

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Hark, the Herald Angels Sing M.L. THOMPSON
The Handbell Choir

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The year past were the days that the Lord made.

People: We were glad and rejoiced in them.

Leader: The year ahead will be the days that the Lord will make.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in them.

Leader: Today is the day the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad for today!

ALL: LET US GIVE THANKS AND SING!

***Hymn 23** Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

Gracious God, we have sought you in high and holy places; we are ill-prepared to acknowledge your presence in the simple newness that this day brings. We are anxious, even on these last days of the year, about the year ahead. We believe that you are profound but we already overlook the obvious truth so easily sung last week on Christmas Eve: You are with us. Turn us, incarnate God, by the simple wonders of your love, to a rebirth of faith and hope and joy. In Christ's name hear our silent prayers of return in the New Year ahead ... (*A Time of Silence for Personal Confession*)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: On this Sunday after Christmas, God has given us a new name.

People: We shall no longer be called Wounded, Outcast, Lonely, or Afraid.

Leader: Our new name shall be The Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord.
For we are forgiven.

People: Let us take up our new name with new confidence to live in the coming year as the people of God we are called to be.

ALL: MAY OTHERS SEEK GOD'S FACE BECAUSE OF US IN THE YEAR AHEAD.

***Response 411** Arise, Your Light Is Come! FESTAL SONG
(Stanza 1 only)

***Passing of the Peace**

HEARING ...

Time for Young Disciples Lynne Anderson

Anthem We Three Kings M.L. THOMPSON
The Handbell Choir

Scripture Luke 2:21-35

Homily NO 'NUNC DIMITIS' FOR US YET Joel Weible

***Hymn Selections:** *A Christmas Medley*

Hymn 56	<u>The First Nowell (stanza 1, 3, 6)</u>	THE FIRST NOWELL
Hymn 29	<u>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</u>	GO TELL IT
Hymn 31	<u>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</u>	MENDELSSOHN

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from the IONA COMMUNITY

With the whole church ...

We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, and empowered by the Spirit.

With people everywhere ...

We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation ...

We affirm and celebrate the miracle and wonder of life and the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering and Offering

Offertory I Saw Three Ships

D. BISH

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

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

These gifts, O God, are first from you, signs of your bounty meant for all of your children. We joyously give you thanks for all that we have and ask your blessing on our morning's offering. Turn our lives to your will as we receive and as we give, for the sake of your children everywhere. Amen.

SENDING ...

***Hymn 40** Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** In dulci jubilo

J.S. BACH

* Please stand, if comfortably able to do so

PLEASE NOTE: Food and drinks are not allowed in the Sanctuary.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

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Manuscripts and Audio Podcasts can also be found.

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***“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

December 30, 2018 – First Sunday after Christmas