

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2009 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

PRELUDE *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* Rutter

ACOLYTES Megan Bootsma and Madeleine Smith

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Russell Family

INTROIT *Forever We Shall Sing*
Anonymous Central American Tune, arr. Paradowski
King's Kids Choir; Greg Russell, piano

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist, Carol Powers

All: Let us rejoice in God our Savior,
who has done great things for us,
who fills the hungry with good things!
Let us open ourselves to the Spirit of life and new birth!
Let us worship God!

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE *Joy to the World!* No. 40

❖ CALL TO CONFESSION

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We sing, "O come all ye faithful," O God, but we confess that we are not always faithful. We could have shown love this past week, but we kept ourselves busy with other things. We spoke without thinking and hurt someone. We treated the gifts and greetings and meals as chores, leaving out the most important ingredient—caring. We are sorry. Please forgive us, and accept our worship.

Amid the bright colors that surround us this season—the red, the green, the gold—send the light of your Messiah, that all that is good may be revealed more clearly and all that is wrong may be exposed and changed.

We pray in the name of Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, who lived for our sake, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Silence is kept

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Barr

❖ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

O Lord, as we offer our gifts today, we also offer a prayer: that during this Advent season the selfless spirit of Christ may become increasingly incarnate in our lives. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 7:10-16 and Matthew 1:18-25

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Tiny Bethlehem

Composed and arranged by Adam Steele and Larry Hawkins
with excerpts from works by Roy Ringwald and Peter Warlock

TINY BETHLEHEM MUSIC

Introduction Steele
The Angel Gabriel Ringwald
The Annunciation Hawkins
Magnificat Steele
The Piper and Shepherds Abiding in the Field Steele
Bethlehem Down Warlock
We Three Kings arr. Hawkins
Tiny Bethlehem Hawkins
Before the Marvel of This Night Steele
Silent Night arr. Steele

Silent Night is sung at the end of *Tiny Bethlehem*. Please feel free to join the singers in singing (No. 60 in the hymnal).

PIANO POSTLUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach-Hess



MUSICAL CAST

Mary and Joseph *Renn Sanderman, David Sanderman*
Baby Jesus *Turner Sanderman*
Angel of the Shepherds *Holly Rea*
Angel of the Annunciation *Madeline Rice*
Mary's Angels *Jessie Hansen, Allie Fox, Maria Freeborg*
..... *Hannah Pyle, Molly Tyler, Kenna Frey*
Flower Angels *Sarah Blair, Kathryn Caputo, Kaitlin Collins, Arielle Elisara,*
..... *Ashley Elisara, Helen Hansen, Victoria Holton, Natalie Lorati,*
..... *Molly Kemball, Addy Pratt, Sophia Searce, Emilia Smart-Denson*
Piper..... *Erica Dawson*
Shepherds..... *Scott Russell, William Mitchell*
Wisemen *Josh Dryden, Bruce Schinkelwitz, Jeff Keim*
Train Bearers *Zeph Pratt, Ty Searce, David Caputo*
Silent Night Soloist..... *Allison Kurtz*
Tiny Bethlehem Soloists *Erica Dawson, Madeline Rice, Maria Freeborg*
Narrator..... *Bob Rasmussen*
King's Kids Choir..... *Megan Bootsma, Liz Boyle, Birgitta Carlson, Ariel Derting,*
..... *Jordan Kellerman, Morgan Presson, Sierra Presson, Anna Kawasaki, Anna Lorati,*
..... *Grady Killian, Audrey Keim, Allison Kurtz, Lindsay Kurtz, Katie Reveno,*
..... *Maile Sakamoto, Brantley Schinkelwitz, Lauren Schinkelwitz, Rory Schinkelwitz,*
..... *Maddy Smith, Will Smith, Elli VanBrabant*
Director of Music..... *Adam Steele*
Director of Children's Choirs *Amy Rheingans*
Stage Director *Bernie Duffy*
Pianist and Organist..... *Darlene Cusick*
Synthesizer *Mark Kemball*
Harpist..... *Jenny Lindner*
Soloists *Raoul Bellis-Squires, Wendy Steele*
Costumers..... *Jini DeVries, Margaret Johnston, Karen Sandberg, Lynda Nicola*

