



# Weekly News at Paw Creek

February 4, 2021

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

From the Pastor...

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### Sunday Worship via Livestream only in February

Dear Paw Creek,

I'm sure you know that Covid cases are slowly going down in Mecklenburg County and throughout the state, and also that the County has asked that we all continue to limit gatherings and activities until the end of February. Recognizing that these two facts go together and that we need both to give thanks for the downward trend and to support the efforts that have made it possible, the Session has accepted the recommendation from its Task Force to continue with remote-only worship in February. More specifically, the decision was to follow County guidelines - that means if the numbers get better and the County relaxes the directive sooner, we will automatically return to in-person worship as well.

Remaining closed is disappointing for all of us - it's so hard to believe that this pandemic has been going on for almost a year. But working together as a community and giving the vaccinations time to work is the right thing to do. I appreciate Session's leadership and everyone's support, even though it's hard. As we continue to stick together, we will get to the end of this. I know you can't wait, and neither can I!

Even as we remain physically separated, our church committees have been busy planning some great offerings for the next few months, especially in connection with the seasons of Lent and Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and continues through Easter Sunday on April 4. Here's a preview of some of the things to look forward to:

Ash Wednesday - the service at 6:30 pm on February 17 will be via Zoom only - that means we will be able to hear and see one another, to pray and sing aloud at home, and participate in worship in ways that have not been possible for almost a year. I'll have details and Zoom information in next week's letter.

During Lent, the Congregational Care Committee will offer a daily devotional guide that will be mailed to each household, along with opportunities for us to share our thoughts and reflections on each daily reading. That also will be coming out next week to be ready to begin on Ash Wednesday.

Holy Week services have been planned by the Worship Committee for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday - they will be designed to offer meaningful experiences for both in-person and remote worship. More information coming towards the end of March.

On Easter Sunday, we will start the day with a sunrise service in the Paw Creek cemetery that will be open to the entire congregation, to take advantage of the spring weather and allow us all to be together outdoors. And of course our main service will take place in-person and remotely in the sanctuary at 11:00.

Speaking of spring weather, the Fellowship Committee is also getting busy to plan some events we can enjoy together outdoors as soon as the temperatures rise.

So – many thanks to all of these committees that are getting creative and thinking outside the box, and outside the buildings! If you have an idea to share, please be sure to let them know. Committee chairs are: Congregational Care - Karen Cathey; Fellowship - Sam McCord; Worship - Debbie Taylor.

And now, as I close this letter and prepare to send it off on Thursday morning, I need to ask all of us for some strong prayers for Don Joy and his family. Although there will probably be more news by the time you read this, as of now Don has been missing since midday on Wednesday, when he went out and failed to come home. The police are helping his family to locate him, and we all pray with and for him, to bring him safely home, and also with Vickie, Libby and Susan as they wait.

Additional prayer concerns this week include a request from Dina Salvo to pray for the family of her friend Carolyn Hatley, who died of Covid-19 this week, leaving two sons. Also, we have good reports on the recovery progress of both Judy Hinson (Frances's sister) and Mollie Baker, and we continue to join Dickie and Carol Chapman in prayers for their daughter-in-law's father, Mr. Tom Calello, in hospice care.

May God protect us all, and all those whom we hold dear,

Blessings,

Elliott

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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • February 7, 2021**  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Via Live Stream - Facebook and YouTube links at [pawcreekpc.org](http://pawcreekpc.org)

During this worship service we are invited to receive the elements of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together. To participate with us at home, please have available a bit of bread or crackers, and some kind of juice or beverage.

**Preparatory Music**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

arr. Jeff Nelson

**Welcome**

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**Prelude**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

arr. Jim Lucas

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 147

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
how pleasant it is to honor the LORD with praise!  
The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem  
and gathers the exiles of Israel.  
Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion.

**Hymn 409**

"God is Here!"

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.*

*Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.*

*Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

**Prayer of the Day**

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, that we may recognize your power at work in your Son and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 29-39

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

## Hymn 834

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.*

*Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord,  
lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone,*

*hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

## Sermon

*Message to Share*

## Offertory

*Kyrie*

John Leavitt

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.

## Announcements and Prayer Concerns

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Including the *Lord's Prayer*, the Words of the Institution, and the sharing of the elements

## Hymn 826

"Lift High the Cross"

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.*

*O Lord, one lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory.*

## Charge and Benediction

## Organ Postlude

*God of Wonders*

arr. Carol Tornquist

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# Thank You Notes

Dear Sir or Madam,

Words fail me in expressing my heartfelt gratitude to so many in our community who continue to stand with us during these difficult times. So many lives have been affected and on behalf of The Salvation Army, we commit to continual service to our community. I am so encouraged and blessed by your generosity and compassion for those in need.

Today, hundreds of families have shelter, resources, and support to move forward because of your gift.

Sincerely,

Major James T. Mason

Area Commander of Greater Charlotte

Charlotte, NC

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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 7

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Mark 1: 29-39

“Message to Share”

#### Wednesday, February 17

*Ash Wednesday; 6:30pm Via Zoom ONLY*

(No live-stream or in-person worship)

Zoom ID 811 2469 1045

Phone only, dial 301-715-8592 & enter ID

#### Sunday, February 14

Mark 2: 1-12

“Jesus Saw Their Faith”

#### Sunday, February 21

*1st Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 9: 8-17

“The Bow in the Clouds”