

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Learning, Glorifying, Celebrating, and Following ...”

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude I Danced in the Morning arr. E. BUTLER

***Call to Worship** Connie Vice

Leader: In autumn beauty, we prepare for the harvest.

People: Harvest is a time of rejoicing in God’s natural bounty and the gathering in of our lives.

Leader: Seasons turn, but God’s love is changeless.

People: We praise God for all we have received.

**ALL: MAY THE RESTLESS WINDS OF THE SPIRIT RUSH
THROUGH OUR LIVES AS WE WORSHIP GOD
TOGETHER!**

***Hymn 39** Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

Call to Confession and Prayer

Gracious God, as difficult as it is, we confess that our hearts are too often closed tight against your love and mercy. We hold onto love for ourselves, resentment against those for whom we care, anger at our helplessness, and complicity in the structures of our society. We have protected ourselves emotionally, socially, and spiritually; and our selfishness has nourished the pain of the world rather than its hope. Open, loosen, and unbind us. Enable our frozen hearts to love all, our clenched hands to help all, and our stifled spirits to breathe and pray. 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: God loves us and frees us from all that we do to turn away from the transformative power of belief.

People: God hears our cries and questions, and promises to remain in covenant with us.

Leader: In the name of the Risen One, who came, who comes, and who is to come again, the heavy weight of our doubt is lifted.

People: We are forgiven and may begin again to love as Christ loves.

ALL: ALLELUIA! AMEN.

***Response 435** There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy IN BABILONE
(stanza 1 only)

***Passing of the Peace**

HEARING ...

Sacred Space Time for Young Disciples Rev. Joel Weible

Anthem Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God CARL F. MUELLER

Scripture Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Sermon FINDING OUR SHALOM Rev. Joel Weible

RESPONDING ...

***Sung Affirmation, 481** I Believe in God the Father GENEVAN 42
(The Apostle’s Creed)

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Prelude in C J.S. BACH

***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 769** For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** Lead On, O King Eternal!

arr. J. EVANOVICH

** 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

September 17, 2023 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost