

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Footsteps of Jesus arr. LANI SMITH

***Call to Worship** Patrick Long

Leader: When I think of God’s presence in the world, I am grateful

People: Grateful for the presence of hope and for the gift of life.

Leader: When I think of God’s presence in my life, I am humbled.

People: Humbled by the gift of grace and by the invitation to begin again.

Leader: When I think of God’s presence in this community, I am glad.

People: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.

Leader: We give thanks for each other. We give thanks for God.

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER.

***Hymn 611** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*) Andrew Chapdelaine
Loving God, there are so many sad and troublesome things in the world today that cause our hearts to become heavy. Forgive us for when we turn away from those things for our own peace. Let us know that when we or one of God’s children anywhere suffers, we all suffer. Forgive us, when we make ourselves blind and deaf to those who are suffering, when we chose the easy lie over the hard truth. We pray that your joy would find its way into the lives of those who are experiencing a season of weeping or hardship. Fill all our hearts and strengthen our souls that times of joyful laughter would be heard again. May we be bearers and sharers of your joy that is found in the deep wells of faith in difficult times. In Christ’s name, hear our silent prayers of return ...

(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

Anthem I Believe in Miracles GEORGE BEVERLY SHEA
Richard Ray, vocals

Scripture Luke 15

Sermon SHARING OTHERS’ JOY Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 306** Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

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.

(continued...)

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

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

Make Your Face to Shine

JAY WELDON WILKEY

***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.

SENDING ...

***Hymn 722** Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

AFRICAN AMERICAN
SPIRITUAL

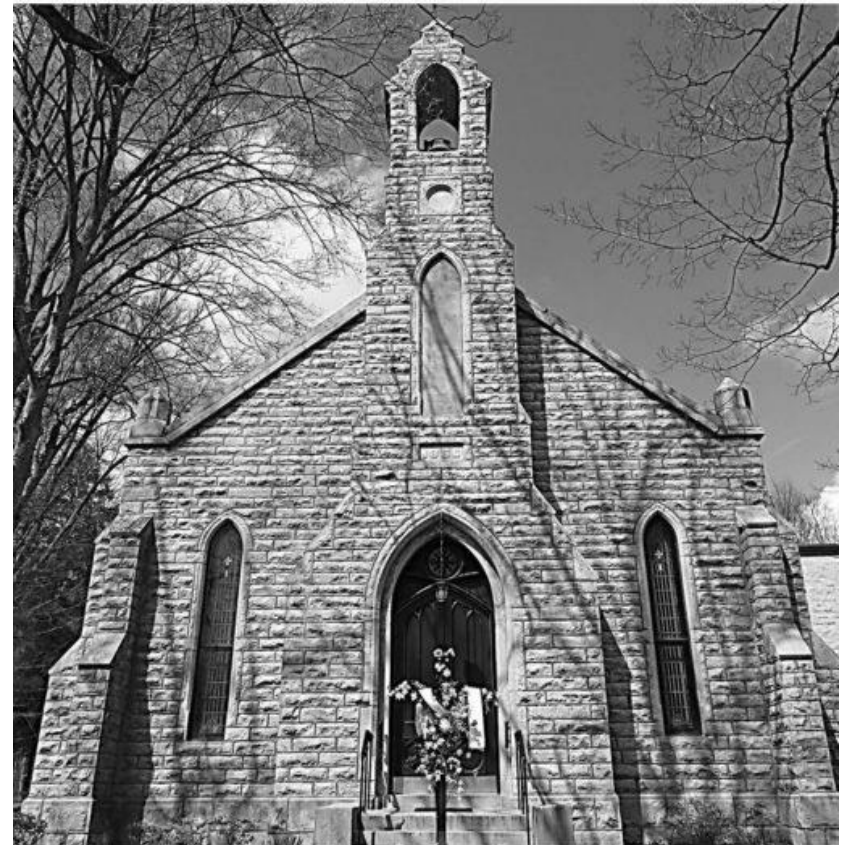
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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

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

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***"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 8, 2022 – 4th Sunday of Easter