



**Welcome to the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with
Johnstown First Presbyterian Church.**

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Thomas Ruehle

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24, 7pm

PRELUDE O Holy Night Trumpet Solo - Dr. Kayhan Zandieh D.D.S.

LIGHTING the CHRIST CANDLE

The Ruehle Family

Leader: As we gather on this sacred Christmas Eve, we light all the candles, including the center candle, the Christ candle. Together, these candles symbolize the Light of the World coming to dispel the darkness. As we light this Christ candle, may its flame ignite the warmth of God's love within us and spread the message of joy and salvation to all.

Tonight we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the source of our hope.

Let heaven and nature sing.

The Prince of Peace has come to dwell among and within us.

Let Heaven and nature sing.

The source of our joy and our salvation is here.

Let heaven and nature sing.

The greatest gift of all, the gift of love has been given.

Let heaven and nature sing.

Gracious Creator, we thank you for the love that brought Christ into our lives, for the hope his birth represents, and for the peace that his presence brings. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may this Christ candle illuminate our hearts and minds, drawing us closer to you and to one another. In the name of the newborn King, we pray. **Amen.**

CAROL: #41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

READING: Isaiah 9:1-7 (Pew Bible Page #638)

Helen Thompson

MUSIC: "Were You There On That Christmas Night"

N. Sleeth

Belinda Vair, Connie Chamberlain, Deb Hutchinson

READING:

Luke 2:8-20 (Pew Bible Page #58)

Helen Thompson

MUSIC: "Christmas Eve Lullaby"

M. Wimmer

Soloists, Helen Thompson & Laura Ruehle

PASTORAL MEDITATION

The Rev. Dr. RW Williams

MUSIC: "What We All Want For Christmas Is Peace"

Joel Raney

Helen Thompson, Soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 and ever. Amen.

CAROL: # 40 "Joy to the World!"

CAROL: #60 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. R.W. Williams

POSTLUDE "Hallelujia Chorus"

G.F. Handel

Belinda Vair, Accompanist/Choir Director



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

Darla Abraham
June & Bob Barr

Betsy, Andy & Steve Camarra
Ginger Perham

Connie Chamberlain
Parents – Nina & Don Duross

Ron & Donna Chizek
Ed & Nina Ferguson
Joe & Anna Chizek
Larry Chizek

Nancy & Josh Edwards,
Dan Intelisano & families
Janice M. Intelisano

Jahnn Gibson
John & Andrienne Swanker
George & Mary Hansen

Nancy Gillmore
William Gillmore
Janice Virtuucci

The Scharpou Family
Edward and Irene Scharpou

Walt & Sandy Lane
Loved Ones

Carol Larter
Warren M. Larter

Kristi Miner & Jason Mylott
Thomas Mylott

The Ruehle Family
Rosa Ruehle
Loving Wife, Mother & Grandmother

Peter & Jane Smith
Loved Ones

Mary Sutton and Family
Christine Sutton
Tom Sutton
Steve Sutton
Tommy Sutton

Barbara H. Taylor & Family
Dr. & Mrs. William F. Heseck
Beverly Grant

A Friend
Lucy Diener

Sandra Maceyka
Helen Pulsifer Dean

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

Kristi Minor & Jason Mylott
Their Parents
Fred & Patricia Maderic
Lynn Mylott