

# PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Learning, Glorifying, Celebrating, and Following ...”*

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## GATHERING ...

Gathering Music  
The Ringing of the Bell  
Words of Welcome

## PREPARING ...

**Prelude**      Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott      DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

**\*Call to Worship**      Ed Staats

Leader: We have been called together to face God’s new way of living.

**People: Sometimes we’d rather remember how things used to be.**

Leader: But this is a new day. This is a day to put aside fear and to take courage.

**People: We will look to the new day ahead of us and take courage in God’s loving call.**

Leader: This morning the opening worship of the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church takes place in St. Louis. Our opening hymn has been suggested for use in all the congregations of our denomination. We join together in one voice with our brothers and sisters across the country.

**ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER!**

**\*Hymn** (see insert)      Draw the Welcome Circle Wider      BEACH SPRING

## **Call to Confession and Prayer** (*unison*)

Most holy and most merciful God, in your presence we must face the sinfulness of our nature and the error of our ways, intended or accidental. You alone know how often we fail by wandering from your paths, wasting our gifts, and underestimating your love. Have mercy upon us, O God, for we have broken your requirements for justice and overlooked opportunities for kindness. Humble us with your truth and raise us by your grace that we may more nearly be the people of Christ and the witnesses of your Spirit. Hear our silent prayers of return ...

*(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment that a son or daughter opens to the gift of forgiveness.

**People: God’s Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ we are God’s by grace, forgiven and redeemed.

**People: With great joy we are made alive. Alleluia!**

**ALL: AMEN.**

**\*Response 322**      Spirit of the Living God      LIVING GOD

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

## HEARING ...

**Young Disciples**      Ashia Stoess

**Anthem**      Peace Like a River/Amazing Grace      JOEL RANEY  
The Men’s Quartet accompanied by Shirley Hawkes

**Scripture**      Readings From Montreat

**Sermon**      LIFT EVERY VOICE: Reflections from Montreat  
Reverend Joel Weible

**\*Hymn 563**      Lift Every Voice and Sing      LIFT EVERY VOICE  
(stanzas 1 and 3 only)

## RESPONDING ...

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      from THE IONA COMMUNITY

We believe that God hopes and works for a world where all shall be included in the feast of life and that in Christ we see how costly it is to bring that world about.

We believe that God of all the earth is at work beyond the churches as well as within them, working for justice, so that all may have a say in what happens to them.

We long for the time when all who hunger and thirst for justice shall be satisfied and we believe that despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we *can* make a difference. Amen.

**Time of Giving Thanks**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Call to Offering and Offering**

**Offertory**     In Christ Alone

L. LARSON

**\*Doxology 592**     Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

O God, we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within our church. As that Spirit moves in our midst, may it inspire us toward generosity and fire us with energy to serve you well. Receive our humble gifts in the name of Christ, whose presence is certain when the Spirit is with us. Amen.

**SENDING ...**

**\*Hymn 429**     Lord, You Give the Great Commission  
(stanzas 1, 3, and 5 only)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**The Ringing of the Bell**

**Postlude**     Arise, My Soul, Arise!

DALE WOOD

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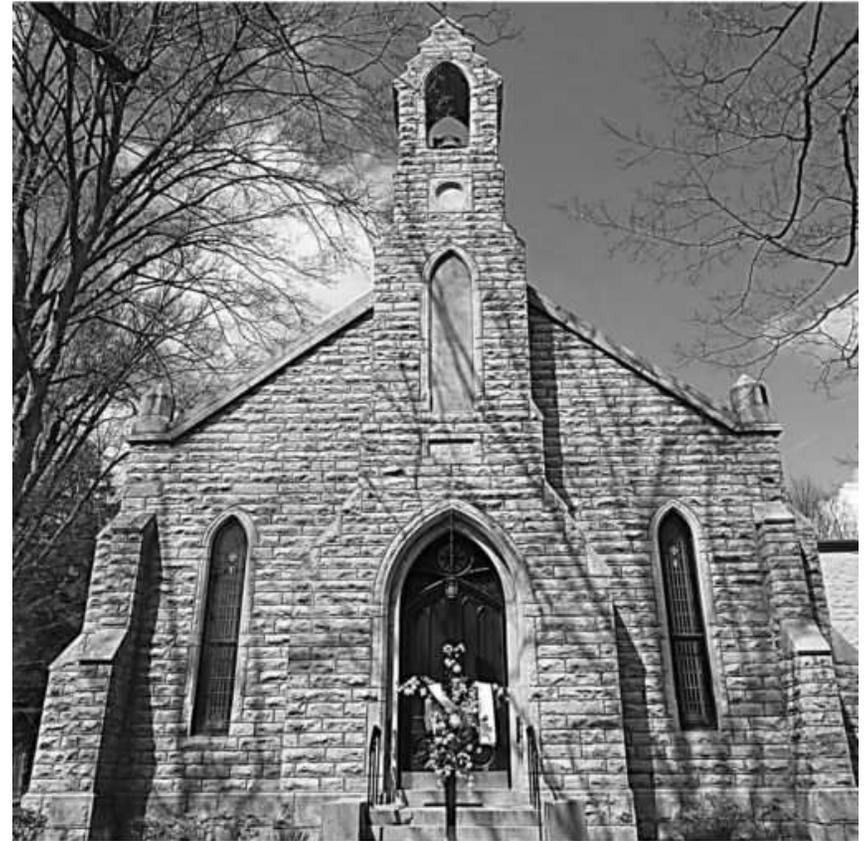
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***IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...***

All elements of recent services may be heard on our website;  
Manuscripts and Audio Podcasts can also be found.

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**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**

June 17, 2018 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost