

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Angels We Have Heard on High arr. M.L. THOMPSON
 The Bell Choir

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

People: We, the redeemed, have been called by name.

Leader: God promises to pass with us through the water.

People: We will not fear, for God is with us!

**ALL: COME, LET US WORSHIP THE GOD WHO WASHES
US IN GRACE.**

***Hymn 482** Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

God of justice, in baptism you anointed us to live boldly in the reality of your coming kin-dom. We confess that we have not fulfilled our calling. We have not used your power to serve our neighbors. We have walked away from oppression and injustice. We have turned our backs on your beloved children who hunger and thirst in a world of plenty. Forgive us, Lord. Make us courageous servants of your justice, peace, and wholeness. In Jesus' name hear our silent prayers of return ...

(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, 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!
 (Stanza 1 only)

FESTAL SONG

Passing of the Peace

HEARING ...

Sacred Space and Prayers for the Children Rev. Joel Weible

Anthem The Work of Christmas arr. DAN FORREST

Scripture John 1:19-34

Sermon DOING IT ALL! Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 744** Arise, your Light is Come! FESTAL SONG

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 O Come Rejoicing arr. M.L. THOMPSON
 The Bell Choir

***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.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (*see insert*)

Serving Communion: Margaret Hill, Richard Ray,
Ron Warren, Lynn Wilkinson

SENDING ...

***Hymn 673** Jesus, Light of Joy

LUADA ANIMA

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** Holy God, We Praise Your Name

D. CHERWIEN

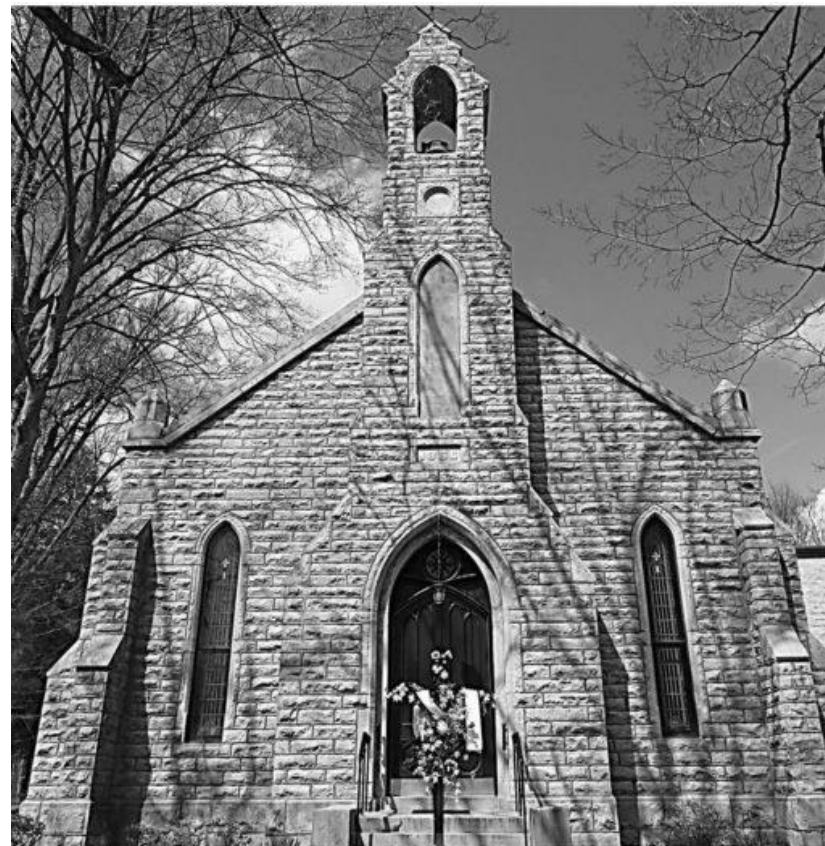
** Please stand in body or spirit*

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 8, 2023 – The Baptism of the Lord

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invocation

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.

Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Long ago and far away, village shepherds were tending their flocks one winter evening, dimly aware of ancient promises and a lingering hope they hardly understood. Suddenly light shone in the darkness, and the air was full of unexpected news. Confused and frightened, they knew that everything was different now, though nothing had actually changed.

So they went to Bethlehem, which means “place where bread is baked.” There they saw a Child who owned nothing but a name. And it was good bread to them, the sight of this Child.

Sung Response, Hymn No. 580

LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Like those shepherds, we remember ancient hope and wonder what they mean, or if they could be real. Like them, we are frightened by sudden disturbances and unexpected news.

The world is older now, but nothing has seemed to change. We are still uncomfortable with angels.

Yet we leave our houses and routines to come to this place, where baked Bread has been placed in promise of Bethlehem.

We, too, have had glimpses of holiness, and we are nourished by them. At this table we claim the food of sacred stories and of our own lives.

We remember how it is that ordinary people like us find angels. And we celebrate the mystery of our faith.

Sung Response, Hymn No. 582

LAND OF REST

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

Lord, our God, you sent your light into the world in the form of a tiny child. Fragile and vulnerable, he grew to be the very Light of Light for us, full of grace and truth, revealing your glory on earth. We thank you. Help us to receive your gifts with joy and humility; as we receive this bread and cup, may we open our hearts to receive your love and grace, and the love and support of one another.

Be born among us, that we may give Christ's love to the world, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Breaking of the 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)

O God, we thank you for knowing when we are hungry, before we ourselves know it. We thank you for the friendship of Christ that has a meal ready for us when we are weary and powerless to provide for ourselves. Fed now, and strengthened, grant us the humility and enthusiasm to leave this table and carry on Christ's work, witness, and worship in the world. Amen.