

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“Learning, Glorifying, Celebrating, and Following ...”

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music

The Ringing of the Bell

Welcoming our Newest Member: Janey Motsinger Truman

PREPARING ...

Prelude O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. D. BERGOUT

The Lighting of the Advent Candle and Opening Prayer

George and Janette Chapman

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

God, you have welcomed us into your Life, into your Love, through the stable door. There can be no doubt that this Welcome is for *all*. Open the doors of our lives that we may invite the world into our home this season. Amen.

***Hymn 110** Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

Ashia Stoess

Loving God, in baptism you unite us with Christ and with those who confess your name; but we struggle to sing your song of Love. We presume and assume so much about others and fail to pause on our way, to offer guidance, to take time to listen. Forgive us, God! Make us bold to share your promise with words and welcome those who know our faith only through what they observe in us. Give us the courage to join the chorus and sing loudly of your healing love. Here 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: Siblings in Christ, speak promise:

People: God loves us. God forgives us.

Leader: God is coming to us even now to save us.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALL: ALLELUIA! AMEN.

***Response 106** Prepare the Way, O Zion
(stanza 1 only)

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERREN

***Passing of the Peace**

HEARING ...

Sacred Space and Prayers for the Children

Ashia Stoess

Anthem Come, Follow That Star

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Scripture Matthew 1:18-23

Message CHRISTMAS AT MATTHEW’S HOUSE Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 152** What Star is This, with Beams so Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

from A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In a broken and fearful world, God’s Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God and empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and faithful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and earth, saying: *“Come Lord Jesus!”*

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Call to Offering and Offertory

Offertory I Saw Three Ships

arr. R. ELLIOTT

***Doxology 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDRETH

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

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. May our offering this morning, too, be used to tell the story of your deep love in this wide world. By your grace, may all that we offer and all that we do welcome home all who are in need of comfort and joy. Amen.

SENDING ...

***Hymn 105** People, Look East

BESANCON

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** Gloria in excelsis Deo!

A. VIVALDI

**Please stand in body or spirit*

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.

Rev. Joel Weible's sermons are posted on our website each week at PeweeValleyPresbyterian.org under the "Media" tab.

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church



ADVENT 2023: Welcome Home!
This week: Matthew's Gospel Home

Sunday Morning Worship
December 10, 2023 – Second Sunday of Advent