

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam
Lucie Cardwell –Soloist

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1–12

The wise men are led by a star to Jesus.

Masters In This Hall

French/English Carol
Piano Solo by Belinda Vair

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1–14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Carol: “Joy To The World” #40

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Silent Night, Holy Night” #60

(We will stand to sing the first verse again as we lift our candles high)

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Silent Night” Belinda Vair - Acompanist/Choir Director



WELCOME TO THE CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH JOHNSTOWN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. WELCOME TO ALL JOINING US HERE AND ON YOU-TUBE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHARE THE SERVICE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE HERE.

LAURA RUEHLE

A Service of Lessons and Carols

PRELUDE THE FIRST NOEL ARR. BY JIM BRICKMAN
Belinda Vair= Accompanist/Choir Director

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
The Christ Candle – The Ruehle Family

Followed by Choral Introit –

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name;
People: Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.
Leader: Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.
People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
Leader: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.
People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.
Leader: Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.
People: God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth.
All: Praise the Lord!

Lessons
First Lesson Genesis 3:8–15, 17–19
Adam and Eve disobey God’s command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation
Carol: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #44

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15–18
God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed

Carol: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” #9

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6–7
The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Savior.

Carol: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” #38

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1–3a, 4a, 6–9
The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.

Carol: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” #48

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26–35, 38
The angel Gabriel greets the virgin Mary.

Choir Anthem Child of Hope, Child of Peace Lloyd Larson

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1, 3–7
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.

A Christmas Hallelujia arr. by Leonard Cohen
Duet by Helen Thompson & Laura Ruehle

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8–16
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.



Christmas Poinsettia's to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

Mary Jo Argotsinger
Her Family

Walt and Sandy Lane
Loved Ones

Kristi Miner & Jason Mylott
Their Dad – Thomas Mylott

Linda Snell
Ron Snell

Barbara H. Taylor
Dr. & Mrs. William F. Heseke

Barbara H. Taylor
Her Sister – Christine H. Higgins
You will be missed!



Christmas Poinsettia's to the Glory of God and in Loving Honor of:

Kristi Miner and Jason Mylott
Her Parents Fred I. and Patricia Maderic
Lynn Mylott



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Donna VanAernam for being responsible for the Poinsettia's
beautifying the Sanctuary.*