

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: We are the Body of Christ, and Christ beckons us come to his open arms, and we will receive Fellowship, Joy, Blessedness and Peace.

Congregation: **Alleluia!**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" arr. Mark Hayes

CHORAL INTROIT "Seek Ye First" Karen Lafferty

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 81)

Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.  
Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.  
Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon,  
for this is a law of the God of Jacob.

\*HYMN 667 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

**O God, you invite the poor and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant. May your church always honor the presence of the Lord in the humble and the suffering, and may we learn to recognize each other as brothers and sisters, gathered together around your table. 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 701 "Lord, Prepare Me"  
**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

ANTHEM "The Gift of Love" arr. Hal Hopson

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 18: 1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 13: 1-2

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

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

\*HYMN 509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

SERMON *Angels Unawares*

\*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

OFFERTORY "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. Lloyd Larson

\*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 852 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*Response in Song—Hymn 541 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"  
**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" arr. Jonathan W. Lee

\*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, September 4**

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Jeremiah 18: 1-11  
"A Lump of Clay"

**Sunday, September 11**

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Psalm 14  
"The Words of a Fool"

**BIBLE STUDY**

Mid-week Bible Study begins **Wednesday, September 14**. Two identical classes: Wednesdays at 10:00 am Thursdays at 5:30 pm

First book of the fall will be "Six Themes Everyone Should Know in the Bible" by Barry Ensign-George. Available on Amazon or [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com). Some copies have been ordered at \$10.00 each - see Elliott to reserve a copy.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Regular Sunday classes resume on Sunday, **September 11**. See the Newsletter for more details.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

We will have a joint Circle Meeting on Saturday, **September 17 at Noon** in the CFC Dining room.

If anyone has PW Literature from last years Circle Meetings "What My Grandmothers Taught Me", please bring ASAP and leave in the Church Office or give to Karen Turner. We are sharing with another Church. Thank you!

**HAPPY HEARTS**

**Tuesday, Sept 20**  
8:15am - 3:00pm  
\$12

We will leave the church at 8:15 and drive to Hiddenite, NC. We will attend the "Celebrate Seniors" Luncheon as part of the 41st Annual Hiddenite Celebration of the Arts Festival.

Cost includes: lunch, entertainment by Diane Fox, admission to Lucas Mansion Gallery and gas. If you have any questions contact Vicki Ramsey 704-393-8697.

**Sign up TODAY**

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES LEADER**

Paw Creek is currently looking for a Children and Youth Ministries Leader. If you are interested, please follow the link on our website or Contact Celia Gray for more information.

**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—CFC

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor ..... Elliott Hipp  
Director of Music ..... Andrew Cumbow  
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:

**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: Eddie McArver  
Finance: Mary Ellen Edwards / Gene Hall  
Property: Sam McCord  
Cemetery Sub-Committee: Phillip McCord  
Endowment Sub-Committee:

**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, August 28**

**\*No Sunday School during August**  
10:15am Prayer Time (Chapel)  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, August 29**

6:30pm Mission Team Mtg.

**Tuesday, August 30**

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

**Wednesday, August 31**

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

**Thursday, September 1**

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Sunday, September 4**

**\*No Sunday School**  
10:15am Prayer Time (Chapel)  
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

**Monday, September 5**

**\*Church Office Closed—Labor Day**

**Tuesday, September 6**

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

**Wednesday, September 7**

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

**Thursday, September 8**

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Saturday, September 10**

10:30am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, September 11**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, September 12**

6:30pm Stated Session Mtg.

**Tuesday, September 13**

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

**Wednesday, September 14**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

**Thursday, September 15**

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
5:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Saturday, September 17**

12:00pm PW—Joint Circle Meeting

**Sunday, September 18**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship



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