



# Weekly News at Paw Creek

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## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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### From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek,

Thanksgiving is now a week away, and I know we are all finalizing plans for smaller celebrations this year. I hope you and yours find the right way to creatively blend traditions, family, and safety and that your holiday is a good one.

Perhaps one question that will come to all of us this year is: what does it mean to be thankful in a year that has seen so much upheaval and distress? Perhaps it helps to remember the history of the Hebrews. Through exile, war and hardship, they had many years in which their faith was tested and their hearts were heavy. In the Psalms they often turned to God not with thanksgiving but with complaint - "Why have you abandoned us, O Lord?" It is okay for us to bring to God our fears and disappointment. But also notice that in the psalms, the cry of despair helps clear the air and redirect our thoughts. Soon the psalmists turn to remembrance of the good gifts from the past, and signs of God's care even in the midst of sorrows. And from there they are able to look forward with a prayer for renewed blessing in the days and years to come. Following the psalms, maybe we can do something similar, as we focus our thoughts on the little ways that life has been good and blessings have continued throughout this year. And from there will rise a word of hope that will allow us to look forward and beyond. With God's grace, may a time of thanksgiving bring new blessings to us all!

This is one of the years when the calendar gives us a rapid shift from Thanksgiving to Advent. Our worship on November 29th will be the first Sunday of Advent, so you can be on the lookout for a shift of tone and mood that perhaps will help carry us forward on the strength of Thanksgiving blessings. The expectation of the coming of the Messiah will take on deeper meaning this year, with the mood of longing fitting the mood of our world. As we set our sights beyond today's struggles, Advent hope will carry us towards God's future when the troubles of this present age will melt away into God's future glory. Amen, Come Lord Jesus!

You will notice that there are three worship bulletins included with today's letter. There will be no letter next week, so you we are preparing for Sunday the 22nd, the Thanksgiving service next Thursday at 8:00 am, and Sunday the 29th. Everyone who is signed up for in-person worship is welcome at the Sunday services, and everyone, signed up or not, is welcome for the Thanksgiving service. Of course, all service will be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube as always. One way or another, I look forward to being together with you on those days.

**Our prayers this week include:**

- Betty Bradley (Paul's mother) who will be having heart valve replacement surgery today (Thursday).
- Gail Caudill Duncan, who is scheduled for breast cancer surgery tomorrow (Friday)
- Miriam Childress, who continues rehab therapy at Huntersville Health and Rehab
- Carol McNeal, who is recovering from receiving a pacemaker on Tuesday
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Please remember each of these folks, with prayers for God's grace, comfort and healing. And let us also pray constantly for our world, for the sick and lonely, for overworked but valiant healthcare workers, and for peace amongst all our discord and disappointment. Amen, Come Lord Jesus!

Godspeed,

Elliott

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## Thanksgiving Boxes

Thanks to everyone, We collected 30 boxes & 30 Turkeys!!!!



**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • November 22, 2020**  
The Sunday of Christ the King

**Preparatory Music**

*Worthy is the Lamb*

Darlene Zschech

**Welcome**

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and  
the Communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst. Thanks be to God!*

**Prelude**

*Give Thanks*

arr. Mark Hayes

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Hymn 367**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

*Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.*

*All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.*

*God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.*

*Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.*

*For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;*

*from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;*

*give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,*

*but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.*

*Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,*

*there forever purified, in thy presence to abide: come,*

*with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!*

**Prayer of the Day**

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us to be servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal kingdom where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you

## Scripture Reading (continued)

gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

### Hymn 186

*“Come, Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table”*

*“Come now, you blessed, eat at my table,” said Jesus Christ to the righteous above.*

*“When I was hungry, thirsty, and homeless, sick and in prison you showed me your love.”*

*When did we see you hungry or thirsty? When were you homeless, a stranger alone?*

*When did we see you sick or in prison? What have we done that you call us your own?*

*“When you gave bread to earth’s hungry children, when you gave shelter to war’s refugee,  
when you remembered those most forgotten, you cared for me in the smallest of these.”*

*Christ, when we see you out on life’s roadways, looking to us in the faces of need,  
then may we know you, welcome, and show you love that is faithful in word and in deed.*

### Sermon

*Lord, when did we see you?*

### Offertory

*Jesus Shall Reign*

arr. Anne Krentz

### Prayers of God’s People

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

### Hymn 363

*“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”*

*Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore!  
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come and gather all the saints to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!*

### Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

*Mighty is Our God*

arr. Lloyd Larson

**Thanksgiving Day**  
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • November 26, 2020 • 8:00 am

**Prelude**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

arr. Chris Rice

**Call to Worship**

The Lord, the Maker of all things,  
opens abundant arms to satisfy the desires of every living creature.  
Let us praise God for crowning the fields with blessings  
and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth.

**Hymn 643**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Johann Cruger

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God's graces and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

Almighty and gracious Lord, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season, and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty. As you provide for our needs, help us to remember all whose need is greater. To the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Thanksgiving Meditation**

## Thanksgiving Litany

Give thanks to Lord who is good!

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

**We give you Thanks, O God.**

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared throughout our days;

**We give you Thanks, O God.**

For work to do and strength to work.

**We give you Thanks, O God.**

For families; for living together and sharing our lives;

**We give you Thanks, O God.**

For children; for their energy and curiosity;

**We give you Thanks, O God.**

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom; for rest; for time made precious by its passing;

**We give you Thanks, O God.**

For help in times of doubt and sorrow; for the healing of our diseases; for perseverance in temptation and danger;

**We give you Thanks, O God.**

Give thanks to the Lord who is good; for God's mercy is everlasting.

**Amen.**

## Hymn 363

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

Welsh Folk Melody

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire swing forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.  
By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

## Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Chris Rice

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • November 29, 2020**  
First Sunday of Advent



**Preparatory Music**

*The Potter's Hand*

arr. Carol Tornquist

**Welcome and Lighting of one Candle on the Advent Wreath**

*Grace be unto you, and peace, from the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness. "I am the Alpha and the Omega", says the Lord God. Hallelujah!*

**Prelude**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

arr. Mary McDonald

**Call to Worship**

from Isaiah 40

Comfort, comfort ye my people, says your God.  
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,  
that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.  
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness;  
prepare ye the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**Hymn 88**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the  
gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**Prayer of the Day**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

## Hymn 102

*“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

*Savior of the nations, come; virgin’s son, make here your home.*

*Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.*

*Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin’s son, incarnate Word!*

*To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally.*

## Sermon

*Come quickly, Lord*

## Offertory

*Of the Father’s Love Begotten*

arr. Mark Hayes

## Prayers of God’s People

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## Hymn 104

*“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”*

*O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?*

*Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart’s delight!*

*O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,*

*to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.*

*You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and good will,*

*to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.*

*In patient expectation we live for that great day*

*when your renewed creation your glory shall display.*

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

arr. Mark Hayes





# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to Those  
Celebrating in December!**

**December 3**

Josh Watson

**December 4**

Cody Joy

**December 5**

Christy Corder  
Tim Gray

**December 7**

Roy Helms

**December 9**

Mike (Pea Dad) Caudill

**December 10**

Jimmy Torrence  
Bill Wright

**December 11**

Sherry Blevins

**December 12**

Miriam Childress

**December 16**

Peggy Harrington  
Judy Smith

**December 18**

David Padgett

**December 20**

Craig Sharpe

**December 21**

Ashley Kenley

**December 22**

Vicki Ramsey  
Jeff Smith  
Cayleigh Tyler

**December 23**

Alicia Miller

**December 24**

Gerri Ann Shaw

**December 27**

Andrew Caldwell  
Gloria Caldwell

**December 28**

Brandon Chapman  
Oscar Sisk

**December 30**

Steele Blankenship

**December 31**

Beth Mathews

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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:  
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-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

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.



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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, November 22

Matthew 25: 31-46  
“Lord, When Did We See You?”

### Sunday, November 29

*1st Sunday of Advent*  
Isaiah 64: 1-9  
“Come Quickly, Lord”

### Thursday, November 26

*Thanksgiving Day*  
8:00 am

### Sunday, December 6

*2nd Sunday of Advent*  
Psalm 85  
“Mercy & Truth, Righteousness & Peace”