

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
Congregation: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Leader: We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of Life.  
Congregation: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "The Lily of the Valley" arr. Gary Norian

CHORAL INTROIT "Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome" arr. Keith Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 148)

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise the LORD in the heights.  
Praise the LORD, all you holy angels;  
praise the LORD, all heavenly host.  
Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for the name of the LORD only is exalted,  
and the splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.

\*HYMN 269 "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

**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, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Response in Song - Hymn 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM "Jesus, Savior, Friend" arr. Gary Rhodes

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

READING FROM THE APOCALYPSE Revelation 21: 1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 318 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

SERMON *What God Makes Clean*

\*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

OFFERTORY "Marvelous Grace" arr. Anna Laura Page

\*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 265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

\*EASTER DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Leader: Let us go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that we do.  
Congregation: **We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.**  
Leader: Let us bless the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**  
Leader: May the God of peace, who raised to life the great Shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.  
Congregation: **Amen. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" arr. Mark Hayes

\*Those who are able, please stand

**Welcome to Paw Creek Presbyterian Church!**

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), two centuries young and committed to living out the Gospel today as we Seek, Serve, Praise and Love Christ. If you are a visitor today, we are especially glad that you are here. We hope that you will leave us a record of your visit by completing a visitor card and placing it in the offering plate. Feel free to contact our pastor, Elliott Hipp, with questions or prayer concerns: [deh46@columbia.edu](mailto:deh46@columbia.edu) or 704-502-2143. Please come again soon.

**Worshipping On-Line**

Our worship service is also streamed live each week, and is available to watch later in the week as well. For Facebook and YouTube links, please visit [pawcreekpc.org](http://pawcreekpc.org). When you worship with us from home, 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, May 22**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*Graduation Sunday*

John 5: 1-9

"Stirring Up Trouble"

**Sunday, May 29**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

John 14; 23-29

"The Peace of Christ"

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Schedule through May: **May 18**, Study of John 5: 1-9. **May 25**, Study of John 14: 23-29 (10:30 only, no class at 5:30). Class will recess for the summer and resume in September.

**CHRISTMAS IN PAW CREEK**

**ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR**

*Sponsored by Troop 70*

Saturday, **November 19**, 2022

8:00 am—2:00 pm

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church—Christian Fellowship Center

Breakfast / Barbeque sold by Scout Troop 70

If interested in a booth, Please call Jan McClure at (704) 394-8481 (leave a msg)

[pawcreekpc.org](http://pawcreekpc.org)

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

On Sunday, **May 22**, we will be recognizing our 2022 high school and college graduates during the 11:00 church service.

Students being honored are:

High School Graduates:

**Autumn Ballenger** - South Point in Belmont  
**Anastasia Hamby** - Mountain Island Charter in Charlotte

After the service we will have a cookies and lemonade reception for our graduates on the front lawn.

**PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE**

The Presbytery will hold its stated meeting on Tuesday, **May 17** at South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church - this is the first in-person meeting since 2020. Commissioners from Paw Creek will be Celia Gray and Gene Hall.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

On Sunday, **May 29**, there will be a Combined Sunday School Class Celebration in the CFC.

Adults and children will gather for a:

Fellowship Breakfast **9:00-9:30**

Prayer Requests **9:30-9:45**

Elliott Hipp will bring a message to our combined class, and we will Celebrate our Year **9:45-10:30**

**PW SCHOLARSHIPS**

PW Scholarships are available for young adults who will be attending a college, university, or technical school in 2022. You may apply two times for the PW scholarship. Scholarships are awarded based according to the number of applications and funds available each year. Please contact Celia Gray at [ce-lia@tcgracing.com](mailto:ce-lia@tcgracing.com) or 704-756-9697 for more information. Applications are available on the Church website under Ministries > Youth, or in the Church Office. Deadline for submissions is **June 30, 2022**.

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor ..... Elliott Hipp  
Pianist..... Mark Burleson  
Administrative Assistant / Webmaster ..... Kim Whittington  
Videography Coordinator ..... Clint Shaw

**The Session**

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

**Class of 2022**

Paul Bradley  
Karen Cathey  
Mary Ellen Edwards  
Danny McClure

**Class of 2023**

Celia Gray  
Peggy Harrington  
Sam McCord  
Barbara Ullem

**Class of 2024**

Gene Hall  
Jim Pinkston  
David Turner

**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 / Gene Hall  
Property: Sam McCord  
Cemetery Sub-Committee: Phillip McCord  
Endowment Sub-Committee: Peggy Harrington

**Strategic Planning Team:** Paul Bradley

Celia Gray, Jim Pinkston, Jim Stogner, Karen Turner

**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

Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw

Special Givings: Celia Gray

Treasurer: Melissa Mullis

Backpack Buddies: Jane McArver, Belinda Springs & Teresa Painter

Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, May 15**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
6:00pm Youth (Via Zoom)

**Monday, May 16**

6:30pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday, May 17**

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, May 18**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
3:00pm Reading Program  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 19**

**\*Church Office Closed**

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:00pm CCC (Via Zoom)  
6:30pm Stated Session Mtg.

**Saturday, May 21**

10:30am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, May 22**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
6:00pm Youth (Via Zoom)

**Monday, May 23**

6:30pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday, May 24**

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, May 25**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
3:00pm Reading Program  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 26**

**\*Newsletter**

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:00pm CCC (Via Zoom)

**Sunday, May 29**

9:00am Fellowship Breakfast  
9:45am 5th Sunday Combined Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
6:00pm Youth (Via Zoom)

**Monday, May 30**

**\*Church Office Closed - Memorial Day**

**Tuesday, May 31**

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, June 1**

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice



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