

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

January 4, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

PRELUDE *He is Born, the Divine Child* Goemanne

ACOLYTES Eric Hurd and Bennett Long

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

HONORING VALLEY'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR

INTROIT *Fum, Fum, Fum*  
King's Kids; Mark Kemball, pianist

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The magi came from many places, following a star.

**All: We come to worship, and the star sheds light on our lives.**

One: The magi brought gifts to offer the Child.

**All: We too bring gifts—ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.**

One: Shepherds and magi—the meek and the mighty—all were welcome in Bethlehem.

**All: We too come to Bethlehem and then return to our homes rejoicing.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* No. 41

## ❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through life. Forgive us when, like Herod, selfish ambition makes us willing to hurt others. Forgive us when, unlike the magi, we refuse to follow the light you give us. Shine in our lives through the light of your Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## ❖ SILENT, PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## ❖ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Gloria Patri* No. 579

❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**OFFERING** (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*The Coventry Carol*

Lasky

Doxology

❖ Prayer of Dedication

**Loving and receptive God, who acted in the Bethlehem birth and who sustains the whole human family, we come to you seeking to be wise men and women. May our gifts be a sign, as were the gifts for those travelers of old, that wisdom is marked by an offering of self and substance to the Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

*2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:45b-55 and Luke 1:26-38*

Lector: Words of Wisdom. Words of Truth.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**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**

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

*Silent Night* is sung at the end of *Tiny Bethlehem*.

Please feel free to join the singers in singing verses 1 and 2 (No. 60 in the hymnal).

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (p. 16)

Distribution of the Elements

*(Eat the bread as you are served.  
Hold the cup. We will commune together.)*

Prayer

## BENEDICTION

**One:** Go forth in the light of God's star. Go forth committed to a journey of faith and courage. Go forth to give the precious gift of your life to Christ.

**All:** **We will go forth and let the star guide us.  
We will share with others the journey of life.  
We will praise God, for the gift we have received is beyond  
measure—Jesus the Christ.**

# TINY BETHLEHEM CAST

Mary and Joseph.....	<i>Kim Kopetz, Chase Kopetz</i>
Baby Jesus.....	<i>Brooke Dolina Kopetz</i>
Angel of the Shepherds.....	<i>Kristin Conforti</i>
Angel of the Annunciation .....	<i>Maggie Bootsma</i>
Mary's Angels.....	<i>Molly Tyler, Maddy Snyder, Hannah Pyle, Maria Freeborg</i>
Flower Angels .....	<i>Molly Kemball, Katherine Caputo, ..... Kaitlin Collins, Addy Pratt, Madeline Rice</i>
Piper.....	<i>Erica Dawson</i>
Shepherds.....	<i>Kevin Killian, Alisha Killian, Grady Killian, Ainsley Killian</i>
Wisemen .....	<i>Alex Yakymi, Neil Blair, Jeff Keim</i>
Train Bearers .....	<i>David Caputo, Alex Blair, Eric Blair</i>
Valley Choirs.....	<i>Sanctuary Choir, King's Kids Choir</i>
Silent Night Soloist.....	<i>Sarah Blair</i>
Tiny Bethlehem Soloist .....	<i>Kristin Conforti</i>
Narrator.....	<i>Linda Sanderman</i>
Director of Music .....	<i>Adam Steele</i>
Director of Children's Choirs .....	<i>Amy Rheingans</i>
Stage Director .....	<i>Bernie Duffy</i>
Pianist and Organist.....	<i>Darlene Cusick</i>
Keyboardist .....	<i>Mark Kemball</i>
Harpist.....	<i>Jane Whitmore</i>
Soprano.....	<i>Karen Acker</i>
Mezzo-Soprano.....	<i>Wendy Steele</i>
Tenor.....	<i>Brian Foster</i>
Baritone.....	<i>Daniel Bunten</i>
Bass .....	<i>Raoul Bellis-Squires</i>
Costumer.....	<i>Jini DeVries</i>
Sound Technician .....	<i>David Derting</i>

