

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude How Brightly Shines the Morning Star E. HOVLAND

***Call to Worship** Arlene Torrens

Leader: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

People: We, the redeemed, have been called by name.

Leader: God promises to pass with us through the water.

People: We will not fear, for God is with us!

**ALL: COME, LET US WORSHIP THE GOD WHO WASHES
US IN GRACE.**

***Hymn 475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

God of justice, through Epiphany Christ is made known to us and in baptism you anoint us to live boldly in the reality of your coming kin-dom. We confess that we have not fulfilled our calling. We have not used your power to serve our neighbors. We have walked away from oppression and injustice. We have turned our backs on your beloved children who hunger and thirst in a world of plenty. Forgive us, Lord. Make us courageous servants of your justice, peace, and wholeness. In Jesus' name hear our silent prayers of return ...

(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, speak the good news of our salvation.

People: God freely bestows grace on us through Jesus Christ.

Leader: In Christ we receive redemption and forgiveness.

People: We are reconciled to God and one another.

ALL: GLORY BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA! AMEN.

***Response 744** Arise, Your Light Is Come!
(Stanza 1 only)

FESTAL SONG

Passing of the Peace

HEARING ...

Sacred Space and Prayers for the Children

Ashia Stoess

Anthem In Remembrance

BURYL RED

Scripture Matthew 2:9-11, 3:13-17

Sermon AND NOW ... THIS

Rev. Joel Weible

❖ **Installation of Elders:** James Bates, Patty Clark,
Rick Fletcher, Linda Heleringer

***Hymn 697** Take My Life

HENDON

RESPONDING ...

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

from the IONA COMMUNITY

With the whole church ...

We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ,
and empowered by the Spirit.

With people everywhere ...

We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more
deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation ...

We affirm and celebrate the miracle and wonder of life and the
unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the
world. Amen.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering and Offertory

Offertory Jesus, to the Jordan Came

D. BUXTEHUDE

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

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

We thank you, God of love, for the promise that is ours to keep because of Jesus of Nazareth. We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into the world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all your children everywhere. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (*see insert*)

Serving: Patty Clark, Margaret Hill, Arlene Torrens, Ron Warren

SENDING ...

***Hymn 673** Jesus, Light of Joy

LUADA ANIMA

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** Holy God, We Praise Your Name

R. POWELL

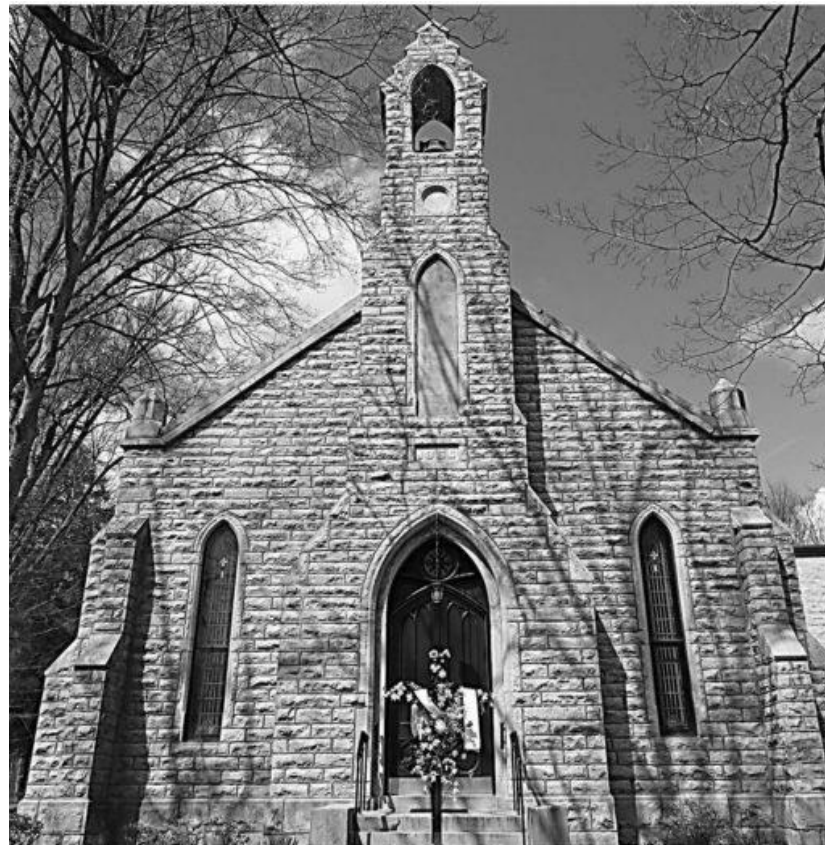
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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

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

January 7, 2024 – The Baptism of the Lord

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. Let us give thanks!

People: God is feeding us, calming and quieting our fear.

Leader: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all who trust him to share in the feast which has been prepared.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

We lift up our hearts and bring our praise to you, God of rest. In the garden you created, you walked softly through the dewy grass of morning and saw that what you had made was good. You created humans in your image and called all of creation very good. But we resisted that goodness, and we turned away, leaving the garden.

Even as we ran from you, you continued to call us back to the garden. Now, longing for our burdens to be lifted, we come to your table, seeking rest and singing your praise.

You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink from waters flowing. You who are hungry, come to the bread and eat of his holiness. You who are tired, find rest. You who are weak, find strength.

You are holy, God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and Savior.

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.	

You are holy, God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and Savior.

In this meal, we rest in you, laying all our burdens down, rejoicing that our risen Lord is present at this table with us.

In Jesus of Nazareth you modeled a life of humble service for us to follow. As we remember his life and celebrate resurrection, we prepare the way again for Christ to come.

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.	

Pour out your Spirit of rest and renewal upon this bread and this cup, that these gifts might nourish us. With all whose spirits rest in you, with all the saints from every time and place, guide us to your table so that we may invite others into this feast. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the 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)

Holy God, as we have found our rest in you, make us restless in service to your children; as we have been renewed in Sabbath time through the sharing of this meal, may we renew the world in your justice and righteousness. Amen.