our casual, careless way that does not daily joy that you are here now, fully, completely in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

•Declaration of Pardon

Pastor: Friends, hear the Good News! The Lord has come, and is coming again.

People: Let the peace of God keep guard over our hearts and our thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Christ, we are forgiven.

•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 2:8-20

Anthem "The Star"

Adult Choir

Second Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

Sermon "Angels and shepherds testify, God's Son has for His people of the earth."

Rev. Robert D. Goshorn

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•Apostles' Creed (p.14)

•Hymn 25 "Away in a Manger"

MUELLER

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 40 "Joy to the World!"

ANTIOCH

•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.