

# 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**      Ubi Caritas      OLA GJIELO

**\*Call to Worship**      Sis Sleadd

Leader: What does this worship service need?

**People:** Quiet where faith can grow, songs that blossom hope,  
scripture that remembers love, honest words to untangle  
our knotty existence, and gifts from the heart.

Leader: Who may worship in this service?

**People:** All who have prayer in the center of their lives and all who  
are lonely for the touch of God.

**ALL:** THEN LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER

**\*Hymn 686**      God of Our Life      SANDON

## **Call to Confession and Prayer**

Loving God, our teacher and our friend, we have not listened for your word amid the clamors of our world again this week. We have been more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for ears to hear the cries of our neighbors and for hearts which resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love. 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**      Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You      JAY ALTHOUSE  
*The PVPC Men's Quarter*

**Scripture**      Amos 8:1-3 (4-12)

**Sermon**      A BASKET OF RIPE FRUIT      Rev. Joel Weible

**\*Hymn 712**      As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought      FOREST GREEN

## 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     How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

C.H.H. PARRY

**\*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.

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (*see insert*)

*Servers: Patty Clark, Sis Sleadd, Arlene Torrens, Stephanie Willis*

**SENDING ...**

**\*Hymn 516**     For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**The Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Postlude**     Psalm XIX

B. MARCELLO

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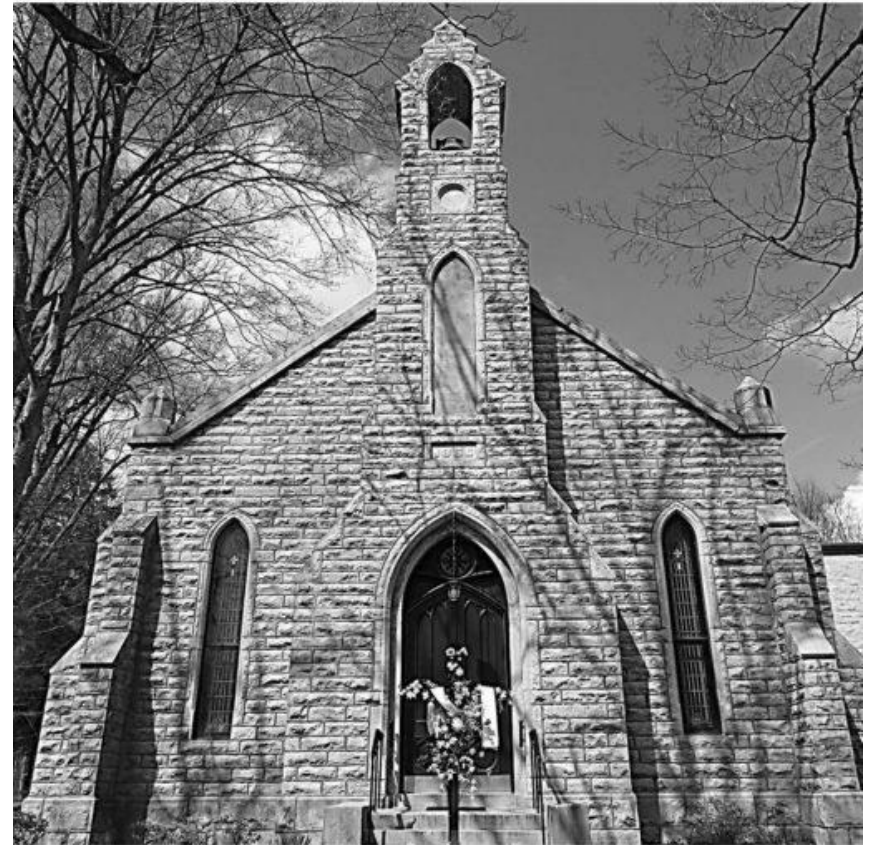
*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

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Reverend Joel Weible's sermons are posted on our website  
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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**

September 3, 2023 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: We dare not come to this table trusting in our own goodness or virtue.

**People: We come knowing we need forgiveness and trusting in God to grant it.**

Leader: We come because we are hungry for meaning and need to be fed.

**People: We come as Christ's guests to the heavenly banquet.**

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to be thankful and full of praise.**

God, you speak to us in silence and yet every one of our hearts hears and interprets you. Because you call us into community, we are able to become gift to one another.

**We remember all those called with a vision of possibility and promise for life together with you:**

For Abraham and Sarah, for Isaac and Rebecca, for Moses and Miriam, for Mary and Joseph, for Jesus himself, and for each one of us here in this place, in body or in spirit.

**We invoke now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that in sharing them, we may discern your presence which becomes our common life.**

Sung Response, Hymn No. 552

LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, God, that you have surrounded us with so gentle and powerful a host of witnesses through our scripture.

**We thank you for the models and memories of women and men in our own lives, mothers and fathers, all who have shown us faith and promise.**

We thank you for the liberation that Christ brought all people and for giving us new life by dying and rising, that our life might be more precious to us than death.

Sung Response, Hymn No. 553

LAND OF REST

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.  
Christ has died, Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

This broken bread will mean our own healing and wholeness. This outpoured cup will mean our life, because our common sharing will mean the sharing of our souls.

**We give you thanks, God, and pray that our lives may be renewed through the life and love of Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

### THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Please wait to partake of the elements until all are served.)

### Prayer After the Sharing (*unison*)

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of the cup, we thank you, O God. For the community you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness, and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.