Dear Paw Creek,

Holy Week is upon us. It was good to be together on Palm Sunday, both in person and virtually and we will have more occasions to worship through the rest of this week. Here’s the line-up:

**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.

Please join me, throughout this week, in thanking the many folks who have made our worship and fellowship possible, including the Worship, Property, Fellowship and Congregational Care committees, and our dedicated church staff (Kim, Mark and Patrick). Special shout-out to Amy McGee and Sam McCord for spearheading the project to transform palm branches into door decorations - giving us something to share in common as we worship both at home and in the sanctuary!

As Easter dawns on Sunday morning, may the hope of new beginnings and new horizons beckon all of us forward into the months of renewal and transformation ahead.
I just have a few prayer concerns this week - because of Holy Week, we did not have our regular Bible Study on Wednesday night. And, because of the sunrise service, there will be no prayer gathering on Sunday morning. So, if there are other concerns to share, please let me know in the next few days, or write out a note and hand it to the ushers on the way into worship on Sunday. For now, please remember:

- Vernie Smith and her family, with special concern for Vernie’s granddaughter Sarah.
- Anne Miller, who will have surgery for a mastectomy on Thursday morning.
- Ann Furr, whose house was severely damaged by a falling tree in the storm last Saturday afternoon.
- The family of Carson Watts, an Oakdale resident, who died last week, his funeral will be Friday at Pleasant Grove Methodist.

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

Elliott

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Thank you so much for your donation of food and adult diapers - your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks for lending a helping hand to others in need. May you be blessed

Lee Allen
Director
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Service for the Lord’s Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Preparatory Music  
*Christ is Alive/Rejoice the Lord is King*  
arr. Larson and Broughton

Welcome  
“Do not be afraid; you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.” Alleluia!

Vocal Prelude  
*What a Great Morning*  
arr. Dave Williamson

Call to Worship  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn 232  
“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”  
*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!  
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia! who enduring the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!  
But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!  
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

Prayer of the Day  
Brightness of God’s glory and exact image of God’s person, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison, as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit. Let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the Living One, our immortal Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading  
Mark 16: 1-8  
When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.
Hymn 249  “Because You Live, O Christ”
Because you live, O Christ, the garden of the world has come to flower:
the darkness of the tomb is flooded with your resurrection power.
The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter Day, for Jesus Christ has risen.

Because you live, O Christ, the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
our cages of despair no loner keep us closed and life-denying.
The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!
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Sermon  Who Will Roll the Stone?

Offertory   I Will Rise  Chris Tomlin
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.
Easter gifts for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering are also received today.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Including the Lord’s Prayer, the Words of the Institution, and the sharing of the elements

Hymn 240  “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude  Easter Medley  Traditional

Elliott Hipp, Pastor • Mark Burleson, Pianist • Patrick McCarthy, Director of Music/Soloist
Clint Shaw, Video and Streaming • Worship Committee, Arrangements
### Easter Flower Garden Donations

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One Great Hour of Sharing

If you would like to donate to The Presbyterian One Great Hour of Sharing, please write a separate check to Paw Creek and mark it accordingly.
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 Reverend Gary Bryant Memorial Prayer Garden Brick Pavers
Get your Prayer Garden Paver Orders in now!
Great gift idea! Great for Birthdays, Graduations, Weddings, Babies, Mother’s/Father’s Day, Anniversaries and Eagle Scouts! A wonderful way to celebrate a loved one & family with a beautiful memory that will last forever.
Each brick paver cost $40.
Order forms available in the Narthex, Church Office, and Website.

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 - Gerri Ann Shaw

**May 15, 2021 / CFC / 9:00AM** Lesson 9: Words of Love: Don’t Fixate on What You Don’t Have
Led by - Teresa Painter

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.
A Zoom option will be available.
Lord, we thank you for...

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

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

**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?”

**Sunday, April 11**  
2nd Sunday of Easter  
“We Had Hoped…”

**Sunday, April 18**  
3rd Sunday of Easter  
“Why Such Long Faces?”

**Sunday, April 25**  
4th Sunday of Easter  
John 10: 11-18  
“One Flock, One Shepherd”