

# Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

## Weekly Letter - May 28, 2020

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***“When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place.”***  
**- Acts 2**

Dear Paw Creek,

The Day of Pentecost is upon us. For the past eleven years, Pentecost Sunday has been one of the high points on our church calendar, as we renew each year the ties that bind us to our sisters and brothers at Woodland Presbyterian Church. This year, of course, things are different. But our shared worship will go on. Please be sure to join us on Facebook or YouTube. This is the year for Woodland to prepare the worship plan, and we look forward to the inspired preaching of the Rev. Gloria Bolden and the musical leadership of a quartet from the Woodland choir. There will be no fried chicken and no big hugs this year, but the Holy Spirit will be present, both in the sanctuary and in our homes.

For Pentecost we return as always to the familiar story in the second chapter of Acts: voices raised in many languages, tongues of fire in the air, and the rush of a mighty wind. Throughout the Easter season, in Bible Study and on Sunday mornings, we have been exploring the book of Acts to learn about the events that followed directly from the Holy Spirit’s arrival. These included an enthusiastic outpouring of new Christians, and then resistance when others realized that the Christians were not going away, and finally God’s inspiring of a missionary movement that went throughout the known world.

Now, at last, we return to the day that it all began. As we read the story again, we will now have some idea of all that was unleashed on that day. More to the point, we will see better how it is that our own work to live and spread the gospel is the direct outgrowth of what Peter and the disciples experienced. I hope that we have a renewed sense of calling to know that bold action for us as a church is possible . . . is consistent with the Gospel . . . and is required! In the next weeks and months we will have many decisions to make and changes to accept. May we be Spirit-filled each and every day!

I just have one announcement this week - it’s an invitation to everyone. Last week we talked about offering Zoom meetings to Sunday school classes who wish to explore that option. The Fresh Start class has been meeting in this way for several weeks now. They very graciously have extended an invitation to others in the congregation to join them. They meet Sunday mornings 10:20 - 11:50 (between the prayer meeting and morning worship). Their class focuses on a series of assigned scripture readings each week. Please contact Ashley Kenley for the reading assignments and to receive the Zoom invitation. Thank you Fresh Start! (If other classes are considering starting your own Zoom, that’s great too - just let me know and we’ll set it up.)

I hope that everyone had a good and safe Memorial Day weekend. May God's blessings be with each of us and with the memory of loved ones and those of earlier generations who gave their all. Please continue to pray with one voice for the brave folks who are even now standing up on our behalf to keep us safe from the medical dangers of this moment.

In other prayers, please remember:

1. Roy and Donna Joyner - Roy has received a cancer diagnosis and will travel next week to Houston, Texas for further diagnosis and treatment options.
2. Carol McNeill - she was released from the hospital on Sunday under new medication for cardiac issues.
3. Virginia McGranahan - came home from the hospital on Tuesday after gall bladder surgery with 24-hour caregivers, still experiencing a great deal of pain.
4. Nathan Tomlinson (Thelma's son), who is scheduled for heart surgery next week.
5. Chris Normand and his family, on the death of his mother in Maine, just 19 days after the loss of his father.

And also please remember these friends and family of church members who have asked for our prayers:

- Tom Riggins, John's brother, is still being monitored and waiting for further testing.
- Steve Bowers, friend of Gene Hall, is home after surgery - still weak but beginning to recover
- Jimmy Puckett will have surgery on Friday of this week as a follow-up from a recent open-heart operation.

With thanks for all that we are doing together, and all that God is doing for us, may his blessings be on us all.

Elliott

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## A NOTE OF



Dear Paw Creek Church Family,

My gratitude for my loving church to nominate me for the 2020 Legacy Award is beyond words. I feel so humble and extremely blessed to have been chosen. I will be forever thankful & honored.

I would also like to say thank you for all your love and support for me and my family as I continue to battle cancer. All the beautiful cards, many with hand written notes of love and encouragement, have brighten my days & bring such joy to my heart. The phone calls, food, flowers, porch visits and all the prayers mean so much to me. Please keep them up. God is so good and I am so very blessed beyond measure by each of you.

Love and blessings to one and all,

Susan  
Kenley Strong

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Woodland Presbyterian Church and**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • May 31, 2020**  
Pentecost Sunday

**Welcome**

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us - Thanks be to God!*

**Call to Worship**

God declares:  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young shall see visions,  
and your old shall dream dreams.  
Even upon the slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

**Hymn 408**

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, Filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.  
There are blessings you cannot receive Till you know him in his fullness and believe;  
You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."  
"Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, Filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel. Empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

## Homily

### My Soul Says Yes

## Prayers of God's People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

## Charge and Benediction

*On Pentecost Sunday it is the custom of our two churches to worship together as we celebrate our shared history, the special spiritual gifts of our two individual communities, and the ministry that we share, through God's grace, to Paw Creek, to Charlotte and to the world. This year, our worship together takes place though God's gift of live streaming. We welcome all who join us in this way! Our preacher today is the Rev. Gloria Bolden of Woodland Church, and our music is provided by Mr. Donald Crawford and members of the Woodland Church choir.*



**June 1**  
Heather Gaskins

**June 2**  
Celia Gray

**June 3**  
Jean Johnston  
Macy Kincaid  
Bailey Miller  
Karen Sisk

**June 4**  
Edgar Peeden

**June 5**  
Sandra Watson

**June 8**  
Jesse Evans

**June 9**  
Evan Normand

**June 10**  
Jennifer Johns

**June 12**  
Shane Evans

**June 15**  
Craig Scott

**June 16**  
Will Cathey  
Rob Huffstickler

**June 17**  
Danny McClure, Sr.  
Sarah Mullis

**June 18**  
Larry Ramsey

**June 21**  
Marry Ellen Edwards

**June 22**  
Joy Pinkston  
Stan Springs

**June 23**  
Anna Jo Patton

**June 26**  
Anne Miller

**June 27**  
Dickie Chapman

**June 30**  
Carson Kendrick

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**Seek**..... Matthew 6:33  
**Serve** ..... 1 Samuel 12:24  
**Praise**..... Psalm 111:1  
**Love Christ!**.....1 John 4:12

*Lord, we thank you for...*

**Have a Prayer Request?** To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then call:  
Judy Smith (704) 392-2892  
-or-  
Ann Cashion (704) 301-0126

**Know someone Who Needs a Visit?** Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elliott Hipp (704) 392-0329

## Online Giving is Now Available

Paw Creek has now implemented Online Giving for the convenience of church members and our friends who worship with us. Please go to our website at [www.pawcreekpc.org](http://www.pawcreekpc.org) and follow the link on the home page.



Once you click on this link, you will be directed to set up an account. You may make this gift as a one time transaction, or you can set up recurring payments. You may use your bank account information to create this payment, or you may use your debit or credit card. (If you use your debit or credit card, you will also be given the option to add the transaction fee to your payment if you choose to do so)



For those who like to use mobile apps, you can download the app: Give+ and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church. Once you have created an account, it will save Paw Creek as your default Church.

## Upcoming Sermon Titles

**Sunday, May 31**  
***Pentecost Sunday***  
Acts 2: 1-17  
"My Soul Says Yes"

Rev. Gloria Bolden, Woodland Presbyterian

**Sunday, June 7**  
Matthew 5: 1-12  
"Up on the Mountain"

**Sunday, June 14**  
Matthew 5: 13-20  
"A Light to Shine"

**Sunday, June 21**  
Matthew 5: 21-26  
"But Jesus Says to Us..."