



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY AND ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – FEBRUARY 25, 2024

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

MUSIC TO BRING US TOGETHER

WORDS OF WELCOME AND INSTRUCTION

Ashia Stoess

*OPENING CALL & RESPONSE LITANY

Toby Fletcher

One: God hovered over the void and breathed life into dust.

All: God created in the wilderness.

One: The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years.

All: The Israelites found God in the wilderness.

One: Jesus said “no” to the tempter time and time again.

All: Jesus claimed his identity in the wilderness.

One: We grow in the wilderness. We learn in the wilderness.

All: For God is with us—before, through, and after the wilderness. Amen.

*OPENING SONG

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (see insert)

SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Rick Fletcher

READING

The Wilderness Is Somewhere We've Been Before, by Sarah Are

Len Jagers

BRINGING THE WILDERNESS IN: Pouring the Sand

Clare Grant

We are invited to carefully pour sand into the bottom of our vases, filling them up two to three inches from the bottom.

First Conversation Around Tables:

What does the wilderness look and feel like to you? What types of wilderness—both literal or metaphorical—have you encountered in your life?

Sung Response:

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (refrain only)

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

BRINGING THE WILDERNESS IN: Assembling the Tree Branches

Ashia Stoess

We are invited to take three or four branches and arrange them in our vase, sticking them into the sand at the bottom.

Sung Response:

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (refrain only)

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
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READING The Wilderness Is a Place of Mystery and the Unknown, by Sarah Are Connie Vice

BRINGING THE WILDERNESS IN: Adding Prayer Stones Clare Grant

We are invited to think of someone who is wandering through the wilderness – through the wilderness of uncertainty, grief, sickness, or hardship – and write their names on the stones at our table.

ANTHEM AND OFFERING God So Loved the World J. STAINER

As our Chancel Choir sings the morning's anthem, finish your prayer stones and place your morning's offering in the basket on your table.

*Sung Response:

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

ANNUAL MEETING OF PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please see Annual Reports on Table or through QR Code for Agenda

BRINGING THE WILDERNESS IN: Laying the Moss Ashia Stoess

We are invited to place moss at the top of each of our vases.

Sung Response:

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CLOSING WILDERNESS WORDS Rick and Toby Fletcher

***CLOSING SONG** Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice (see insert) ABERYSTWYTH

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE