

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

Online Worship Service

December 6, 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

GATHERING ...

**The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome**

PREPARING ...

Call to Worship

The Culbertson Family

Our Advent candles this year represent four gifts that God gives us – Peace, Justice, Joy, and Salvation. These gifts are God’s vision for how our world *should* be. We are invited this year to receive peace, justice, joy, and salvation as the gifts they are and spend time each week reflecting on how to use each gift to help build a better world.

Today we continue the season of Advent by lighting the second candle in our Advent wreath:

THE GIFT OF JUSTICE.

The prophet Isaiah writes: *A shoot shall come out of the stump of Jesse ... The spirit of the Lord will rest on him.*

One day, we are promised, God will make the lifeless stump produce new growth; life will emerge out of something that was dead. A new day will dawn when JUSTICE will be done.

As we light our second candle let us consider how we may hasten that day when JUSTICE will “roll down” in the world.

Let us pray together:

Dear God of JUSTICE, grant us a vision of your world as your love would have it: a world where the weak are protected and none go hungry or poor; a world where peace is built with JUSTICE, and JUSTICE is guided by love. Give us the inspiration and courage to build that world now. Amen.

Call to Confession and Prayer

Now is the time to wake from sleep.

Salvation is near. Let us confess our sins:

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess this morning that we do not fully believe in your Peace. We do not heed your word each day that wars, global and personal, must end. We too often do not see neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children who we should trust. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that you will gather us to you and give us true peace. In Christ’s name, hear our silent prayers of return ...

(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low.

Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Response, No. 1

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus (stanza 1)

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

STUTTGART

HEARING ...

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10

Sermon NEW GREEN SHOOTS

Ellen Sherby, Student Minister

Anthem I Will Bless the Faithful

BENJAMIN HARLAN

RESPONDING ...

Sacrament of Communion 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In a broken and fearful world, God's Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God and empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and faithful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth, saying: "Come Lord Jesus!"

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements
Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

SENDING ...

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

Our flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God

This Week's Birthdays: Caitlyn Faul (12/8) Wilma Wayne (12/11)

To dedicate flowers for an upcoming Sunday, contact the Church Office at 241-4326