

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

Eleven O'clock

## WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness.  
Congregation: **Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us.**  
Leader: Order our steps towards Jerusalem, And help us to walk with Jesus.  
Congregation: **That we may see his face, for he is the Fount of Every Blessing.**

## CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

## PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT "Prayer of Invocation" Cunningham / Fettke

## CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 63)

O God, you are our God, and eagerly we seek you;  
our souls thirst for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself,  
and so will we bless you as long as we live.  
Our souls cling to you; your right hand holds us fast.

\*HYMN 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

**O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water of grace which springs up from the rock, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may learn to profess our faith with courage and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Response in Song - Hymn 227 "Jesus, Remember Me"  
**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM "Answer to the Call" Mary McDonald

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 3: 1-12

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

\*HYMN 442 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

## SERMON

*One More Chance*

## \*APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

**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

*Our Tithes and Offerings for the work of God's Kingdom will be received by the ushers.*

## OFFERTORY

\*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 436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* Response in Song – Hymn 835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"  
**I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.**

## POSTLUDE

\*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](http://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.

When you worship with us from home via Facebook or YouTube, you can use an on-line version of our *Glory to God* hymnal so that you can sing along or follow the words to the hymns. For phone or tablet, search "Glory to God" in your app store. For computer, go to [hymnary.org/hymnal/GG2013](http://hymnary.org/hymnal/GG2013) and click on the hymn number. Most hymns are available, although there are a few that cannot be displayed due to copyright restriction.

**UPCOMING SERMON TITLES & SCRIPTURES**

**Sunday, March 27**  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
 Joshua 5: 9-12  
 "Today is a New Day"

**Sunday, April 3**  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*  
 John 12: 1-8  
 "The Gospel According to Judas"

**EASTER FLOWER GARDEN**

Paw Creek will be decorating the Sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday, April 17th. 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 17th 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, April 12th.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 704-392-0329. The Easter Flowers will be planted in the Prayer Garden sometime after Easter. Thank you!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

**Fresh Start Class**  
 Our next book read time for "Love is the Way" is **Sunday March 27 right after church** at Showmars on Little Rock Rd in Charlotte discussing chapter 7. We look forward to having as many of you as possible. The more the merrier.  
 Happy Reading!

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The OneBlood Bus will be here **March 26th from 8:00-11:00am**. Donors will receive: \$20 eGift Card, OneBlood T-shirt, & Wellness Checkup (including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening) Appointments are encouraged. You may use the link below or contact Tim Sudderth.

[https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1196313](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1196313)

**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.

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**  
 Pastor ..... Elliott Hipp  
 Music Director ..... Patrick McCarthy  
 Pianist ..... Mark Burleson  
 Administrative Assistant / Webmaster ..... Kim Whittington  
 Videography Coordinator ..... Clint Shaw

**The Session**

Moderator: Elliott Hipp  
 General Treasurer: Danny McClure  
 Cemetery Treasurer: Brian Gross  
 Endowment Treasurer: Peggy Harrington  
 Clerk: Mary Ellen Edwards

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Paul Bradley	Celia Gray	Gene Hall
Karen Cathey	Peggy Harrington	Jim Pinkston
Mary Ellen Edwards	Sam McCord	David Turner
Danny McClure	Barbara Ullem	

**Committee Chairs**

**Mission Team:** Sam McCord  
 Christian Education: Barbara Ullem  
 Congregational Care: Karen Cathey  
 Fellowship: Sam McCord  
 Outreach: Celia Gray  
 Worship: David Turner

**Resource Team:** Jim Pinkston  
 Administration: Peggy Harrington  
 Finance: Mary Ellen Edwards / Jim Pinkston  
 Property: Sam McCord  
 Stewardship: Gene Hall  
 Cemetery Sub-Committee: Phillip McCord  
 Endowment Sub-Committee: Peggy Harrington

**Strategic Planning Team:** Paul Bradley

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

**Presbyterian Women**

Moderator: Karen Turner  
 Secretary: Donna Hall  
 Historian: Dina Salvo  
 Special Givings: Celia Gray  
 Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw

Treasurer: Melissa Mullis  
 Backpack Buddies: Jane McArver, Belinda Springs & Teresa Painter  
 Special Events Chairs: Karen Turner & Amy McGee  
 Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

<p><b>Sunday, March 20</b>            9:45am Sunday School            11:00am Worship</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 22</b>            9:00am Cardio Fitness            12:00pm Newsletter Deadline</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 23</b>            10:00am Bible Study            12:00pm Bulletin Deadline            3:00pm Reading Program            5:30pm Bible Study            6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 24</b>            *Newsletter            6:30am Men's Bible Study            9:00am Cardio Fitness</p> <p><b>Saturday, March 26</b>            8:00am Blood Drive</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 27</b>            9:45am Sunday School            11:00am Worship</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 29</b>            9:00am Cardio Fitness</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 30</b>            10:00am Bible Study            12:00pm Bulletin Deadline            12:00pm Reading Program            5:30pm Bible Study            6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>Thursday, March 31</b>            6:30am Men's Bible Study            9:00am Cardio Fitness</p> <p><b>Sunday, April 3</b>            9:45am Sunday School            11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 5</b>            9:00am Cardio Fitness            10:00am PW Go &amp; Grow Circle            7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 6</b>            10:00am Bible Study            12:00pm Bulletin Deadline            3:00pm Reading Program            5:30pm Bible Study            6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 7</b>            6:30am Men's Bible Study            9:00am Cardio Fitness</p> <p><b>Sunday, April 10</b>            9:45am Sunday School            11:00am Worship / <b>Palm Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 12</b>            9:00am Cardio Fitness</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 13</b>            *No Bible Study            12:00pm Bulletin Deadline            6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>
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 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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