

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“Learning, Glorifying, Celebrating, and Following ...”

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Now Thank We All Our God J.S. BACH

***Call to Worship** Ashia Stoess

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious;

People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: God does not deal with us according to our sins.

People: For as the heavens are high, so great is God’s steadfast love.

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD.

***Hymn 694** Great God of Every Blessing AURELIA

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

Loving God, as one we confess our failings: We aim to seek justice, but then when it proves too hard, too exhausting, we rush to cheap grace. We aim to embrace kindness, but then snap at loved ones, shut out the stranger, remain ignorant of our neighbor’s needs. We aim to walk humbly with our God, but willfully ignore how our path diverges from Yours. We cry “peace!” when we mean “compliance!” We cry “peace!” when we mean “complacency!” We cry “peace!” when there is no peace. Redirect our aim and redefine our cry so that Your will may be done through our lives. In Christ’s name, hear our silent prayers of return ...

(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, there *is* a kindness in God’s justice that hears out our confessions and liberates us to move forward, to build a new and better world.

People: God’s Word forgives and redeems us. God’s Breath revitalizes us for the journey.

Leader: We are emboldened by this good news:

People: We are forgiven and may begin again to love as Christ loves.

ALL: ALLUELUIA! AMEN.

***Response 435** There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy IN BABILONE

***Passing of the Peace**

HEARING ...

Sacred Space: A Time for Young Disciples Ashia Stoess

Anthem I Will Give Thanks LLOYD LARSON

Scripture Luke 3:1-3, 7-14

Message CONFESS: STEPPING UP Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 712** As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FOREST GREEN

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith for Stewardship Season**

We believe in God, Creator of the Universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of Life itself.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us that God’s Kingdom is already among us and commanded us to care for those in need. And who taught us not to store up treasures on earth, but to empty ourselves in self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to the faithful stewardship of God’s gifts and in whom we live and move and have our being.

We believe that stewardship is an act of worship and a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive. Amen.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering and the Giving of our Gifts 2022 PLEDGE DEDICATION

Offertory Hymn of Promise

arr. J. FERGUSON

***Doxology 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

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

Loving God, we dedicate this morning's offering in prayer – our commitments to the present. These coins and paper are our work, expressing in a clear and visible way our love and thanks. But we also offer the fragile dreams and hopes that we have for this church and its future. Receive all, we pray, for it is offered in love. Amen

**** Election of ELDER CLASS of 2024: Please see Insert ****

SENDING ...

***Hymn 643** Now Thank We All Our God

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***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

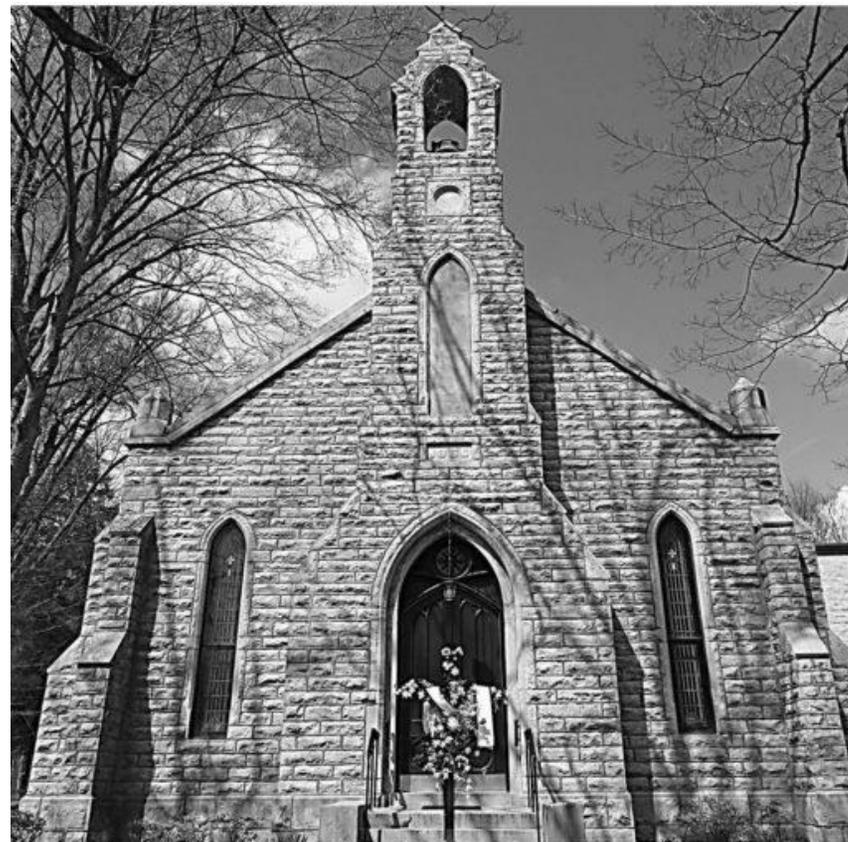
***Postlude** We Plow the Fields and Scatter

arr. R. POWELL

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.

Rev. Joel Weible's sermons are posted on our website each week at PeweeValleyPresbyterian.org under the "Media" tab.

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

November 14, 2021 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost