

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 28th, 2008
1st Sunday after Christmas
•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "When Christ Was Born" Arranged by: Kenneth Danchik
The Bell Choir

Greetings and Announcements (Please sign the friendship register)

Four Cents A Meal Offering

Gathering Song "Let's Worship and Adore Him"

Call to Worship (Isaiah 60:1,3)

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Nations shall come to your light

People: and rulers to the brightness of your rising.

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

•Hymn 63 "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

•Prayer of Confession

God of glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal Your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride sometimes hide the brightness of Your light that should shine through our redeemed lives. In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth Your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

•Assurance of Pardon (Scripture from Titus 2:11)

Leader: The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all humankind.

People: In Christ Jesus, grace is poured out upon us, and we are forgiven. Glory be to God!

•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: Matthew 2:1-12

Anthem "May We Enter The Stable Dear Joseph" Adult Choir

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:13-19

Sermon Rev. Robert Goshorn

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•Apostles' Creed (p.14)

•Hymn 66 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory "Carol of the Birds" Arranged by: Kenneth Danchik
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•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.