

# 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**      How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place      J.BRAHMS

**\*Call to Worship**      Patty Clark

Leader: We have been called here to discern the faithful road and to choose the way of God’s justice.

**People: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good and that we live in that goodness.**

Leader: We come together to be God’s people.

**People: To follow Christ and listen for the good things God has done.**

**ALL: LET US RISE UP IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING!**

**\*Hymn 481**      Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show      LLANFAIR

**Call to Confession and Prayer**      from THE IONA COMMUNITY

Even when we are too busy to notice, O God, you are constantly loving us and encouraging us to grow. We trust you in our deepest confession and so we pray: Forgive us for making ourselves too busy and worried to notice you at work in our lives. Forgive us for being too anxious and what we can’t control and worried about what other people think of us. Forgive us for resenting those who act freely and being angered by those whose service draws attention away from us. Free us, body and soul, for your service of love and grace. 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: 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

**Anthem**      Beautiful Savior      arr. RICHARD RAY

**Scripture**      Psalm 133

**Sermon**      DISCERNING THE BODY OF CHRIST #5  
Rev. Joel Weible

**\*Hymn 727**      Will You Let Me Be Your Servant      THE SERVANT SONG

## 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     Foundation

arr. DAVID KIDWELL

**\*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 733**     We All Are One in Mission

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**\*Charge and Benediction**

**The Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Postlude**     Fugue a la Gigue

J.S. BACH

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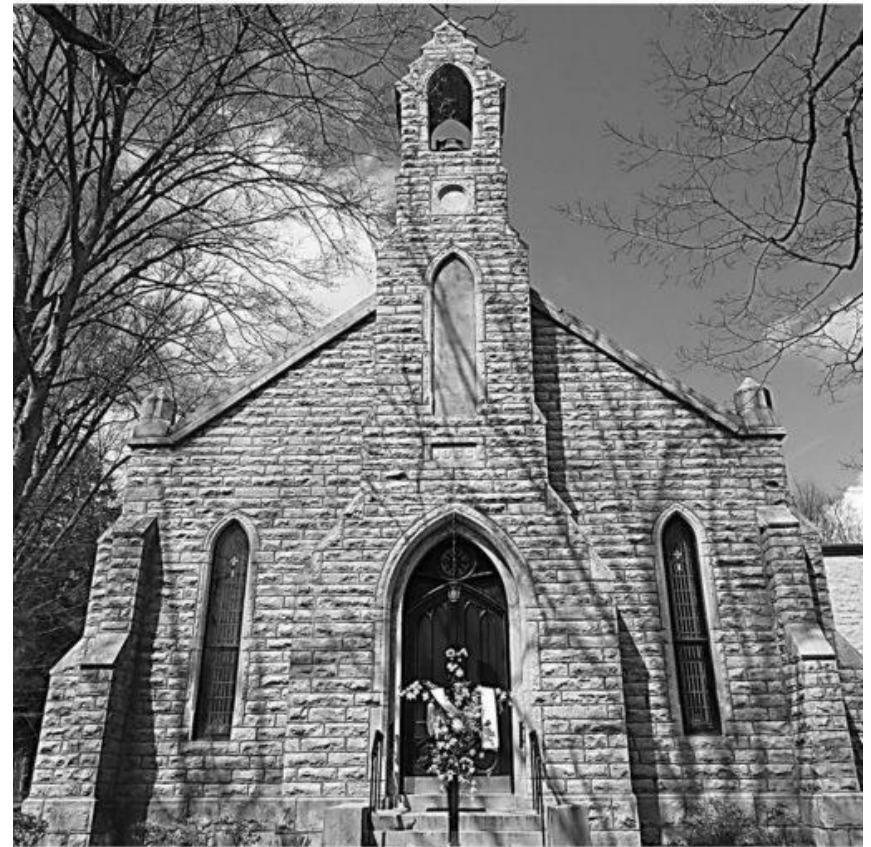
*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

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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**

July 30, 2023 – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost