December 23, 2007 **SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY** **11:00 AM**

PRELUDE *Variations on Fum, Fum, Fum* arr. Leavitt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
MOMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP

INTROIT *Light Four Candles to Watch For Messiah* arr. Wold

CALL TO WORSHIP Lighting of the Advent Wreath Meldrum Family

PRAYER OF PRAISE Miriam King, Liturgist

***HYMN No. 29** *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

CONFESSION OF SIN (*In Unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

(let each worshipper pray silently)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, No. 579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Romans 1:1-7 (Pew Bible, NT Section, page 795; Large Print page 1746)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Kyle Peters

(Children in grades Kindergarten to 3rd Grade will be dismissed to Children's Church)

ANTHEM *Westminister Carol* arr. Nygard

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-14 (Pew Bible, OT Section, page 488; Large Print page 1069)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN No. 44** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

SERMON LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible, NT Section, pg. 681; Large Print pg. 1497)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Joseph Listened Rev. Jonathan Fettig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –** (In Unison) Apostles Creed (traditional)
(The Hymnal Page 14)

OFFERTORY *How Far is it to Bethlehem?* arr. Wagner

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***PRESENTATION,** The Doxology (The Hymnal, No. 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN No. 28** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *In Dulci Jubilo* arr. Sergisson