

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

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**GATHERING ...**

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

**PREPARING ...**

**Prelude**      Shall We Gather at the River?      arr. D. PAXTON

**\*Call to Worship**      Sis Sleadd  
Leader: In faith, our ancestors set out for a new land, seeking relationship with a new God.

**People: In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.**  
Leader: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.

**People: In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.**

**ALL: GOD OF PRESENT, PAST, AND FUTURE, GUIDE US NOW TO YOUR NEW AGE OF PROMISE.**

**\*Hymn 305**      Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!      DARWALL'S 138TH

**Call to Confession**

Leader: God is always with us, calling us to be all that we can be.

**People: We pray now to be with God, leaving nothing out.**

Leader: With confidence and hope, let us pray together...

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Holy God, we try to fix and fasten you, but you will not be stayed. You are love in motion; always breathing us into being, calling us to serve, and sustaining us in the wilderness. Come to us as this morning breaks. Forgive our separation, transform our withered imaginations, and nurture the love that is planted more deeply than all of our hate and prejudice. We pray in the name of the One you sent and through the Spirit that gives us life. 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: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than when one of God's children opens to the gift of forgiveness.

**People: God's Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are God's by grace, forgiven and redeemed.

**People: With great joy we are made alive. Alleluia!**

**ALL: AMEN.**

**\*Response 435**      There's a Wideness in God's Mercy      IN BABILONE  
*(stanza 1 only)*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**HEARING ...**

**Anthem**      In Remembrance      BURLY RED

**Scripture**      Matthew 12:46-50

**Message**      FAMILY MATTERS      Rev. Joel Weible

**\*Hymn 736**      I Want to Be as Close to You      DAVIDSON

**RESPONDING ...**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)      from THE IONA COMMUNITY  
We believe that God hopes and works for a world where all shall be included in the feast of life and that in Christ we see how costly it is to bring that world about.

We believe that God of all the earth is at work beyond the churches as well as within them, working for justice, so that all may have a say in what happens to them.

We long for the time when all who hunger and thirst for justice shall be satisfied and we believe that despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we *can* make a difference. Amen.

## Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## Call to Offering and Offering

**Offertory**     Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

arr. R. ELLIOTT

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

OLD HUNDRETH

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

One and Eternal God of time and space, we respond to you with joy as we lift up our tithes and offerings. The opportunity to share is a blessing for which we are *very* thankful. Your generous provision for our needs prompts us to be generous in return. Accomplish your purposes, we pray, through these gifts and in our lives. Amen.

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

Serving Communion:

Lynne Anderson, Sis Sleadd, Larry Vice, Ron Warren

## **SENDING ...**

**\*Hymn 504**     We Come as Guests Invited

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## **\*Charge and Benediction**

## **The Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Postlude**     Joyful Rondeau

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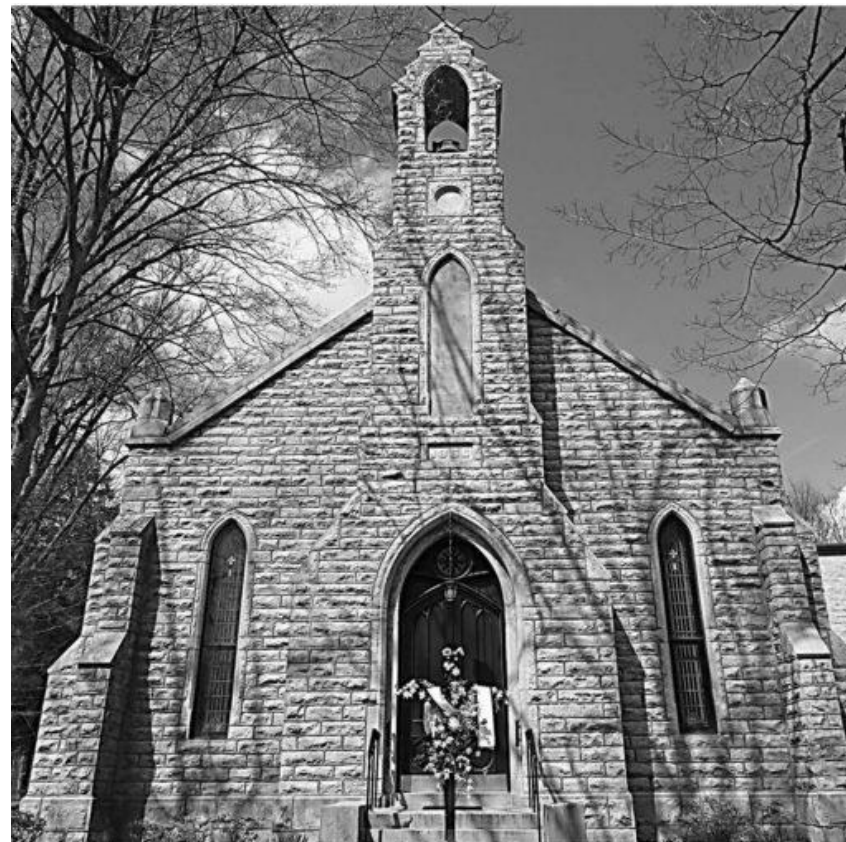
*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

## ***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**

August 7, 2022 – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

**People: We come knowing we need forgiveness and trusting in God to grant it.**

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

**People: We come as Christ's guests to the heavenly banquet.**

### 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, you speak to us in silence and yet every one of our hearts hears and interprets you. Because you call us into community, we are able to become gift to one another.

**We remember all those called with a vision of possibility and promise for life together with you:**

For Abraham and Sarah, for Isaac and Rebecca, for Moses and Miriam, for Mary and Joseph, for Jesus himself, and for each one of us here in this place, in body or in spirit.

**We invoke now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that in sharing them, we may discern your presence which becomes our common life.**

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.**

We thank you, God, that you have surrounded us with so gentle and powerful a host of witnesses through our scripture.

**We thank you for the models and memories of women and men in our own lives, mothers and fathers, all, who have shown us faith and promise.**

We thank you for the liberation that Christ brought all people and for giving us new life by dying and rising that our life might be more precious to us than death.

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

This broken bread will mean our own healing and wholeness. This outpoured cup will mean our life, because our common sharing will mean the sharing of our souls.

**We give you thanks, God, and pray that our lives may be renewed through the life and love of Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

## THE BREAKING OF 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)*

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of the cup, we thank you, O God. For the community you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness, and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

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