



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek,

As I wrote two weeks ago, we are transitioning to a twice-a-month newsletter. Our world is slowly returning to a more normal flow, and for that we are grateful. You will again find two worship bulletins in this newsletter (April 25 and May 2). After today, the bulletins will not be included with the newsletters, but will continue to be available on our church website (we will also gladly mail a bulletin to those who specifically ask - just give Kim a call in the office to get on the mailing list). On Wednesday, Governor Cooper announced potential relaxation of most pandemic indoor restrictions by June 1. As soon as we know the specifics, the Task Force and Session will have a look and figure out what changes we will make at that time. Things are happening, and it's a good feeling.

As our world continues to open up, I am very concerned to ensure that we make the best use of the most important permanent change that has happened in the past year. In the fall of 2019, Paw Creek began an experiment to offer a simple live-stream feed of our worship services each Sunday (thank you Larry Ramsey!) Because that experiment was in place, we were able to switch immediately to live stream worship last March, and we have never missed a Sunday service throughout the pandemic. During the first months, that simple experiment has grown with new knowledge and upgraded equipment, so that we are now able to worship with folks literally around the world every Sunday (thank you Clint Shaw! and likewise thanks to Larry and to Ron Matthews who have learned the system and can sub in when Clint is away.)

On-line worship is now a reality for us, and that is not going to change. We have a way to connect with church members who are at home or out of town. We also have already made connections with people whom we've never met in person, but who have become part of our community. Those are the people that I want to find! The one missing element in a live-stream worship service is that the signal only goes one way. We have only limited knowledge of who is watching each Sunday, and no way at all to know who watches during the week. Even when we can see a list of those who are tuned in, all we get is a user name, which may not provide any real identification. Our challenge in the months ahead is to turn virtual worship into a two-way street, and that means finding out who is out there and making contact with them.

I'm not really concerned about getting our on-line congregation to become formal members, or to join a group, or even to send in money – unless they want to. But I do want them to know that we cherish being able to worship together, I want for us to be able to pray for them and with them, and I want for us to learn from them how we can serve them, and serve with them.

On our church website, there is now an on-line “visitor card”. If you are a church member and worship on-line, please fill out the card and let us know (once is enough - you don't need to do it every week). If you are not a formal member but are reading this on the website, we would appreciate your response as well. And if you know people who are watching, or if you recognize some of those user names, or connect with them on Facebook, please encourage them to respond too. Assure them we will not bombard them with emails, but let them know we care about them and want to connect with them. Some will choose to remain unknown, and that's ok - God is doing a good thing in their lives and we are grateful. But for others, we hope this can be a beginning, for us and for them, of a new way to follow Christ together, long after the pandemic is over.

Blessings, Elliott



Paw Creek Presbyterian Women News!

Upcoming Meetings:

May 15, 2021 / CFC / 9:00AM Lesson 9: Words of Love: Don't Fixate on What You Don't Have Led by - Teresa Painter. -or- Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82599960251> **Meeting ID: 825 9996 0251**
-or- call in with one tap mobile +16465588656,,82599960251#

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.



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Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Gospel

John 10: 11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Hymn 187

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
verses 1, 2 & 4

Sermon

One Flock, One Shepherd

Offertory

"Indescribable"

Laura Story

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Prayers of God's People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Hymn 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"
verses 1 - 3

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Sunday Worship at Paw Creek Presbyterian Church! We worship together each week both in our sanctuary and online (see pawcreekpc.org for links to Facebook and YouTube). Whichever is best for you, we are glad you are with us. If you are a visitor, please let us know you were here. You can fill out a card in the pew rack, or the visitor information form on our website.

For safety, when we worship in the sanctuary we adhere to masking and distancing guidelines; the ushers are here to help you find a safely distanced seat. The congregation does not sing the hymns or speak the prayers. Hymnbooks are available in the pew racks so you can follow along with the words as they are sung.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper - During this service we will receive together the elements of communion. In the sanctuary, there are pre-packaged elements available as you enter. At home, please have bread and juice ready so that you can join with us.

Preparatory Music

Welcome Jesus says: "I am the vine, you are the branches. My Father is glorified by this: that you bear much fruit."

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 22

Praise the LORD, you that fear God;
stand in awe of the LORD, O offspring of Israel;
for the LORD's face is not hidden from us.
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before the LORD.

Hymn 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
verses 1 - 3

Prayer of the Day

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus. For he lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 15: 1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Hymn 187

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"
verses 1 - 3

Sermon

Abide with Me

Offertory

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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 523

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
verses 1, 3 & 5

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Those
Celebrating in May!

May 1

Sarah Kendrick

May 10

Veronica Cannon
Jaycie Loud

May 16

Ashley Gross
Carol McNeill

May 4

Vernie Smith

May 11

Rennie Auten
Kathryn McCulloh

May 18

Joy Tyler

May 5

Joe Troutman
Tyler Vaughn

May 12

Thelma Tomlinson
Tina Tyler

May 23

Tara Normand

May 6

Mica Wallace

May 13

Clark Edwards
Jana Joy
Jesse Longshore

May 24

Nicole Joy
Jan McClure
Linda Riggins

May 7

Teresa Painter

May 29

Lillian Nixon

May 8

Stephen Mullis

May 14

Isabelle McClure
Jessica Reel

May 30

Cherese Cashion
Barbara Ullem

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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



LOAVES & FISHES
Groceries for Neighbors in Need

Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be **May 13th**. the deadline for Newsletter submissions is Wednesday, May 12th at noon.

Thank you! *Kim*

Loaves & Fishes Priority Needs

- Canned Meat: Tuna, Chicken, etc...
- Pastas - Dry Boxed or Canned
- Rice in 1 pound bags
- Canned Fruit: low sugar or in juice
- Cereal- low sugar
- Low Sodium Canned Vegetables

No Glass Please

Upcoming Sermon Titles

Sunday, April 25

4th Sunday of Easter

John 10: 11-18

“One Flock, One Shepherd”

Sunday, May 2

5th Sunday of Easter

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

John 15: 1-8

“Abide With Me”

Sunday, May 9

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 44-48

“Living Water”

Sunday, May 16

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

“A Game of Chance?”