

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

December 27th, 2009  
1st Sunday after Christmas  
•Those who are able may stand

**GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE**

**Prelude**  
**Greetings and Announcements**  
**Gathering Song** “O Come All Ye Faithful” (Chorus)

**Four Cents A Meal Offering**

**Call to Worship**  
Leader: Let us worship God. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.  
**People: We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Time With Children**

•**Hymn 38** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” CAROL

•**Prayer of Confession**  
**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as the light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**  
SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (John 13:34, and see John 20:19-26)  
Leader: Hear the teaching of Jesus: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.  
**People: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.**  
Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**People: And also with you.**

•**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:** I Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
**Anthem** “Christmas Gift” Adult Choir  
Accompanied by Emily Hewitt (Flute)  
**New Testament Reading:** Luke 2:41-52  
**Sermon** “Don’t Fold Up the Creche” Rev. William L. Painter, Jr.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

•**Apostles’ Creed** (p.14)  
•**Hymn 28** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” IN DULCI JUBILO

**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**

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**WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
We hope you will find a home for your heart and an opportunity to serve.