

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Savior of the Nations, Come arr. R. OWEN

***Call to Worship and the Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Leader: Where do we see hope?

Choir Side: **In light that shines in darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.**

Pulpit Side: *In the light of one candle that illumines a face or ignites a thousand other candles.*

Leader: Where do we see hope?

Choir Side: **In the human fragility of a baby, full of promise.**

Pulpit Side: *For unto us a child is born, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.*

Leader: On this second Sunday of Advent, we light a candle to help us “See Hope.”

ALL: **LET US ARISE. OUR LIGHT HAS COME!**

***Hymn 744** Arise, Your Light Is Come FESTAL SONG

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*) Rev. Joel Weible
Confessing is like walking into a dark cave, seeing nothing, hearing nothing. We do not know what we will find there. Maybe we will find the bones of things long dead. Maybe we will find the silence not at all quiet, but full of unknown rustles. Maybe we will find ourselves, and find old hurts or desires that are long dead, and find some urge or temptation that could carry us away in a heartbeat. But it is only in the deepest dark that we can see the tiny light that is always present, that sliver that comes from an unknown place, that sliver of light that gives us hope, that sliver of light that looks a bit like grace. It is only in the stillest silence that we can hear the whisper of mercy.

(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession: Pray the above prayer again, but this time substitute “I, my, and me” for “we, our, and us”.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters, and Brothers, proclaim the good news and see the grace of God:

People: **We are forgiven. We are free to go and live in the light of love.**

Leader: Thanks be to God.

ALL: **ALLELUIA! AMEN.**

***Response 106** Prepare the Way of Zion BEREDEN VAG FOR HERREN
(stanza 1 only)

***Passing of the Peace**

HEARING ...

Sacred Space: **A Time for Young Disciples** Rev. Joel Weible

Anthem E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come PAUL MANZ

Scripture Luke 2:1-7

Message SEEING HOPE Andrew Chapdelaine

***Hymn 115** Away in a Manger MUELLER

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** 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 and the Lord’s Prayer

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

Offertory Ave Generso

OLA GJELLO

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

OLD HUNDRETH

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

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (*see insert*)

Serving Communion: Lynne Anderson, Rick Fletcher,
Mark Lane and Stephanie Willis

SENDING ...

***Hymn 87** Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

***Charge and Benediction**

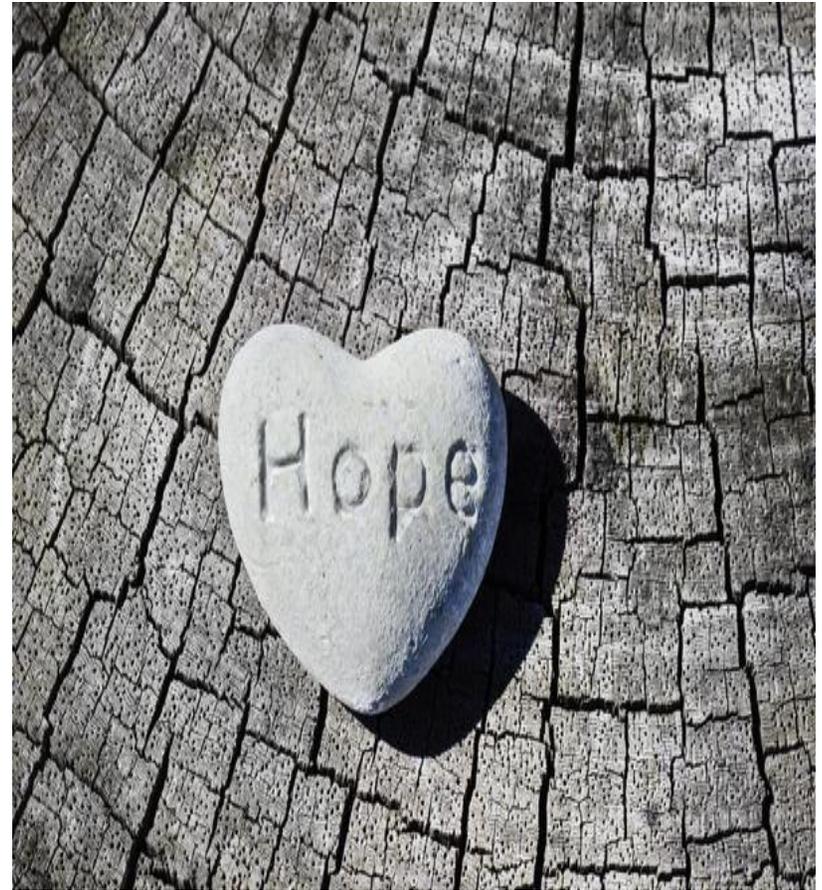
The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** Awake! Sleepers, Awake!

arr. DAVID CHERWIEN

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.

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



ADVENT 2021

Hearing ... Seeing ... Proclaiming ... Sharing

HOPE

Sunday Morning Worship

December 5, 2021 – Second Sunday of Advent

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invocation

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.

Advent Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Long ago and far away, village shepherds were tending their flocks one winter evening, dimly aware of ancient promises and a lingering hope they hardly understood. Suddenly light shone in the darkness, and the air was full of unexpected news. Confused and frightened, they knew that everything was different now, though nothing had actually changed.

So they went to Bethlehem, which means "place where bread is baked." There they saw a Child who owned nothing but a name. And it was good bread to them, the sight of this Child.

Sung Response, Hymn No. 552

LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Like those shepherds, we remember ancient hopes and wonder what they mean, or if they could be real. Like them, we are frightened by sudden disturbances and unexpected news.

**The world is older now, but nothing has seemed to change.
We are still uncomfortable with angels.**

Yet we leave our houses and routines to come to this place, where baked Bread has been placed in promise of Bethlehem.

We, too, have had glimpses of holiness, and we are nourished by them. At this table we claim the food of sacred stories and of our own lives. We remember how it is that ordinary people like us find angels. And we celebrate the mystery of our faith.

Sung Response, Hymn No. 553

LAND OF REST

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Lord, our God, you sent your light into the world in the form of a tiny child. Fragile and vulnerable, he grew to be the very Light of Light for us, full of grace and truth, revealing your glory on earth. We thank you. Help us to receive your gifts with joy and humility; as we receive this bread and cup, may we open our hearts to receive your love and grace, and the love and support of one another.

**Be born among us, that we may give Christ's love to the world, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.
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)

O God, we thank you for knowing when we are hungry, before we ourselves know it. We thank you for the friendship of Christ that has a meal ready for us when we are weary and powerless to provide for ourselves. Fed now, and strengthened, grant us the humility and enthusiasm to leave this table and carry on Christ's work, witness, and worship in the world. Amen.