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December 28th, 2008

First Sunday After Christmas

10:30 a.m. Family Service

THE APPROACH

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymns: 43, Go, Tell It on the Mountain

45, Joy Is now in Every Place

Prayer: 53 VU, A Christmas Prayer

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymns: 35, Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (Vs 1,2)

58, Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Children's Time

THE WORD

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61:10,11

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Luke 2:22-40

p. 59

Jesus is presented in the Temple.

Reader: This is the Word of God as it is written
in our Christian scripture.

**All: The written word of God is enlightened
by the living Word of God that is within us.**

Solo: On the Night When Jesus was Born

-David Ouchterlony

Marj. Burt

Sermon

THE RESPONSE

Hymn: 70, There's a Star in the East

Minute for Mission:

"Getting to Know Others at a Congregational Meeting"

Offering and Prayer of Dedication: (together)

**With joy we present our gifts, O God. In hope we
dedicate them to good works. We are at peace as we
trust in your blessing. May love transform the world.
Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus
(translation p. 916 VU)

Hymn: 38, Angels We have Heard on High

Benediction and Blessing

Choral Amen

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation December 28th, 2008

Good morning and welcome! We are glad you came! **Visitors** are asked to sign our guest book in the vestibule. **All are invited** to the auditorium following the service for refreshments and visiting.

Coffee (regular and decaf.) and juice are being served in the narthex each morning before the service. This is an opportunity to socialize prior to the Sunday worship services and is one way congregations are engaging in the **Emerging Spirit Campaign**.

This morning:

Head usher: Peter Geres

Ushering and greeting: Bea Nicholson, Shirley McKay
Verna and Vern Larson

Reader: Marj. McKinnon

Thank you to Marj. Burt for enriching our service of worship with the beautiful solo this morning.

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Marion Brown in loving memory of Gord.

Norm will be away January 1st to 13th.

Next Sunday, January 4th, the Christmas decorations will be put away. Plan to stay after coffee for a short while, if you can, and help take down and pack away the decorations.

'The Good News Ensemble' is ten singers and musicians who travel from church to church once per month with an upbeat and encouraging Good News message. Their presentation is a jazz, swing and soft-rock gospel sound. They present traditional religious songs as well. Several songs are special arrangements out of Voices United. This group was formed in 2002 and see themselves as an inter-faith group. **'The Good News Ensemble' will be our guests at the regular worship service on January 11th. See bulletin insert.**

"Interesting/Educational Things To Do" – Please see page 3 of the Advent 2008 Newsletter. Sign-up sheets will be available January 4th.

The Bethel UCW will hold a General Meeting on Thursday, January 8th, at 1:30 p.m. in the gym.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast: There will be no breakfast meeting in January. The next meeting will be Saturday, February 7th.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, January 4th:

Matthew 2:1-12 Ezekiel 18:30-32 Matthew 5:38-41

Stewardship Seconds 2008 - December 28th:

Stewards trust that God will replenish what has been given freely, and so dare to be wellsprings for others.

