



# News at Paw Creek

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## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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### From the Pastor...

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

Dear Paw Creek,

Our sense of time becomes distorted in these days. I don't know about you, but I am taken aback to look at the calendar and know that Easter is just two weeks away!

Many of us are drifting back into in-person worship each Sunday. Please come when you are ready, but also please call ahead by phone or email to Kim in the church office. We will shift and arrange to get as many into the sanctuary as we safely can. If you are not ready, we understand - live-stream worship will continue so that you can join us as well.

With Holy Week and Easter right around the corner, here's a rundown of the events and service that are planned. Our committees have been (and continue to be) busy making these offerings possible. Please plan to join us, live or live-stream, throughout the week beginning next Sunday.

**Palm Sunday** - March 28 - Service at 11:00 am, in person and on live-stream

Please arrive by 10:45. We will have palms for everyone as we begin the service outdoors and process into the sanctuary. Those on live-stream will be able to participate as well, so be sure to log in right on time

After worship, plan to stay around outdoors, where the Fellowship committee will offer materials and instructions for transforming palm branches into a display for your front door during Holy Week.

The Fellowship and Congregational Care committees will also have palms to bring to those who worship with us on live-stream.

**Mundy Thursday** - April 1 - Service at 7:00 pm, in person and on live-stream

We will worship in the sanctuary this year, looking forward to being able to return to our traditional service at tables by 2022. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper, so if you are at home, plan to have bread and juice available.

**Good Friday** - April 2 - Service at 7:00 pm, in person and on live-stream

The Service of Shadows, with readings, silence, prayer, and the extinguishing of the light

**Easter Sunrise** - April 4 - Service at 8:00 am outdoors by the church cemetery. No live-stream.

Come early for a simple service to welcome the dawn and rejoice in the Good News of resurrection. Everyone is welcome, no need to call ahead. Please check the weather and dress warmly enough for the early air and damp grass, and bring a lawn chair if you have it. The Fellowship Committee will offer a simple breakfast in front of the CFC afterwards.

**Easter Sunday Service** - April 4 - Service at 11:00 am, in person and on live-stream

Celebrate the resurrection in music, prayer, proclamation and the sharing of the Lord's Supper.

Finally, please see the information in this newsletter about memorial and honorarium gifts for Easter flowers in the sanctuary. We all look forward to celebrating this holy time and way or another!

In our prayers this week, please remember:

- Jeannette Hamilton, sister of Miriam Childress, who is seriously ill in the hospital in Myrtle Beach. Pray also for Miriam and for Jeannette's daughter Elaine, who is an only child and is bearing all the responsibility of her mother's care.
- Gail Carinelli, a member of our on-line congregation, who will have major eye surgery on Thursday.
- Eddie McArver, who is feeling much better as he recovers from shingles on his face and near one of his eyes.
- Colt Klutz, grandson of Thelma Thomlinson, who is recovering well from a head injury after a serious go-kart accident.
- Cyndy Taylor, sister-in-law of George Taylor who is now recovering at home after being hospitalized for pancreatitis.
- Razz Holman, a friend of Karen Cathey, who will undergo a steroid treatment for a lung condition - these treatments have caused serious side-effects for him in the past.
- Kevin Cashion, who has surgery scheduled for Thursday morning.
- Roy Joyner, as we rejoice with him at the success of his cancer treatments last summer.
- Barry McNaughton, husband of Linda Riggins's cousin, who is hospitalized in Pineville with sepsis, pneumonia and high fever.
- Carol Venable, moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Charlotte, who is recovering from surgery. Carol is a member of Marks Creek Presbyterian Church in Hamlet, NC.

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

Elliott

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



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**Preparatory Music**

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

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**

*O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

arr. Cindy Berry

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 116

Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.  
And how shall we repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for us?  
Let us lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the LORD.

**Hymn 394**

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come, with all your loving kindness;  
hear your people as we pray, and your fullest benediction spread within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; what they gain from you, forever  
with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us  
with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in  
holiness and righteousness all our days. Through the same 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

John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## Hymn 247

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: love is come again like wheat arising green.

## Sermon

*The Grain of Wheat*

## Offertory

*Lead Me To Calvary*

arr. Dan Forrest

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 209

*My Song is Love Unknown*

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own would not its Savior know.  
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine: never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

*Worthy is the Lamb*

Darlene Zschech

## Easter Flowers



## Easter Flower Garden

Paw Creek will be decorating the Sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday, April 4th. If you would like to make an offering to help towards the purchase of the flowers in memory or honor of someone, their name will be included in the Order of Service for April 4th as well. Please be sure to mark your check in the memo section as "Easter Flowers", and list who it is in memory or honor of. Names must be received by the church office by Tuesday, March 30th.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 704-392-0329. Easter Lilies are in short supply this year, but there may be a few available for pick up after the Easter Service.

Thank you!



## Graduation Sunday

This year more than ever it is important for us to honor and congratulate our graduates. The Christian Education committee is gathering names of graduates and will be in touch directly later in the spring to ask for more information and set a date for Graduation Sunday that works for your schedules. Please send names and contact information to Jan Chapman or the church office:

Church members who graduated in December 2020 and or will graduate in Spring 2021 from High School, College, or Graduate School. Thank you~ Christian Ed

The family of Jean Johnston would like to Thank everyone for all the acts of kindness that was shown to her as well as all of us during her illness.

Dad is very grateful as well. He is really enjoying the throw that was gifted to him at Christmas. He was excited when he found out it was long enough to cover his feet!

With Blessings and love to all of our PCPC family.

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Melanie

Suzette, Wesley, Eric and their families



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**Seek**.....Matthew 6:33  
**Serve** .....1 Samuel 12:24  
**Praise**.....Psalm 111:1  
**Love Christ!**.....1 John 4:12

**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

*Lord, we thank you for...*



## Church Workday

The Property Committee would like to request volunteers for a Work Day on Saturday, March 27th at 8am. This is a Pre-Easter Landscape/Grooming attempt to beautify the Church appearance for Easter Sunday.. Please consider bringing any gardening tools you may have. We will focus on the landscaping in front of the Church and in front of the East and West Wings. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Dickie Chapman  
Property Committee Chairman

## Upcoming Sermon Titles

### Sunday, March 21

*5th Sunday in Lent*

John 12: 20-33

“The Grain of Wheat”

### Sunday, March 28

*Passion/Palm Sunday*

Mark 15: 1-39

“God’s Son Shines Through the Darkness”

### Thursday, April 1, 7pm

*Maundy Thursday Service*

*Celebration of the Lord’s Supper*

### Friday, April 2, 7pm

*Good Friday Service*

### Sunday, April 4

*Easter Sunday*

- Sunrise Service - Cemetery 8am  
(Simple service - refreshments after)
- Main Service - Sanctuary 11am  
(Full service with communion)  
Mark 16: 1-8  
“Who Will Roll the Stone?”