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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

Second Sunday of after Christmas

January 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

***Bold Text is spoken by everyone***

## PRELUDE

*The First Nowell*

## ACOLYTES

Megan Bootsma and Madeleine Smith

## WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Bellis-Squires, Liturgist

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**And the glory of our God has risen upon us.**

God has pity on the weak and needy;

**God redeems their life from oppression and violence.**

Precious in God's sight are the widows, widowers, and orphans of war;

**Precious in God's sight are the addicted and confused.**

Precious in God's sight are the abused and neglected;

**Precious in God's sight are the poor and desperate.**

Precious in God's sight are all who sit on the margins;

**Precious in God's sight are all who long for justice.**

The glory of our God will rise upon them.

**The glory of our God will rise upon us all.**

### ❖ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### ❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

No. 38

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, as the church, we are part of your redeeming work in history. Yet we know that often we seek our own success and salvation, and fear to follow Christ in commitment to a vision of wholeness for the world and its peoples. Help us to speak and act our parts in the great drama of your love, and in the freeing gospel of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take our parts in the drama of redeeming love.

**Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life!**

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Gloria Patri* No. 579

## ❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

**ANTHEM** *Carol of the Stable Dog* Hanney  
Wendy Steele, solo

## OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Offertory *What Child Is This* No. 53

❖ Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

**O Lord, we give you back what is your own, as by this offering we pledge our lives again to you. Confirm us, with our talents and our gifts, in the service of Christ, that we may truly be his family on earth with love to all your people. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *Arise, Shine; for Your Light has Come* Pastor Minshew

**HYMN** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (verses 1 and 3 only) No. 28

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Receive Elements as Invited

Communion Music

*Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who turn'dst from us the wrath of God*  
arr. Busoni

Prayer

❖ **HYMN**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

No. 44

❖ **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Joy to the World!*

*If you choose, you are invited to exit following the benediction,  
or remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.*