



BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 20th, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM

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*\*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

## **GATHERING**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude & Chimes**

*“Christmas Rhapsody”*  
Roger C. Wilson

**Welcome & Announcements**

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

## **WE APPROACH GOD**

**Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

**Leader:** God looks with favor on the humble and lowly.  
God's covenant does not focus on rank or position.

**People:** *God's chosen child was born in a stable.  
True humility comes from being a servant.*

**Leader:** Blessed are those who walk in God's light.  
Blessed are all who say 'yes' to God's call.

**People:** *Let the heavens proclaim the wonders of God.  
Let all the earth rejoice in Christ's coming.*

**Prayer of Adoration**

*Liturgy created/adapted by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, [rev-o-lution.org](http://rev-o-lution.org).*

**\*\*Call to Confession**

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

**\*\*Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

*Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often make plans without listening to you and discover that our human agendas can drown out our ability to hear your will for us. We repent of these faults and turn to you in love. Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, that our lives may magnify your holy name forever.*

**\*\* Moment of Silent Confession \*\***

*(service continues)*

**\*\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

***THE ADVENT WREATH***

***Advent Music***

*“Prayer”*

arranged by Michael Ryan

***Lighting of the Advent Candle***

*“Candle of Love”*

David & Betty Schooley

***Congregational Response (unison)***

*A candle is burning, a candle of Love,  
A candle to point us to heaven above.  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
For Jesus is bringing God’s love to our earth.*

***Advent Music***

*“More Love to Thee”*

arranged by Tim Doran

***WE HEAR GOD’S WORD***

**Prayer for Illumination**

Mark Wilson, Guest Speaker

**Scripture Reading**    Luke 1:26-38  
                                  Luke 2:1-11  
                                  Philippians 2:5-11

**Sermon**

*“Why a Stable?”*

Mark Wilson

**Music & Time of Reflection**

*“Away in a Manger”*

arranged by Albert T. Travis

***WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD***

**\*\*Statement of Faith (unison)**

Apostles’ Creed

**Joys & Concerns**

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

*(service continues)*

**The Prayers of the People**

Mark Wilson, Guest Speaker

. . . We pray these things in the name of the one who taught us to pray,

*Our Father . . .*

**The Lord's Prayer** (*unison*)

***SENDING***

**\*\*Charge & Benediction**

Mark Wilson, Guest Speaker

**Postlude**

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*  
arranged by Albin C. Whitworth

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