

The First Sunday after Christmas
December 27, 2009

PRELUDE	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	Held
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS WREATH	<i>Away in the Manger</i>	#277
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Amid the darkness of this world, let us confess our sin
and welcome the light of God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and truth,
**in Christ Jesus you come among us
as light shining in the darkness.**
**We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
and have not trusted the good news of great joy.**
**Forgive us and renew our hope,
so that we may live in the fullness of your love,
trusting in the grace of Christ our Lord.**
Amen.

The angel said, You shall call his name Jesus
for he will save his people from their sins.
With great joy, I announce to you
the entire forgiveness of your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	#283
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GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	#289
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON (OT)	Isaiah 52:7-10	Pew Bible p. 756
SECOND LESSON	Hebrews 1:1-4	Pew Bible p. 234 (NT)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION		p. 142
GOSPEL	John 1:1-14	Pew Bible p. 94 (NT)
SERMON	"Light and Bread"	

HYMN	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	#279
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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM p. 227

Charles Raymond Little, son of Todd & Melissa (Tuttle) Little, born June 14, 2009

(9:00 a.m.)

Cameron Thomas Harkness, son of Gary & Rebecca (Dreiske) Harkness, born May 7, 2009

(10:30 a.m.)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Everett James Williams, son of Scott & Shana (Gorsky) Williams, born June 1, 2009

(10:30 a.m.)

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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Lord in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

PEACE

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OFFERING

A La Nanita Nana (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.)
Mary's Little Boy Child (10:30 a.m.)

arr. Kochanek
 arr. Fetke

***OFFERTORY**

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What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherd guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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***SANCTUS**

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

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LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION SONGS

Let Our Gladness Have No End
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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BLESSING

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***SONG AFTER COMMUNION**

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Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Burkhardt

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Bethany welcomes all baptized Christians who have celebrated their first communion to join in receiving the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

An usher will direct you when to come forward for the distribution.

You will receive the wafer in your hand which you may then dip in the wine.

A communion station with alcohol free wine and gluten free wafers is available at every communion service at the center aisle.

We are glad that you joined us for worship today!

Please let us know how we may serve you by filling out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack. If you would like information about the ministries of Bethany,

visit the Hospitality Center located in the narthex

or our website at www.bethany-denver.org.

We invite you to stay after worship for refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ron Gluskamp
PRESIDER	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
INTERIM ORGANIST	Sheree Weverstad
LECTORS	Arlis Adolf (8:00 a.m.) Marie Friedemann (9:00 a.m.) Don Abram (10:30 a.m.)
CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHTERS	Paul, Becky & Abby Godec (8:00 a.m.) Dick, Dan, Lizzie, Madeline, Frances & William Cable (9:00 a.m.) Ron & Elaine Kaminen (10:30 a.m.)
MUSICIANS	Britta & Michelle Okes (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.) Chancel Choir, Director: Dan Grace (10:30 a.m.)
CANTORS	Britta Okes (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.) Lindsey Whitaker (10:30 a.m.)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Bev Van Kirk Sylvia Boedeker (8:00 a.m.) Carole Cameron, Dick Rankin Amy Meissner, Roberta Steckler (9:00 a.m.) Bill Moeller, Jean Lindsey Vicky Daub (10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTES	Ethan Vitcenda & Tyler Reinhardt (8:00 a.m.) Natalie Baltizar & Perry Moholt (9:00 a.m.) Joe Gift & Ben Moore (10:30 a.m.)
USHERS	Gary Miller, Steve Esterline, Scott Scholbe David Scott, Bud Setzer, Richard Will (8:00 a.m.) Neal Schuessler, Gary Steckler, Lee Engelbart David Admire, Nancy Admire, Bill Hermann Kevin McAuliffe, Jeanette Thorsen, Bruce Thorsen (9:00 a.m.) Bill King, Ben King, Al Baumbach, Dan Spancers Lowell Palmquist, Fred Kluppel (10:30 a.m.)
SOUND TECHNICIAN	Mark Buland
DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Good, Millie Hock, Carol Rankin Gwen Smith, Mona Palmquist
DECEMBER SACRISTANS	Dave Malucky, John Brayton
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Katie Dragseth, Laura Weber-Meyers Kathy Shearer, Lori Braden, Hilda Mohseni

- ❖ The page number **p.** refers to the Order of Service in the front of the ELW.
- ❖ The **#** symbol refers to hymns and service music found after the Psalms.
- ❖ The ***** indicates liturgy that is omitted at the 8:00 a.m. service.
- ❖ Large print version available at the Hospitality Center.

Bethany's Mission, Vision & Goals Worship Meaningfully; Grow Spiritually; Serve Purposefully; Share Fellowship; Witness Intentionally

Please pick up a Bethany calendar of events at the Hospitality Center for an overview of activities in 2010!