



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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Dear Paw Creek,

I'm going to need to be succinct in this week's letter - we have a lot of other information to include with the newsletter, and we need to save paper and postage for the copies that go out through the postal mail!

As we enter Holy Week on Sunday, we have a wide range of opportunities for worship, both on-line and in person:

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

Please arrive by 10:45 for the palm procession, and plan to stay afterwards for palm decorating

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

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. Dress for the weather, bring a lawn chair, and stay afterwards for a light breakfast

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.

We still have space to welcome you for in-person worship - please just contact the church office to let the Worship Committee know. And don't forget that gifts for the Easter flowers to honor and remember loved ones are due next Tuesday.

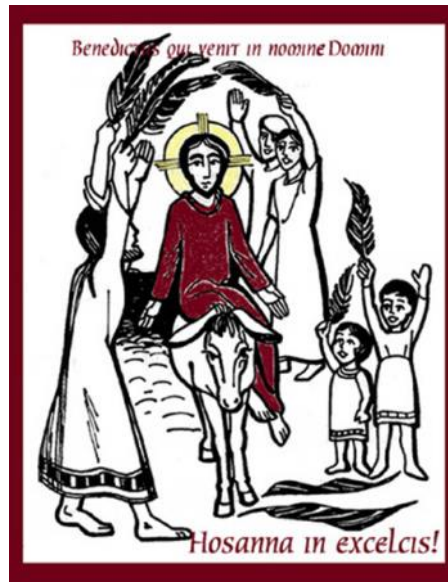
Our prayer list this week includes:

- Jeannette Hamilton, sister of Miriam Childress, who remains hospitalized and seriously ill.
- Eddie McArver, recovering from a bout with shingles
- Cyndy Taylor, sister-in-law of George Taylor who is now recovering at home after being in the hospital
- Barry McNaughton, Linda Riggins's cousin, recovering from Legionnaire's disease
- Sgt. George Taylor, Marlon Foust's nephew, who is in ICU care with pneumonia
- Greylan Counts, who suffered a facial injury from a falling tree branch; he was released from the hospital and will return later for more surgery.
- Please keep Vernie Smith and her family in your prayers, especially her granddaughter Sarah.

May God bless us and keep us as we follow Jesus through this Holy Week and set our sights towards Easter.

Elliott

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday - The Sunday of the Passion



Preparatory Music

All Glory Laud and Honor

Melchior Teschner

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Congregation: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Palm Sunday Proclamation

Mark 11: 1-11

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Leader: We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross. Dying and rising with him, may we enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Procession into the Sanctuary

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

from *Godspell*
Stephen Schwartz

The Service of the Passion

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own.

Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen.

Proclamation of the Passion

Mark 15: 1-47

Hymn 221

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

*O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;*

*O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.*

*What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the delay pain.*

*Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.*

Sermon

God's Son Shines Through the Darkness

Offertory

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

arr. Dick Torrans

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 826

"Lift High the Cross"

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

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

Postlude

Calvary Medley

arr. Anthony Burger

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Maundy Thursday
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • April 1, 2021
Thursday at 7:00 pm



Welcome

Jesus said:

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

Prelude

Call to Worship

This is the night when Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night when Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

This is the night when Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn 202

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

*An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end
and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.*

*A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by the cross shall lift us up.*

*No end there is! We depart in space. He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.*

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 14: 12-25

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Maundy Thursday Meditation

Offering of Music

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

Closing Hymn 227 *Jesus, Remember Me when you come into your kingdom*

Dismissal

*Go in peace,
As Christ loved us, let us love one another.*

Postlude

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Good Friday Worship
Tenebrae Service
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • April 2, 2021
Friday at 7:00 pm

Welcome

*"He was despised and rejected,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
surely, he has borne our sorrows"*

- Isaiah 53

Prelude

Greeting

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed be the name of the Lord our God. who redeems us from sin and death.
For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Prayer

Almighty God, look with mercy on your children for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed; and to be given over to the hands of sinners; and to suffer death on the cross. For He now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 22

How shall I repay you, O Lord, for all the good things you have done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our ancestors put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and not a human, scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

"He trusted in the Lord; let the Lord deliver him; let God rescue him, if God delights in him."

The Service of Shadows

The Shadow of Betrayal and Arrest

Mark 14: 43-50

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

The Shadow of Accusation

Mark 14: 53-65

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'" Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

The Shadow of Denial

Mark 14: 66-72

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

The Service of Shadows (continued)

The Shadow of Derision

Mark 15: 16-23

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.

The Shadow of Crucifixion

Mark 15: 24-32

And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

The Shadow of Death

Mark 15: 33-39

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39 Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Shadow of Burial

Mark 15: 42-47

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

Dismissal

O Savior of the world, you who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us:
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

ECO PALM SUNDAY

celebrate justice

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!"

John 12:12-13



Today in celebration of Palm Sunday, our congregation has partnered with the Presbyterian Hunger Program to use Eco-Palms — a branch truly worthy of celebration.

Meet Anna Sentana. Anna lives in the town of Carmelita, Guatemala, where she and her community rely on the harvesting, processing, and selling of palms for their livelihood. Much of what Anna's community harvests will eventually be used in churches across the U.S. for Palm Sunday celebrations.



Program coordinator Anna Sentana oversees the collection, sorting, and packaging of palms in her community.



Eco-Palms are harvested in a sustainable manner. Harvesters are trained to gather only quality palm fronds in a way that allows the plant to keep growing. The palms are then brought to a community processing building, where the palms are processed and packaged for export.

By contrast, in conventional harvesting, workers are paid based on volume. The more fronds they cut, the more income they generate, encouraging over-harvesting and threatening the rainforest. Middlemen then transport the palms out of communities for processing, where more than 50% of the palms are discarded because of poor quality.

Eco-Palm communities process the palms themselves, capturing more of the profits, improving local communities' standard of living, and ensuring that the money paid for the palms benefit those who labor. Anna's community has built a processing building to improve working conditions, provided scholarships to students, paid a teacher's salary, and supported elderly members of the community.



As we raise our branches in celebration today, we play an important role in protecting forests, local jobs, and sustainable livelihoods in harvesting communities.



To learn more, visit pcusa.org/ecopalms

The Presbyterian Hunger Program is a proud partner of the Eco-Palms project.

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Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

PCPW News!

It is hard to believe that an entire year has passed since we have been together. We have missed each other, and we have missed sharing God's word in our monthly Circle meetings. We have a plan to change that!

We would like to finish our 2019-2020 literature, "Loved Carved in Stone" by joining our Circles and meeting on the following Saturday mornings:

April 10, 2021 / CFC / 9:00AM

Lesson 8: Words of Love: Speak Truthfully
Led by - Teresa Painter

May 15, 2021 / CFC / 9:00AM

Lesson 9: Words of Love: Don't Fixate on What You Don't Have
Led by - Gerri Ann Shaw

A Zoom option will be available.

We look forward to seeing each of you!

PCPW Coordinating Team

*We will comply with all COVID protocol currently established at the time of our meetings.



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!



Marie Love has a new address and phone number. The wrong address was printed in last week's letter.

Marie Love
C/O Deborah Hobbs
12421 Old Farm Circle
Laurinburg, NC 28352
910-361-4339

If you would like to send a get well card to Gail Carinelli, her address is below:

Gail Carinelli
4027 Woodleaf Road
Charlotte, NC 28205



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



Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in April!

April 2

Sam Shannon

April 13

Matt Turner

April 22

Garrett Joy

April 3

Jack Watson

April 14

Zoey Bryant

April 24

Kevin Joy

April 6

Price Kenley
Sonny Ross
Kay Simmons

April 15

Mark Burlison
Bob Rudisill

April 25

Patty Burns

April 26

Sean Glover
Emily Normand

April 7

Shelby Alexander
Emily Cathey
Shannon Drolet
Jo Small

April 16

Robin Wodarski

April 27

Jerry Mullis

April 10

Victoria Krebs

April 19

James Summerlin

April 28

Karen Cathey
Lexi Torrence

April 12

Abby Glover
Alex Glover

April 21

Austin Edwards

April 30

Doug Edwards

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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



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

Upcoming Sermon Titles

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?”