

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever.
In this place where God kindles in our hearts the longing for a Savior, we lift our ardent prayer.
Congregation: **Come Lord Jesus! Hallelujah!**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Aria di Chiesa" Oreste Ravanello

CHORAL INTROIT "There is A Redeemer" arr. by Doug Holck

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Jeremiah 33)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.
In those days and at that time
I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

*HYMN 367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

LIGHTING OF ONE CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice. For you live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song - Hymn 347 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

THE EPISTLE READING I Thessalonians 3: 9-13
How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.
Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 21: 25-36
Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."
Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*HYMN 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

SERMON *The Unexpected Day*

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, let us serve one another with whatever gift each of us has received. ~1 Peter 4:10

OFFERTORY "Day by Day" arr. Greg Howlett

*DOXOLOGY "Old Hundredth"
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Congregation: **Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.**
Leader: Accept and use our offerings for your glory.
Congregation: **And for the service of your kingdom.**
All: **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer, in unison*

*HYMN 832 "Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

CHARGE (in unison)

**This is the world into which Jesus came.
This is the world that Jesus loves.
This is the world that eagerly waits for Jesus to return.
We go now into his world to prepare the way for his reign to come.**

BENEDICTION

* Response in Song - Hymn 118 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

**All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven
begin and never cease, begin and never cease.**

POSTLUDE "Meditazione" Oreste Ravanello

***Those who are able, please stand**

Please remain seated through the Postlude so that all worshippers, in the sanctuary and online, may enjoy the blessing of the music

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 worship in the Sanctuary, we use masks in accordance with the guidance of local authorities. Please especially leave masks on as we recite prayers and sing hymns, to assist in curbing the spread of disease.

UPCOMING SERMON TITLES & SCRIPTURES

Sunday, December 5
Second Sunday of Advent
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 Philippians 4: 4-7, Luke 3: 7-18
 "Even the Tax Collectors?"

Sunday, December 12
Third Sunday of Advent
 Hebrews 10: 5-10, Luke 1: 39-45
 "The Blessing of Belief"

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - FRESH START CLASS
 Fresh Start Sunday School Class will begin in person gathering. Meeting once a month Nov and Dec, then more often in 2022.

We will be reading *Love is the Way* - by Bishop Michael Curry

Sunday, November 28th 5-6:30pm @ Eric & Patty Burns Home - Introduction & Chapter 1

Thursday, December 9th 6:30-8pm @ Traust Brewing - 128 S. Main Street Mt Holly, NC - Chapter 2

All are welcome
 For more information, please contact Amy McGee [704-578-3908](tel:704-578-3908)

PRAYER GARDEN

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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias have been ordered and will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday, December 19th. Donations will be accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones, and their name will be included in the Order of Service for December 19th as well. Please be sure to mark your check in the memo section as "Poinsettia", and list who it is in memory or honor of. **Names must be received in the church office by Tuesday, Dec. 14th.** Any monies collected will be used to offset the cost of the poinsettias with any extra money raised going to the Chuck Overbeck Fund and used for the beautification and maintenance of the gardens and landscaping around the church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 704-392-0329.

Thank you!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle Meeting Tuesday, December 7th
 Morning circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am
 Evening circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm
 We will meet in the Parlor.

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:
 Pastor Elliott Hipp
 Music Director Patrick McCarthy
 Administrative Assistant / Webmaster Kim Whittington
 Videography Coordinator Clint Shaw
 Church Musician Nia Williams Reyes

The Session

Moderator: Elliott Hipp
 General Treasurer: Danny McClure
 Cemetery Treasurer: Brian Gross
 Endowment Treasurer: Peggy Harrington
 Clerk: Debbie Taylor

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Grady Cathey	Paul Bradley	Celia Gray
Dickie Chapman	Karen Cathey	Peggy Harrington
Eddie McArver	Mary Ellen Edwards	Sam McCord
Debbie Taylor	Danny McClure	Barbara Ullem

Committee Chairs

Administration: Eddie McArver & Peggy Harrington (co-chairs)	MAC Team: Grady Cathey
Christian Education: Barbara Ullem	Outreach: Grady Cathey
Congregational Care: Karen Cathey	Property: Dickie Chapman
Fellowship: Sam McCord	Worship: Debbie Taylor
Finance: Mary Ellen Edwards	Cemetery Sub-Committee: Phillip McCord
	Endowment Sub-Committee: Peggy Harrington

Sunday School Officers: Sarah Kendrick & Jim Stogner
 Children's Ministry: Barbara Ullem & Victoria Krebs

Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Karen Turner

Secretary: Donna Hall	Treasurer: Melissa Mullis
Historian: Dina Salvo	Backpack Buddies: Jane McArver, Belinda Springs & Teresa Painter
Special Givings: Celia Gray	Special Events Chairs: Karen Turner & Amy McGee
Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw	Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 28
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship - 1st Sunday of Advent

Monday, November 29
 12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, November 30
 9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, December 1
 10:00am Bible Study
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
 5:30pm Bible Study
 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 2
 6:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, December 5
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper

Tuesday, December 7
 9:00am Cardio Fitness
 10:00am PW Go & Grow Circle
 12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
 7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle

Wednesday, December 8
 10:00am Bible Study
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
 5:30pm Bible Study
 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 9
 *Newsletter
 6:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, December 12
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship

Tuesday, December 14
 *Deadline for Poinsettia Donations
 9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, December 15
 10:00am Bible Study
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
 5:30pm Bible Study
 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 16
 6:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:00am Cardio Fitness

Saturday, December 18
 10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, December 19
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship / Christmas Joy Offering
 12:00pm Churchwide Christmas Lunch

Monday, December 20
 12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, December 21
 9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, December 22
 10:00am Bible Study
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 12/26 & 1/2
 5:30pm Bible Study
 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice



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