

# 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**    The Hornpipe

G.F. HANDEL

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

Margaret Hill

Leader: We gather in Jesus’ name to find strength and courage, to proclaim that Christ is Lord of all.

**People: Christ is Lord!**

Leader: We worship in song and silence, praise and proclamation, word and work to proclaim ...

**People: Christ is Lord!**

Leader: And when we go from this place, we will be bold to do the work to which we are called as fearless disciples who love the world.

**ALL: CHRIST IS LORD! LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER.**

**\*Hymn 307**    God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

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

God, although you have assured us that through your Spirit you are with us always, even to the ends of the earth, we confess that we are timid. When called to action, we hold back, worried what others might think. When we could speak out for justice, we are cautious and fearful. Forgive us, God. Lead us to righteous actions in your name. Empower us to words that inspire justice and loving kindness for all your creation. Grant us courage and determination to be co-workers in justice as we follow Jesus. 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: Believe the good news!

**People: Jesus said, “In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!”**

Leader: His promises are true, and we can trust in his presence with us.

**People: Be not afraid, for we are forgiven, and God is with us!**

**ALL: ALLELUIA! 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**    By God’s Hand

JOEL RAINEY

**Scripture**    Acts 6:8 – 7:2, 51-60

**Sermon**    LOVING BY BEING COURAGEOUS    Ashia Stoess

**\*Hymn 833**    O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

## 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.

## **Time of Giving Thanks**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

## Call to Offering and Offertory

**Offertory**     Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. R. MEYER

**\*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 mercy, 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.

**\*Hymn 463**     How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**The Ringing of the Bell**

**Postlude**     Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing!

arr. W. WOLD

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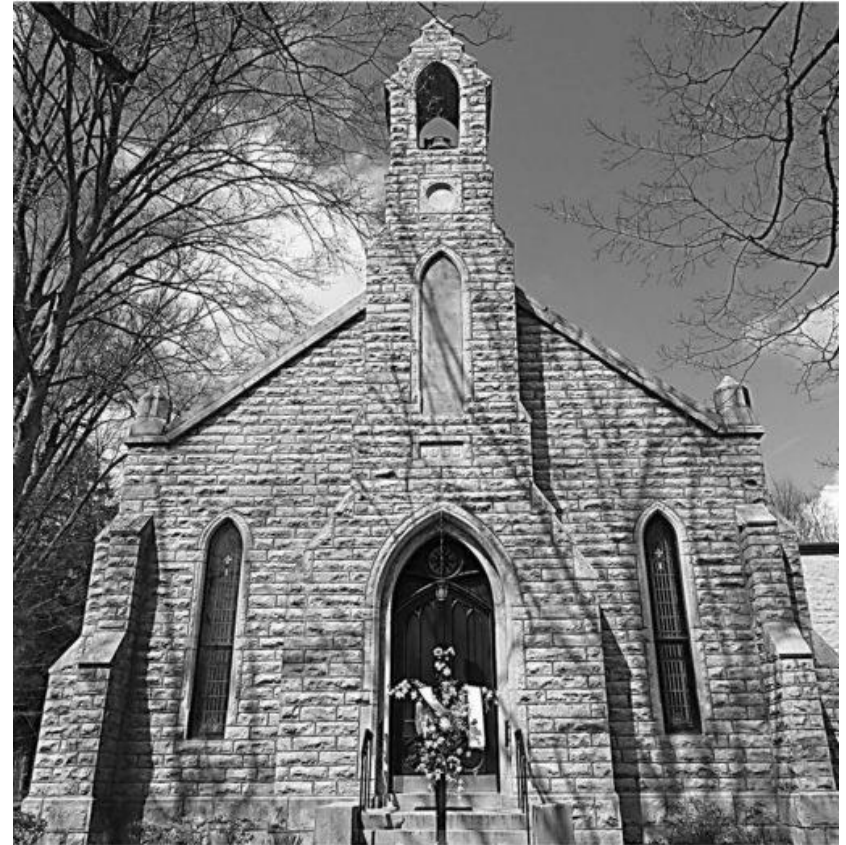
*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

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## Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church



***"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**

May 14, 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter