



LESSONS AND CAROLS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Christmas Eve 2023, 11:00 p.m.
Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

Prelude Pastorale J.S. BACH

Ringing of the Bell and Words of Welcome Reverend Joel Weible

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer (*unison*):

Living God, on this Holy Night we gather – to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory; to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work; to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promises; to sit with Mary, cradling your love. May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of great joy: To us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 133** O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

Reading *A Warning: Genesis 3:1-7a*

Anthem Rejoice, Rejoice Believers K. LEE SCOTT

Christmas Eve Prayer

Reading *A Prophecy: Isaiah 11:1-5*

***Hymn 129** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN'ROS'

Reading *A Foretelling: Luke 1:26-35, 38*

Anthem The Angel Gabriel G. CHIUSANO

Reading *A Birth: Luke 2:1-7*

Anthem Somebody Build a Manger JOEL RANEY

Reading *A Visit: Matthew 2:1-12*

Solo Sweet Little Jesus Boy ROBERT MACGIMSEY
Don Whitehouse, soloist

Reading *Good News of Great Joy: Luke 2:8-20*

Anthem Only a Baby Came NATALIE SLEETH

Homily *WELCOMED HOME* Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 119** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

Call to Offering

Offertory O, Holy Night arr. M. KILLION

***Doxology** Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

*All Creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son.
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ the newborn King.*

***Reading** *A New Beginning: John 1:1-5, 14*

***Christmas Prayer** FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
Please tip the unlit candle to the lit candle

***Hymn 122** Silent Night, Holy Night STILLE NACHT

*Charge and Benediction

*Ringing of the Bell

Postlude Joy to the World! BACH / HANDEL

**** Please stand in body or spirit***