



# Weekly News at Paw Creek

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## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

From the Pastor...

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### Sunday Worship via Livestream only in February

**Lenten Devotions: [pawcreekreflections.blogspot.com](http://pawcreekreflections.blogspot.com)**

Dear Paw Creek,

And now we wait. Wait for Easter; wait for vaccines; wait for recovery; wait for reopenings; wait for jobs to return; wait for the weather to warm up and the rain to stop; wait (in some places) for the power to come back on. Wait for normal. We're not very good at waiting.

"O Lord," we pray, "I don't mind repenting, but I wish it would make a difference right away." And yet the old me hasn't disappeared and I keep making the same mistakes and falling into the same traps.

Most of the time waiting is just a quietness - or perhaps a thundering silence. In the silence we have to decide. Do I trust with all my heart that what comes after the waiting is going to be good and God-given and holy? Or do I fear that things will only get worse? That's where the waiting takes us - what will it be? Trust or fear? Faith or no faith? God or the darkness? The gospel tugs us towards trust, faith and God. We have to decide.

I don't have much else to add this week. Lent has begun, and now it yawns in front of us. It will be a quiet Lent this year. We just have to decide how to wait. In it may be find God, find that he waits with us, find that we are not alone.

Please pray for all who are suffering, especially those alone in the cold and the dark. Pray for the sick and the grieving. And the lonely. Pray for our communities and our churches, as we follow the Christ into the wilderness to sojourn these forty days.

Blessings,

Elliott



**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • February 21, 2021**  
First Sunday in Lent



Via Live Stream - Facebook and YouTube links at [pawcreekpc.org](http://pawcreekpc.org)  
Daily Lenten Devotions at [pawcreekreflections.blogspot.com](http://pawcreekreflections.blogspot.com)

**Preparatory Music**

*Word of God Speak*

Bart Millard and Pete Kepley

**Welcome**

*Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.  
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.*

**Prelude**

*Meditation on Sweet Bye and Bye*

arr. Robert Thygerson

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 25

To you, O LORD do we lift up our souls; in you we put our trust.  
Show us your ways and teach us your paths.  
Lead us in your truth for you are the God of salvation;  
Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

**Hymn 438**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

*Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.  
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.*

**Prayer of the Day**

God of the covenant, as the forty days of deluge swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the saving flood of Baptism we are washed clean and born again. Throughout these forty days, unseal within us the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Genesis 9: 8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

## Hymn 624

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place:  
so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

## Sermon

*The Bow in the Clouds*

## Offertory

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

arr. Don Wyrzten

Offerings for God's work through Paw Creek Church are gratefully received  
in the baskets by the entrance and exits to the sanctuary, or by mail to the church office.

## Prayers of God's People

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

## Hymn 22

"God of the Sparrow"

*God of the sparrow God of the whale, God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise.  
God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save.  
God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace, How does the creature say Thanks.*

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

arr. Brian C. Howell



If you have keys to the Church and are not currently on the Session or a Committee, we ask that you please turn the keys back in to the Church Office.

Thank you! ~ Property Committee

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### **Update on Anne Moore**

Wanted to give Anne's friends an update on her current condition.

She is well into her seventh year with Alzheimer's. Needing additional care, she was moved from the Haven to Carmel Hills a year ago. Last weekend she began to receive hospice care. This due to less eating and increased sleeping. Hospice to be in there weekly. The Carmel staff hand feeds her. When awake she constantly smiles so no apparent pain. Talks very little, but often giggles in her sleep.

Bryce



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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 contact either Joy Tyler (phone captain - (704) 399-8040) -or- Ann Cashion (email captain - acatlake@gmail.com)

**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.



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, February 21**

*1st Sunday in Lent*  
Genesis 9: 8-17  
“The Bow in the Clouds”

#### **Sunday, February 28**

*2nd Sunday in Lent*  
Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16  
“What’s in a Name?”

#### **Sunday, March 7**

*3rd Sunday in Lent*  
*Celebration of the Lord’s Supper*  
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25  
“Christ - The Power of God”

#### **Sunday, March 14**

*4th Sunday in Lent*  
John 3: 14-41  
“To Save and Not Condemn”