

**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**      For Unto Us a Child Is Born      G.F.F. HANDEL

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle and Opening Prayer**  
Rev. Gary and Arlene Torrens

**Opening Prayer** (*unison*)

Good and gracious God, help us to nurture the hope in our own lives so that we may proclaim the gospel to those who have lost hope. Indeed, you have done marvelous things with us this year. We are prepared for the coming of Christ like never before. Amen.

**\*Hymn 87**      Comfort, Comfort Now My People      GENEVAN 42

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

Rev. Joel Weible  
God of wonders, we hear with awe the story of the birth of Jesus, and how the shepherds left the manger with the song of angels ringing through the sky. They did not stay but left to go and tell what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. We know the shepherds were not so different from us, no more educated, no more talented, no more chosen than we are. But we act as if that simple act of sharing the good news is beyond us. We make excuses, we try to avoid talking about our faith, we brush off questions that we could answer. Forgive us, God! Help us to know that you will give us the words we need to share your love, and give us wisdom to know when to speak and what to say. In Jesus' holy name, we pray.

*(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: Beloved siblings in Christ, speak promise:

**People: God loves us. God forgives us.**

Leader: God is coming to us, even now, to save us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ALL: ALLELUIA! AMEN.**

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

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**HEARING ...**

**Sacred Space and Prayers for the Children**      Patrick Long

**Anthem**      Ding Dong, Merrily on High      JOHN LEAVITT

**Scripture**      Luke 1:46-55

**Message**      GO TELL: Tell of the Hope Within You      Patrick Long

**\*Hymn 134**      Joy to the World!      ANTIOCH

**RESPONDING ...**

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

## Call to Offering and Offertory

**Offertory**     Carol Medley

arr. R. HUGHES

**\*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. May our offering this morning, too, be used to tell the story of your deep love in this wide world. By your grace, may all that we offer and all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **SENDING ...**

**\*Hymn 105**     People, Look East

BESANCON

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**The Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Postlude**     Let Earth Receive Her King

arr. R. ELLIOTT

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*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

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

Rev. Joel Weible's sermons are posted on our website each week at [PeweeValleyPresbyterian.org](http://PeweeValleyPresbyterian.org) under the "Media" tab.

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### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**5:00 p.m. – Annual Carol Sing** (*Arrive early as pews fill up*)

**5:30 p.m. – Communion Candlelight Service** (*by Intinction*)

**11:00 p.m. – Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service**

## Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church



***ADVENT 2022: Go Tell!***

**Sunday Morning Worship**

December 18, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Advent