

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Fanfare on The Epiphany E. HOVLAND

***Call to Worship** Kim Pappas

Leader: God calls the young.

The Young: **Speak, for your servants are listening.**

Leader: God calls the old.

The Old: **Speak, for your servants are listening.**

Leader: God calls men.

Men: **Speak, for your servants are listening.**

Leader: God calls women.

Women: **Speak, for your servants are listening.**

Leader: God calls us all – young and old, men and women, rich and poor, white, red, brown, and yellow – God calls us all.

ALL: **LET US SING OUT FOR OUR GOD IS LISTENING!**

***Hymn 69** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright WIE SCHON LEUCHTET

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

Patient God, repeatedly – day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute – you call us to serve you. But your voice is drowned out by the noise we have created to isolate ourselves from you and those around us: the noise of our televisions, our iPhones, and our surround sound systems; the noise of our politics, our marketing, and even our own voices. Forgive us ... Forgive us and quiet us, God. Teach us to listen for your voice, that we may know ourselves in you, and know what you would have us be and have us do. In Christ’s name, hear our silent prayers of return ...

(*A Time of Silence for Personal Confession*)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, speak the good news of our salvation.

People: **God freely bestows grace on us through Jesus Christ.**

Leader: In Christ we receive redemption and forgiveness.

People: **We are reconciled to God and one another.**

ALL: **GLORY BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA! AMEN.**

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

Passing of the Peace

HEARING ...

Time for Young Disciples Mark Lane

Anthem The Work of Christmas H. THURMAN

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon YET ANOTHER ROAD Rev. Joel Weible

RESPONDING ...

***Hymn 66** We Three Kings of Orient Are THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

***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

Offertory The Shepherds' Farewell to the Holy Family D. CHERWIEN

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

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

We thank you, God of love, for the promise that is ours to keep because of Jesus of Nazareth. We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into the world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all your children everywhere. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (see insert)

Serving Communion: Hope Gardiner, Larry McCarson,
Kim Pappas, Mike Yelton

SENDING ...

***Hymn 229** From All That Dwell Below the Skies LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

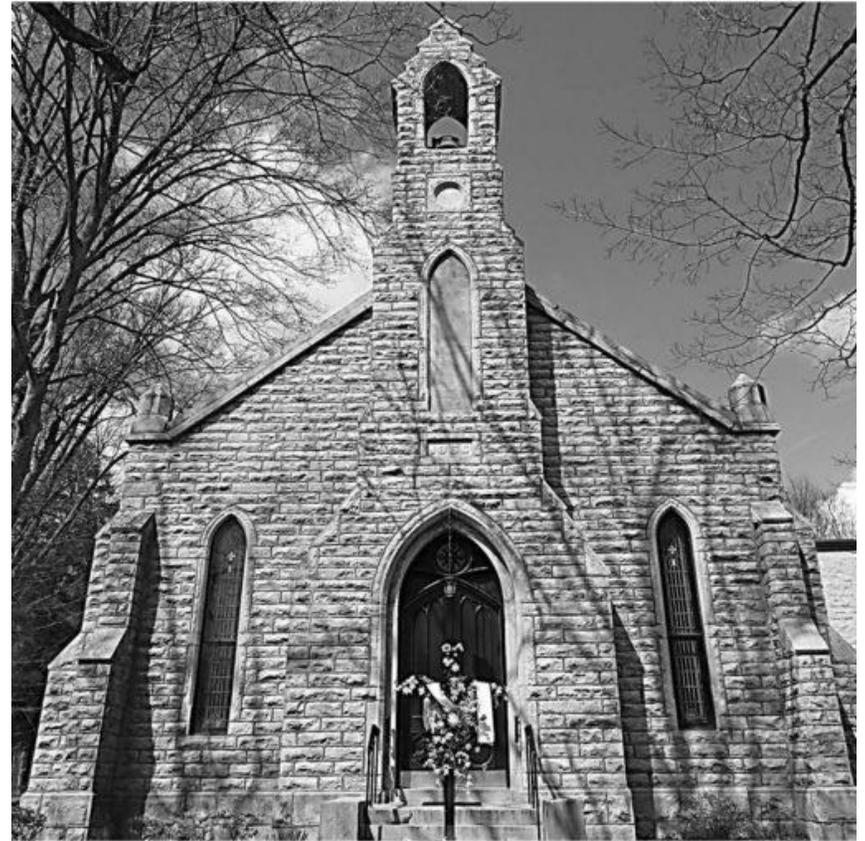
The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** Toccata on "We Three Kings" F.D. ASHDOWN

* Please stand, if comfortably able to do so

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

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

January 5, 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: When Jesus sat at the table and enjoyed communion with those he had gathered, he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. As we gather here, we proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness.

People: All are invited now to share God's table and be nourished by the Bread of Life.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to be thankful and full of praise.

O Holy One who created the stars, you have formed us from your womb and have given us life and creativity. You have made us rich in color and in speech, and your wisdom has guided us through every age and time. We ask now the presence of your Spirit. We have come from many places and have many ways of expressing our beliefs. Around this table, we are one and we call ourselves your people.

Sung Response, Hymn 580

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory:
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.**

We thank you that you have surrounded us with so gentle and powerful a host of witnesses through our scripture. We thank you for the models and memories of women and men in our own lives who have shown us faith and promise. We thank you, God, for the liberation that Christ brought all people and for giving us new life by dying and rising that life might be more precious to us than death.

Sung Response, Hymn 582

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**Dying, You destroyed our death;
Rising, You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Thank you for the wholeness that you have given to us in the flesh and blood of Jesus the Christ. Give us courage to live in ways that give life and celebrate living. Through the grace that we have now in Christ and in the lives of those who have gone before us, we pray. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Communion of the People

(Please wait to partake of the elements until all are served.)

Prayer after the Sharing (*unison*)

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of the cup, we thank you, O God. For the community you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness, and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.