



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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Dear Paw Creek,

A year ago on this Thursday was the last time that I entered a hospital. After my visit there, I remember sitting in the car making phone calls and checking news reports to try to understand the onrush of information and conflicting advice about what would and would not be safe for us as a church. Then I returned to the church office to begin sending emails to seek the wisdom of our church Session. By the next day, Friday, we had reached a decision to limit worship the following Sunday to a live-stream broadcast using the rudimentary equipment that we then had available. We anticipated being limited to live-stream worship for perhaps two or three weeks. We had never heard of Zoom.

It will take a long time to digest and begin to understand what the experiences of the ensuing year have meant to us, our families, our communities and our church. In time, our perspective will begin to lengthen and these 365 days will no longer seem like such a huge expanse of time. Our perspective will begin to give us some small understanding of the view that God has of our world and our lives. In God's eyes, this year has been but a moment. In God's eyes each moment of fear, grief and hardship has been wrapped in the tender embrace of his everlasting arms. In God's eyes we are now at this moment, on this day, when the birds are singing, the tiny buds are beginning to open, the vaccines are flowing, and hope is on our horizon.

This is not the time to relax our commitment to the protections that come to us from the knowledge of science that God has graciously given us. But it is perhaps a time to indulge in that hope, to lift our gaze to that horizon. It is surely a time to see with God's eyes that he is with us this day, and to give thanks for his abiding presence.

As we welcome God's presence in our lives, we are invited to include in our prayers these members of our larger community and their loved ones:

- Howie Wall, brother-in-law of Karen Sisk and Debbie Taylor, was released from the hospital late Wednesday and will continue to rest at home as doctors seek proper treatment for his cardiac disease - please pray for Howie and his wife Pam.
- Eight-year old Colt Klutz, grandson of Thelma Tomlinson and son of Beverly and Mike, continues to recover at home with serious head injuries after a go-kart accident and surgery over the weekend. He will be at home with bed rest for several weeks - please pray for his complete healing and give courage to his family.
- Jeannette Hamilton, sister of Miriam Childress, is very ill and hospitalized near her home in Myrtle Beach - please pray for Jeannette and her family.
- Gail Carinelli, a friend of Barbara Ullem's who has worshipped with us regularly this past year via live-stream, is scheduled for major eye surgery on March 18 - please pray for her comfort and recovery.

In all these things, may God be our blessing, our strength and our stay.

Elliott



Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday. Remember to set your clocks ahead.



Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Lent



Daily Lenten Devotions at pawcreekreflections.blogspot.com

Preparatory Music

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

arr. Carol Tornquist

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

God So Loved the World

arr. Robert Thygeron

Call to Worship

Psalm 107

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good,
whose mercy endures forever.
Let us give thanks for the mercy of God,
for the wonders the LORD does for all people.
For God satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

Hymn 634

“To God Be the Glory”

*To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!
Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the
Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it. In your light may we see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 3: 14-21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Hymn 215

"What Wondrous Love is This"

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am, while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the them, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing
on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.*

Sermon

To Save and Not Condemn

Offertory

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townsend

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 137

"He Came Down"

*He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.*

. . . that we may have light

. . . that we may have joy

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

I Stand Amazed

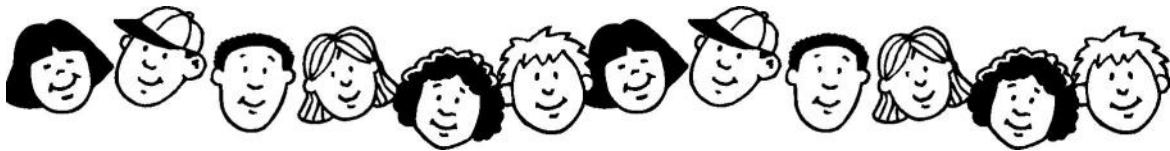
arr. Janice Faber

A NOTE OF



Vickie, Libby and Lynn would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food and expressions of love and sympathy on the death of our father Don Joy. We would also like to thank everyone who did searches, either individual searches or on the search co-ordinated by our cousin Dena Joy. We could feel the love for Pop all around us. Even though the outcome was not what we all had hoped, we know he is with family and in the arms of our dear Lord. Again THANK YOU for all the love and sympathy for each one of us.

God Bless
Vickie Joy



Reminder for Children Connecting with Christ:

CCC groups meet every week via Zoom for Bible study & fellowship

- Younger children meet - Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm
- Older students meet - Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm

Please contact Barbara Ullem for more information.

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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 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, March 14

4th Sunday in Lent

John 3: 14-41

“To Save and Not Condemn”

Sunday, March 28

Passion/Palm Sunday

Mark 15: 1-39

“God’s Son Shines Through the Darkness”

Sunday, March 21

5th Sunday in Lent

John 12: 20-33

“The Grain of Wheat”

Thursday, April 1

Maundy Thursday

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Friday, April 2

Good Friday