

Covenant Presbyterian Church
CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION

Prelude Karin Lyle

Call to Worship "The Great Light" The Advent Readers
 Connie, Ross & Ed

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

*...because of the tender mercy of our God, by which
 the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine
 on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 to guide our feet into the path of peace.*

The Hymn of Advent* *O Come, All Ye Faithful* No. 208

The Christmas Reading Luke 2:1-7

The Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* No. 201

*Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small ... out of you
 will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel. -Micah 5:2*

The Christmas Reading Luke 2:8-14

*There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby,
 keeping watch over their flocks at night. -Luke 2:8*

The Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 214

*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth
 peace to those on whom his favor rests. -Luke 2:14*

The Christmas Reading Luke 2:15-20

The Carol *Away in a Manger* No. 205

*But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her
 heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
 for all the things they had heard and seen. -Luke 2:19-20*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Christmas Reading Matthew 2:1-11

The Carol *As with Gladness Men of Old* No. 226

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. -Matthew 2:10

The Anthem

A Christmas Parable Pastor Olson

The Scripture Reading John 1:1-14

The Meditation "Finally Home" Pastor Olson

The Carol *Silent Night! Holy Night!* No. 210
 Unison Prayer of Renewal

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of
 our one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and
 shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the
 joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem this
 night fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do.
 May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as
 he humbled himself to share our humanity. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Choral Response* *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Congregation

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
 Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,
 And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
 Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

*Congregation standing