



# Weekly News at Paw Creek

February 25, 2021

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

From the Pastor...

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**In-person worship resumes this Sunday, February 28**

Dear Paw Creek,

I'm happy to report that the worst of the winter virus surge is receding, and on Wednesday Governor Cooper announced an easing of restrictions across the state. With those signs of recovery, our task force on in-person worship met Wednesday afternoon and has decided that we can safely resume our return to sanctuary worship.

This Sunday, February 28, we will welcome friends and members of Paw Creek to worship under the same guidelines that were in place when we reached a pause back in January:

1. All of those who had previously asked to be included for in-person worship are still on the list. If you want to be added to the list, please call Kim in the church office (if you want to be added in time for this coming Sunday, you can call Debbie Taylor, Sam McCord or me over the weekend). We still have room, and everyone is welcome, but we need to keep a handle on our numbers so that we can maintain safe distances.
2. We will continue to take temperatures, to mask, and to sit in distanced household units. Please come early so we can get everyone seated, and we will continue to avoid singing and unison prayers.
3. And of course, live-stream worship will always be an option for those who are not yet ready to venture out.

As we all know, the virus is far from over – but every day I hear of more folks who are getting their vaccinations. That is great and encouraging news! But we also know that vaccinated or not, we still need to play it safe. Please, everyone, let's take care of ourselves so that we can get to the end of this thing and be together again in every way as quickly as possible. I can't wait, and I know you can't either.

I've got one other important piece of information to highlight this week. One of the significant ways that we have always stayed connected as a church, and especially during the pandemic, is our Prayer Chain. E-mails and phone calls that go out throughout the week as soon as a need is known allow us to participate together in the power of prayer as we bear one another's burdens and rejoice in each other's blessings.

For several years now, the telephone portion of the Prayer Chain has been under the able stewardship of Judy Smith. Judy has recently decided that it's time for her to step back, and Joy Tyler has taken up that role. Therefore, when you have a prayer concern to share with the church community, please get permission from the person or family involved, and then call the concern in to Joy (704-399-8040) and email to Ann Cashion (acatlake@gmail.com), and they will take it from there. Also, if you don't yet receive the prayer chain messages, you can contact Joy or Ann to be added to the list.

And now, speaking of prayer, here are some of the things that are on our hearts this week:

- Continued prayers for Howie Wall, brother in law of Karen Sisk and Debbie Taylor - Howie was hospitalized over the weekend with internal bleeding; it has been controlled and he is back home, improving every day.
- Carol Weant, who was also in the hospital over the weekend, has returned home, but is still very weak.
- Carol McNeill asks us to pray for her brother, David Troutman, who is ill and will be undergoing a biopsy and other testing in the coming days.
- Please remember the family of Darryl Gaston, pastor of Smallwood Presbyterian Church, who died very unexpectedly last Saturday. His funeral service will be on Friday.
- And also be thinking of Jo Small and her family - they will hold a private family service on Saturday to inter Johnny's ashes at Forest Lawn Cemetery.
- And, Tim Gray asks us to join in celebration for his cousin Steve - Steve has been in our prayers off and on for some time, but it's good news to hear that his lymphoma is now in remission.

May God's grace keep us safe and healthy, and watch over everyone whom we hold dear.

Blessings,

Elliott

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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • February 28, 2021**  
Second Sunday in Lent



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**Preparatory Music**

*Above All*

Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc

**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**

*Fantasy on Kingsfold*

arr. Thomas Keesecker

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 22

Praise the LORD, you that fear God;  
stand in awe of the LORD, O offspring of Israel;  
For the LORD's face is not hidden from us;  
all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before the LORD.

**Hymn 49**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!  
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,  
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.*

*Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.  
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.*

*You have eternal life implanted in the soul;  
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same.*

**Prayer of the Day**

God of our forebears, as your chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown, so may your church be granted such faith that we may follow you with courage for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Genesis 17: 1-7; 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

## Hymn 691

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

*Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;  
today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.*

*Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,  
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.*

*So help me in my unbelief, and let my life be true:  
feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.*

## Sermon

*What's in a Name?*

## Offertory

*El Shaddai*

arr. Michael Card and John Thompson

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 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.*

*Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.*

*All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.*

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering . . .*

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

*Our Great Savior*

arr. Kurt Kaiser

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*Elliott Hipp, Pastor • Mark Burlison, Pianist • Patrick McCarthy, Director of Music/Soloist  
Clint Shaw, Video and Streaming • Worship Committee, Arrangements*



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Those  
Celebrating in March!

**March 2**

Jordan Loud

**March 16**

Jennifer Caldwell

**March 25**

Judy Pinkston

**March 4**

Barbara Blankenship

**March 17**

Jane Dorton  
Melissa Mullis  
Sarah Kenley

**March 26**

Elizabeth Kincaid

**March 7**

Cambell Brown  
Parker Brown  
Tyler Brown  
George Taylor

**March 18**

Seth Penna

**March 27**

Dillon Joy

**March 8**

Danny McClure, Jr.

**March 20**

Max Sudderth

**March 28**

Chris Normand

**March 13**

David Turner

**March 22**

Beth Joy  
John Burns

**March 31**

Jane Scott  
Ellie Reese Helms

**March 15**

Cole Caudill  
Margie Caudill

**March 23**

Carlina Padgett  
Angie Ross

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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 Joy Tyler (phone captain - (704) 399-8040) - and- 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 28

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

### Sunday, March 14

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

### 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 21

*5th Sunday in Lent*  
John 12: 20-33  
“The Grain of Wheat”