

# 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**      Festival on Lobe Den Herren      arr. W. RINGHAM

**\*Call to Worship**      Toby Fletcher

Leader: In faith, our ancestors set out for a new land, seeking relationship with a new God.

**People: In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.**

Leader: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.

**People: In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.**

**ALL: GOD OF PRESENT, PAST, AND FUTURE, GUIDE US NOW TO YOUR NEW AGE OF PROMISE.**

**\*Hymn 817**      We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight      DUNLAP'S CREEK

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

God of Adam and Eve, of Cain and Abel, of Abraham and Sarah, God of all our mothers and fathers, and God of our children and grandchildren. We give thanks that you are a God who acts in history and yet we confess that we are too often busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our time, right here and right now. We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if you had no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth. In the name of Christ, 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: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when we open ourselves to the gift of forgiveness.

**People: God reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are God's by grace!

**People: With great joy we are made alive!**

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

**\*Response, Hymn 59**      The Steadfast Love of the Lord  
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## **Passing of the Peace**

## HEARING ...

**Sacred Space:** Time for Young Disciples      Ashia Stoess

**Anthem**      I've Got the Joy      G. COOKE

**Scripture**      Romans 8:14-25

**Sermon**      DISCERNING THE BODY OF CHRIST #4  
Ashia Stoess

**\*Hymn 772**      Live into Hope      TRURO

## RESPONDING ...

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)      from THE IONA COMMUNITY  
We believe that God hopes and works for a world where all shall be included in the feast of life and that in Christ we see how costly it is to bring that world about.

We believe that God of all the earth is at work beyond the churches as well as within them, working for justice, so that all may have a say in what happens to them.

We long for the time when all who hunger and thirst for justice shall be satisfied and we believe that despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we *can* make a difference. Amen.

## Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Offertory**     Give Me Jesus

arr. M. KIM

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

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

O God, we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within our church. As that Spirit moves in our midst, may it inspire us toward generosity and fire us with energy to serve you well. Receive our humble gifts in the name of Christ, whose presence is certain when the Spirit is with us. Amen.

### **SENDING ...**

**\*Hymn 649**     Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**The Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Postlude**     Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

arr. J. PAYNE

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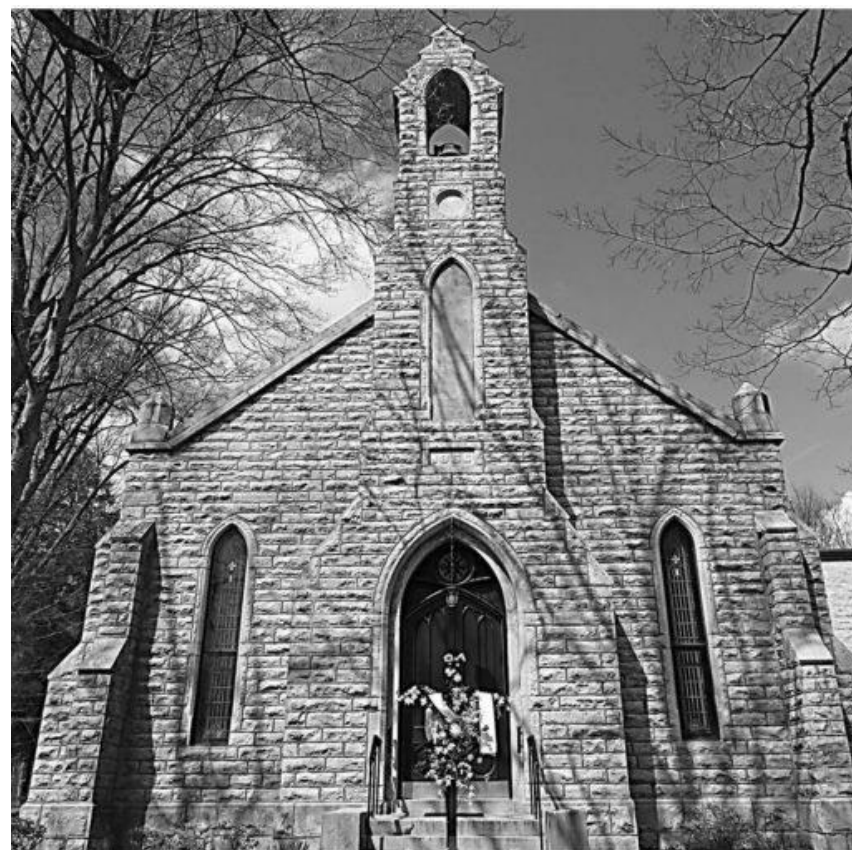
*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

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

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

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## 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**

July 23, 2023 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost