

# PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## GATHERING ...

Gathering Music

The Ringing of the Bell

Words of Welcome and Welcoming our Newest Members:

Tom and Mary Sue Armour

## PREPARING ...

**Prelude**      Verleih uns Frieden (Grant Us Thy Peace)  
F. MENDELSSOHN

**\*Call to Worship**      Ashia Stoess

Leader: Beloved community, let us draw the circle wide!

**People:** **And draw it wider still.**

Leader: Each of us is here because something draws us to the Divine.

**People:** **We come to explore what it is that draws us here.**

Leader: We come with questions, struggles, doubts.

**People:** **But we come to abide in the Peace of Christ.**

**ALL:** **COME, LET US JOIN IN THE WORSHIP OF THE  
GOD OF PEACE.**

**\*Hymn 402**      How Lovely, Lord      MERLE’S TUNE

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*) — *inspired by 2 Timothy 1:7*

Emboldening God, you have not given us a spirit of fear, and yet we are so often afraid. We are afraid of what we don’t understand. We are afraid of change. We are afraid of difference. You have blessed us with a world full of diversity, but we shrink back and keep our vision small. Forgive us, boundless God. Renew in us your Spirit of Peace, your Spirit of Love. Inspire our curiosity to ask good questions. By your strength, we can overcome our fears. 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: 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: Hear the Good News: We are forgiven by the Grace of God’s love for us.

**ALL:** **ALLELUIA! AMEN.**

**\*Response 581**      Glory Be to the Father      GLORIA PATRI

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

## HEARING ...

**Anthem**      Hear My Words      S. PAULUS

**Scripture**      Isaiah 2:2–4

**Sermon**      MAKE PEACE: TAKING A STEP BACK  
Rev. Joel Weible

**\*Hymn 753**      Make Me a Channel of Your Peace  
PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

## RESPONDING ...

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)      from the BELHAR CONFESSION

We believe that God has entrusted to the Church the message of reconciliation; that the Church is called to proclaim and embody this reconciliation; to be peacemakers; and to believe and to witness that God conquers all powers of sin and death, of hate, bitterness, and enmity, through the life-giving Word and Spirit. We praise God that the gospel does not separate people on the basis of race, gender, class, or culture, but is the power of reconciliation in Christ. Amen.

## Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## Call to Offering and Offering

**Offertory**     You Raise Me Up

arr. J. RANEY

**\*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.

## **SENDING ...**

**\*Hymn 754**     Help Us Accept Each Other

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*At the conclusion of our hymn, we will process outside to the patio for an invitation to Prayer for the Children of our CDC.*

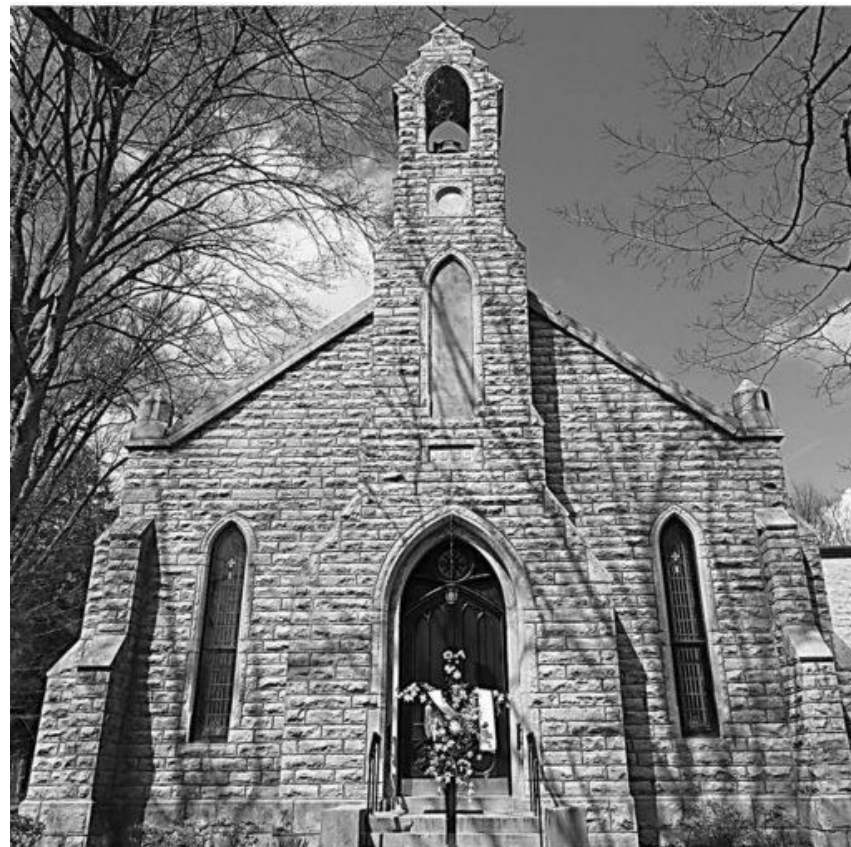
## **\*Charge and Benediction**

## **The Ringing of the Bell**

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*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

## **Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church**



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enjoy and glorify God,  
celebrate differences,  
and faithfully follow the Lord Jesus Christ.”***

## **Sunday Morning Worship**

September 18, 2022 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost