

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 4th, 2011
2nd Sunday of Advent
•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude and Chimes
Greetings and Announcements
Lighting the Advent Candles

Call to Worship (II Peter 3:13)
Leader: In accordance with God's promise. . .
People: . . .we wait for new heavens and a new earth where righteousness is at home.

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

•**Hymn 170** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Red Hymnal) ADESTE FIDELES

•**Prayer of Confession**
God of our salvation, You straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Forgive our sins as we confess them to You. Keep our hearts watchful in holiness, for the day of Your Son draws near. In His Holy Name we pray. Amen.
SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Romans 8:1-2)
Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.
People: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Amen.

•**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 40:1-11
Anthem "O Come, Emmanuel" Adult Choir
New Testament Reading: Mark 1:1-8
Sermon "The Gospel According To You" Rev. Charles K. Reller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.12 - Red Hymnal)
•**Hymn 149** "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" (Red Hymnal) ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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 160** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Red Hymnal) 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.