

# 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**     Brethren, We Have Come to Worship     arr. D. HUSTAD

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God provides for us, in desert or oasis, in times of plenty and in times of want.

**People:** God’s loving kindness is everywhere.

Leader: God guides us, in times of ease and in times of trial. God’s light surrounds us and leads us in every circumstance.

**People:** Because of God’s providence and loving kindness, we come to worship and are sent to serve!

**ALL:** LET US WORSHIP THE GOD OF LOVE!

**\*Hymn 761**     Called as Partners in Christ’s Service     BEECHER

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

Generous God, you provide for us. But all too often, we do not realize the depth and breadth of your mercy. When our lives go well, we believe that things work out because we are clever, or hard working, or lucky. Forgive us! Give us a clear vision to see that your mercy and generosity never run out, and that we can always find a way to be generous with others and with ourselves. Help us to be transformed by your grace so that we can transform our words of love into acts of service. We pray in the name of the one who came not to be served but to serve. 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: Beloved of God, hear the good news: God does not deal with us according to our sins, or repay us according to our iniquities.

**People:** As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who trust God.

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.

**People:** We rejoice that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**ALL:** THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN.

**\*Response, Hymn 240**     Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks  
(*refrain, stanza 3, refrain*)     ALLELUIA NO. 1

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

## HEARING ...

### **Sacred Space: Time for Young Disciples**

**Anthem**     Come Down, Lord     STAN PETHEL

**Scripture**     1 Kings 17:8-16

**Sermon**     LOVE IN SERVICE TO THE STRANGER  
Rev. Joel Weible

**\*Hymn 769**     For Everyone Born     FOR EVERYONE BORN

## RESPONDING ...

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)     from A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH  
In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

### Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### Call to Offering and Offertory

**Offertory**     Blessed Assurance

arr. R. HOBBY

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

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

Good and gracious God, you give us so much and we return to you our gifts. Take our offerings and our lives for your service, that those who are hungry may be fed, those who are oppressed may receive justice, and those who are strangers may be welcomed. We offer all in Jesus' name, the one who came to feed, free, and welcome all. Amen.

### **SENDING ...**

**\*Hymn 766**     The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

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### **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **The Ringing of the Bell**

**Postlude**     Grosser Gott

arr. R. POWELL

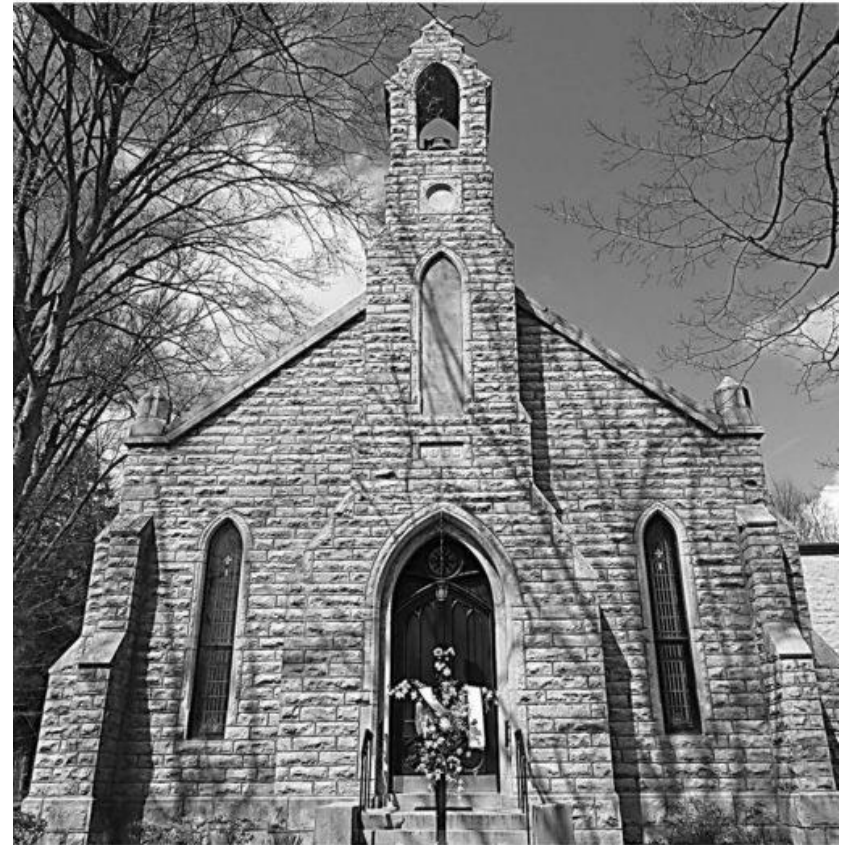
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*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

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

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

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

April 23, 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter