

# PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## GATHERING ...

Gathering Music

The Ringing of the Bell

Words of Welcome: Receiving of New Members

*Kathy Haid, Len and Mary Ruth Jaggers, Arlene and Gary Torrens*

## PREPARING ...

**Prelude**      Meditation on NICAEA

arr. J. PRENTISS

### **\*Call to Worship**

Patrick Long

Leader: Great is God’s faithfulness.

**People: God’s compassion does not fail.**

Leader: As God has been, God will forever be.

**People: Morning by morning new mercies we see.**

Leader: All we have needed, God has provided.

**People: Great is God’s faithfulness.**

**All: LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER.**

**\*Hymn 39**      Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

### **Call to Confession and Prayer** (*unison*)

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. In Christ’s name, hear our silent prayers of concern ...

*(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: God loves us and frees us from all that we do to turn away from the transformative power of belief.

**People: God hears our cries and questions and promises to remain in covenant with us.**

Leader: In the name of the Risen One, who came, who comes, and who is to come again, the heavy weight of our doubt is lifted.

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

**ALL: ALLELUIA! AMEN.**

**\*Response, Hymn 240**      Alleluia, Alleluia!

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*(refrain, stanza 3, refrain)*

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

## HEARING ...

**Sacred Space: Time for Young Disciples**

Patrick Long

**Anthem**      With This Communion, We Thank You

J. ALTHOUSE

**Scripture**      Psalm 126

**Sermon**      JOY IN GOD’S MERCY

Rev. Joel Weible

**\*Hymn 475**      Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

## RESPONDING ...

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

from A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In life and death, we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Ignoring God’s commandments, we deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Loving

*(continued ...)*

us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### **Time of Giving Thanks**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Offertory**     O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee     arr. D. WOOD

**\*Doxology 592**     Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

### **\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Generous God, you are our portion and our cup. In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings this morning that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. Amen.

### **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (*see insert*)

Serving Communion: Patrick Long, Larry, Vice, Ron Warren

### **SENDING ...**

**\*Hymn 80**     You Shall Go Out with Joy     THE TREES OF THE FIELD  
(sing 3 times)

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**     I Danced in the Morning     arr. E. BUTLER

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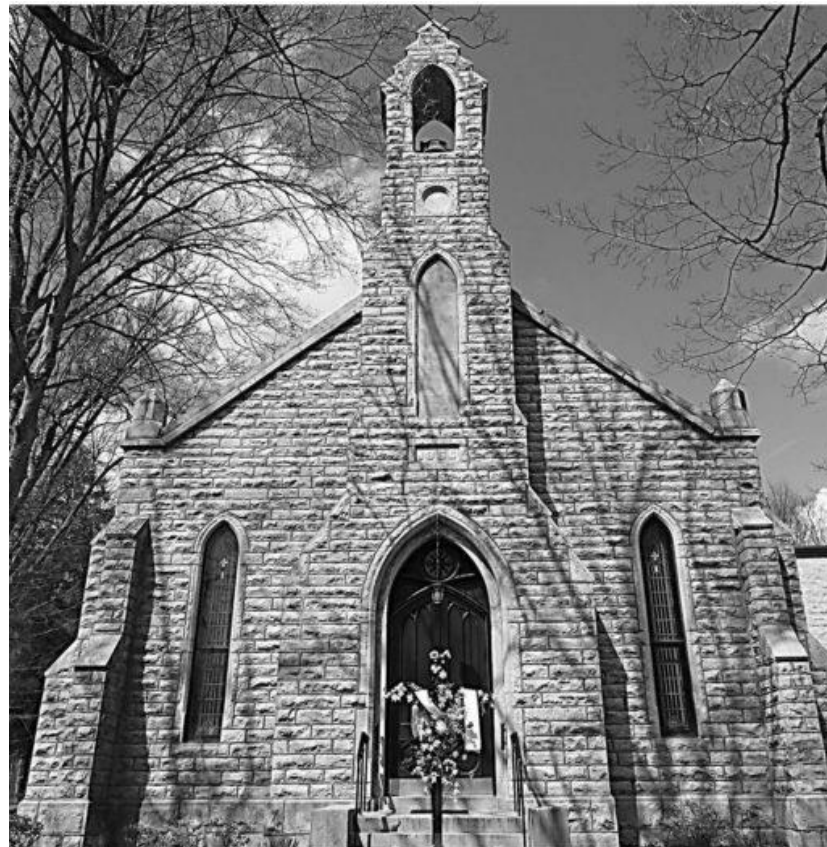
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### ***IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...***

Reverend Joel Weible's sermons are posted on our website under the "Media" tab.

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## **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**

May 1, 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Friends, we dare not come to this table trusting in our own goodness or virtue.

**People: Rather, we come knowing we need forgiveness and trusting God to grant it.**

Leader: We come because we are hungry for meaning and need to be fed.

**People: We come because Jesus Christ invited all who trust in his saving love to join him.**

### Invocation and 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.**

God of spirit and flesh, God of heaven and earth, God of grape and grain, we spread our wings in flight toward you. We stretch our arms in need of you. We feed ourselves with gifts from you.

**We thank you for your love poured out as we sense your Spirit shining in the sunlight, sailing on the wind, and singing in the souls of each one gathered here.**

Recreate us in your image as we encounter you today, that our lives might ignite a love to light the world wherever heavy hearts shiver in lonely cold.

**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.**

Holy One, you speak to us in silence, yet all languages interpret you. Because you call us to be community, we are able to become gift to one another.

**We remember and give thanks for those called out with a vision of possibility and new life.**

We thank you especially for the gift of Jesus Christ, in whose life we find our call and through whose love we are saved.

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**Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.  
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We thank you for the openness of all those who have dared to accept your call to be the bearer and nurturer of your Love made flesh. For it is in his name 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)

Because the broken bread has meant our healing and because the outpoured cup has meant our life; because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls and we have here been graced by your presence, God: We give you thanks that our lives are renewed in the life and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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