

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 1st, 2012
1st Sunday after Christmas
•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude and Chimes

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Leader: Nations shall come to your light
People: Rulers to the brightness of your rising.
Leader: Jesus said:

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

•Hymn 38 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL

•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 hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. 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. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

•Assurance of Pardon

•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 61:10-62:3

Anthem "Come Let Us Go To Bethlehem" Adult Choir

New Testament Reading: Luke 2:22-40

Sermon "Simeon's Satisfaction" Rev. William L. Painter, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•Apostles' Creed (p.14)
•Hymn 63 "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

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 265 "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand" WAREHAM
•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.