

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

September 25, 2022

Eleven O'clock

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

"Here I Am to Worship"

arr. Carol Tornquist

Choral Introit

"I Love You, Lord"

Laurie Klein

Call to Worship (from Psalm 147)

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
how pleasant it is to honor the LORD with praise!
The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem
and gathers the exiles of Israel.
Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion.

***Hymn 363**

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment and light rises in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do. May the Spirit of wisdom save us from all false choices, in your light may we see light, and in your straight path may we not stumble. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Response in Song—Hymn 582

"Glory to God"

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

"Lord Make Me an Instrument"

Jonathan Willcocks

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Lesson

Amos 6: 1, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 16: 19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

***Hymn 351**

"All Who Love and Serve Your City"

Sermon

In Plain Sight

***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.

Minute for Stewardship

Paul Bradley -
Strategic Planning Committee

Giving of Tithes and Offerings - Blanket Sunday

Offertory

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

arr. Don Wyrzten

***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 451**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

***Charge and Benediction**

*Response in Song—Hymn 623

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

**I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. [repeat]**

Postlude

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

arr. Matt Hyzer

*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 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. 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 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, October 2

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion / Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Luke 13:J22-30
"From East and West, From North and South"

Sunday, October 9

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Homecoming
Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7
"What Comes Next"

MINUTES FOR STEWARDSHIP

Throughout the fall season, leaders of our church committees will take a moment during worship to bring everyone up to date on the wide variety of ministries that Paw Creek sponsors with the Time, Talent and Treasure that we offer to God. Stewardship response Sunday will be November 13. (Pledge Sunday)

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Please join us next week for "World Communion Sunday". Given the "world-wide" nature of this day, all of the music for worship will come from other countries, and everything will be sung by the entire congregation, with the backing of Mark, Andy and the choir. Come prepared to sing out in joy!

BIBLE STUDY

Mid-week Bible Study has begun. 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. Some copies have been ordered at \$10.00 each - see Elliott to reserve a copy.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

October 9th
Join us for Worship at 11:00
All Friends and Family are invited!
Potluck Luncheon after worship service
Chicken, Ham and Drinks will be provided
Please bring a dish and a memory to share.
Remember to invite friends and family who may not have been with us recently.

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
Breakfast / Barbeque sold by Scout Troop 70
If interested in a booth, Please call Jan McClure at (704) 394-8481 (leave a msg)

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
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
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, September 25

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / Blanket Sunday

Tuesday, September 27

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

Wednesday, September 28

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

Thursday, September 29

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

Sunday, October 2

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/World Communion/10¢ Hunger

Tuesday, October 4

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

Wednesday, October 5

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

Thursday, October 6

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

Sunday, October 9

9:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Worship / Homecoming Sunday

Monday, October 10

*Church Office Closed

Tuesday, October 11

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

Wednesday, October 12

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

Thursday, October 13

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

Saturday, October 15

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, October 16

9:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Worship: Guest Preacher—Rev. Betsy Williamson

Tuesday, October 18

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



**PAW CREEK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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CWS BLANKETS

A seat at *The Master's Table*

Have you ever experienced a time when you felt invisible, insignificant or forgotten? That feeling is a daily reality for so many.

One church in Galveston, Texas is working to change that reality. And they're doing it *one person, one seat and one table at a time*.



Four years ago, God's Kingdom and Restoration Ministries began "The Master's Table," a ministry focused on helping people who are facing hard times. "It was always our vision to feed the needy, feed the working poor, feed the homeless," said Shiryln Thomas, co-pastor at the church.

Guests entering the church are taken to The Master's Table, to sit and enjoy a home-cooked meal. But a seat at *this* table isn't *just* about the food. CWS Blankets, and simple hand-assembled hygiene kits, provided by CWS Blankets supporters, help visitors feel comforted. The genuine fellowship they feel around the table helps them feel seen. "We want them to know that God hasn't forgotten them," says Thomas.

People leave the table with hope, knowing they are loved by God and by compassionate donors like you.

Because of you, ministries like The Master's Table have essential resources and a seat at the table for everyone to feel God's presence and abounding love.

Hope is powerful, especially in times like these. Will you answer the call to serve God's people and increase hope? Donate today.

Donate today to provide CWS Blankets to warmth and comfort to people in need. Scan the QR code or visit cwsblankets.org/bulletin to make a secure donation and to see how your gift helps others.



Scan Me!

 cwsblankets.org

"And don't forget to do good and share with those in need."

— HEBREWS 13:16

In 2021, congregational gifts provided over 183,000 CWS Blankets and Kits to families impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises (including homelessness and poverty). Here's how your gift can make a difference this year:

\$10

Provides one blanket

\$50

Gives blankets to an entire family

\$250

Stocks shelves in a shelter with blankets before wintry lows hit

Your gift supports two types of CWS Blankets:

HEAVYWEIGHT

These woolen blankets are water-resistant and flame-retardant. They are extremely durable, warm and great for frigid temperatures or other extreme weather conditions.



LIGHTWEIGHT

Appropriate for warmer climates, these fleece blankets are water repellent, durable, warm and soft. These blankets keep families covered without adding bulk.

You can show God's love and provide hope to your neighbors by making a donation. Each \$10 gift provides a blanket and enables someone to feel God's love in their lives. Give cash, by check payable to **CWS Blankets** or give safely online at cwsblankets.org/donate.



"To all the volunteers, the donors of Church World Service: God bless you! What you have done, you are touching people you will never see. You are bringing hope to people that are hopeless, people that feel so disenfranchised. That there are people still concerned, loving, and walking with the love of Christ - God bless you, God keep you! Keep doing what you are doing because you are making a difference."

- SHIRLYN THOMAS, CO-PASTOR
GOD'S KINGDOM AND
RESTORATION MINISTRIES
GALVESTON, TEXAS

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