



Christmas Eve Worship Service

December 24, 2022 / 5:30 p.m.

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church



GATHERING ...

Ringling of the Bell and Words of Welcome

The Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Sarah, Ryan, Laura, and Dan Volk

Opening Prayer *(unison)*

Dear God, who comes to us in Jesus, on this night as we celebrate his birth, let the power of Christ come into our hearts, and the good news of Christ reach our lips so all will hear that you are with us! Amen.

*Hymn 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

Christmas Eve Prayer

Toby Fletcher

O Holy God, we hear the story of shepherds and magi, of maiden and carpenter, of prophets and angels and tonight we, too, come to Bethlehem for a blessing. You are born in our hearts because you have chosen our human bodies for your birth. We are filled with Hope. We are filled with Peace. We are filled with Joy. And we are filled with Love, because all that is meek and lowly and humble in us and in creation becomes holy this night. *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all.* Amen.

*Response 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come! *(Stanza 1 only)*

FESTAL SONG

*Passing of the Peace

HEARING ...

Sacred Space and Prayers for the Children

Ashia Stoess

Anthem When Love Was Born

S. LEWIS, B. HERMS, M. SHULTZ

Scripture Luke 2:8-18

Homily WENT AND TOLD

Rev. Joel Weible

*Hymn 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

OFFERING HOPE ...

Invitation for Offering

Toby Fletcher

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication *(unison)*

Toby Fletcher

Holy God, it is the joy we find in the birth of the Christ child that allows us to Go and Tell the good news. May this offering be a means to share that good news with others as it is used by this church to meet the needs of our community. We dedicate this offering in the name of Jesus Christ, Immanuel. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation and Words of Institution

Celebration by Intinction

*SPREADING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*As our Communion Music transitions to our Closing Hymn, the Ushers will come up the aisle lighting candles. Please turn to the person next to you, **keep your lit candle straight**, and allow them to light their candle until everyone's light shines!*

*Hymn 122 Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

SENDING ...

*Charge and Benediction

Extinguishing the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude Joy to the World!

arr. D. BERGOUT

* *Please stand in body or spirit*

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**LESSONS AND CAROLS
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

TONIGHT AT 11:00 PM



Go Tell! God is With Us

We have been waiting for this night.
We have learned to tell the right story.
We have shared our proclamation as the “news” that is.
We have joined the chorus.
And we have revealed the Hope that is within us!

Tonight, we offer it to the World.
God comes to be with us because we have come to be with God.

Glory to God in the Highest! And on Earth ... Good News!
May your Christmas Day be every day.