PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Learning, Glorifying, Celebrating, and Following ..."

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music The Ringing of the Bell Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude A Christmas Fantasy arr. J. SCOTT

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is born!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus is with us!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Let us shout with joy, give thanks, and sing!

ALL: CHRIST IS BORN TODAY!

*Hymn Selections: A Christmas Shepherd's Medley

Hymn 147 The First Nowell (stanzas 1, 3, 6) THE FIRST NOWELL
Hymn 135 Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow
Hymn 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT

Christmas Litany

Leader: Gracious God, we have sought you in high and holy places;

we are ill-prepared to acknowledge your presence in the

simple newness that this day brings.

People: We are anxious, even on these last days of the year, about

the year ahead. We believe that you are profound, but we already overlook the obvious truth so easily sung last

week on Christmas Eve: You are with us.

Leader: Turn us, incarnate God, by the simple wonders of your love,

to a new birth of hope, peace, joy, and love.

People: In Christ's name hear our silent prayers of re-birth ...

(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Children of God, it is clear that God has come again!

People: For we are here: Immanuel!

Leader: Declare with me the Good News of our Gospel!

ALL: IN JESUS CHRIST WE ARE FORGIVEN! AMEN.

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

FESTAL SONG

*Passing of the Peace

HEARING ...

Time for Young Disciples

Anthem Go Tell! SIMON & GARFUNKEL

Annie Weible and Richard Ray, Duet

Scripture Luke 2:1-20

Homily A GLIMPSE OF WHAT'S TO COME

Rev. Joel Weible

*Hymn Selections: A Christmas Baby's Medley

Hymn 144In the Bleak Midwinter (stanzas 1, 2)CRANHAMHymn 115Away in a MangerMUELLERHymn 121O Little Town of BethlehemST. LOUIS

RESPONDING ...

*Affirmation of Faith (unison) from A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In a broken and fearful world, God's Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God and empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and faithful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth, saying: "Come Lord Jesus!"

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering and Offering

Offertory <u>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</u>

arr. K. UPPERCUE

*Doxology 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Thank you, God of love, for the promise of this season. We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into this world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all your children everywhere. Amen.

SENDING ...

*Hymn Selections: A Christmas Angel's Medley

Hymn 143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE
Hymn 113 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

Hymn 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

*Charge and Benediction

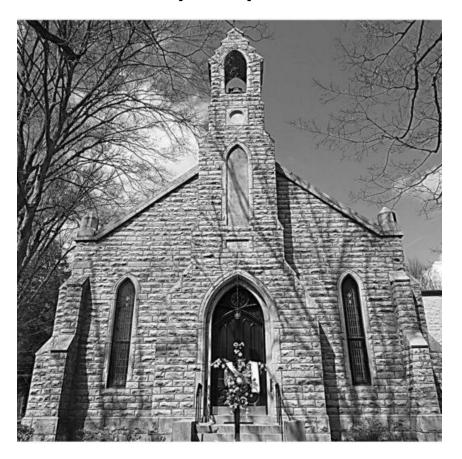
*Benediction Response

The Ringing of the Bell

*Postlude <u>Joy to the World!</u>

arr. D. BERGOUT

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church



"We have found in this church a spiritual home where we learn to serve others, enjoy and glorify God, celebrate differences, and faithfully follow the Lord Jesus Christ."

Sunday Morning Worship

December 25, 2022 - Christmas Day

^{*} Please stand in body or spirit