

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude How Brightly Shines the Morning Star E. HOVLAND

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God calls the young.

The Young: **Speak, for your servants are listening.**

Leader: God calls the old.

The Old: ***Speak, for your servants are listening.***

Leader: God calls men.

Men: **Speak, for your servants are listening.**

Leader: God calls women.

Women: ***Speak, for your servants are listening.***

Leader: God calls us all – young and old, men and women, rich
and poor, white, red, brown, and yellow – God calls us all.

ALL: **LET US SING OUT FOR OUR GOD IS LISTENING!**

***Hymn 151** We Three Kings of Orient Are KINGS OF ORIENT

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

Patient God, repeatedly – day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute – you call us to serve you. But your voice is drowned out by the noise we have created to isolate ourselves from you and those around us: the noise of our televisions, our iPhones, and our surround sound systems; the noise of our politics, our marketing, and even our own voices. Forgive us ... forgive us and quiet us, God. Teach us to listen for your voice, that we may know ourselves in you, and know what you would have us be and have us do. In Christ’s name, hear our silent prayers of return ...

(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, speak the good news of our salvation.

People: **God freely bestows grace on us through Jesus Christ.**

Leader: In Christ we receive redemption and forgiveness.

People: **We are reconciled to God and one another.**

ALL: **GLORY BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA! AMEN.**

***Response 744** Arise, Your Light Is Come! FESTAL SONG
(Stanza 1 only)

Passing of the Peace

HEARING ...

Sacred Space and Prayers for the Children Rev. Joel Weible

Anthem Coventry Carol JOHN LEAVITT

Scripture John 1:1-18

Homily GOD WITHIN US Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 159** O Sing a Song of Bethlehem KINGSFOLD

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from the IONA COMMUNITY

With the whole church ...

We affirm that we are made in God’s image, befriended by Christ, and empowered by the Spirit.

With people everywhere ...

We affirm God’s goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation ...

We affirm and celebrate the miracle and wonder of life and the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering and Offertory

Offertory The Shepherds' Farewell to the Holy Family

H. BERLIOZ

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

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

We thank you, God of love, for the promise that is ours to keep because of Jesus of Nazareth. We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into the world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all your children everywhere. Amen.

SENDING ...

***Hymn 327** From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** Toccata on We Three Kings

F.D. ASHDOWN

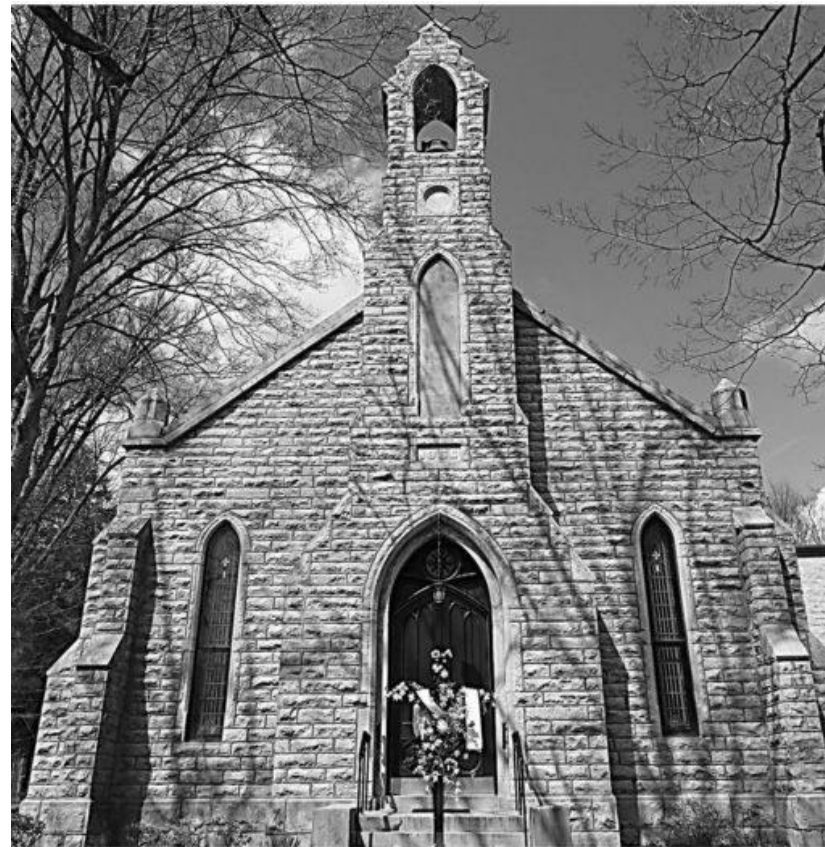
** Please stand in body or spirit*

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

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

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***"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

January 1, 2023 – First Sunday of Christmas