

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 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 "The Potter's Hand" arr. Carol Tornquist

CHORAL INTROIT "I Love You, Lord" Laurie Klein

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 139)

Lord, you have searched us out and known us;
you know our sitting down and our rising up; you discern our thoughts from afar.
Search us out, O God, and know our hearts;
try us and know our restless thoughts.
Look well whether there be any wickedness in us
and lead us in the way that is everlasting.

*HYMN 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds. In all our works that begin, continue, and end in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life. 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 "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" arr. Bruce Greer

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

RESPONSIVE Psalm 139

Leader: LORD, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

Congregation: **You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

Leader: You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Congregation: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

Leader: Where can I go then from your Spirit? where can I flee from your presence?

Congregation: **If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Congregation: **even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.**

Leader: Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.

Congregation: **Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 18: 1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

*HYMN 288 "Spirit of the Living God"
TEN CENTS A MEAL HUNGER OFFERING - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

SERMON *A Lump of Clay*

*APOSTLES' CREED

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" arr. Brian C. Howell

*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.**

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

When invited we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER THE SUPPER (in unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 623 "I've Got Peace like a River"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*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 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" arr. Bill Wolaver

*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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPT. 5 FOR LABOR DAY.

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Doris Harrington - entered into Eternal Rest on August 30, 2022

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

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. 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!

UPCOMING SERMON TITLES & SCRIPTURES

Sunday, September 11

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 14

"The Words of a Fool"

Sunday, September 18

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8: 18—9:1

"We Continue to Wait"

HOMECOMING

Homecoming will be on **October 9th** this year. If you know of a family or individual that you would like invited, please contact the Church Office with their contact info. Thank you!

STITCHES FOR MISSIONS

The Stitches for Missions group will have our next meeting on **Saturday, September 10th, at 10:30am** in the Church Parlor.

Hope to See You There!!

HAPPY HEARTS

Tuesday, Sept 20

8:15am - 3:00pm

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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.

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The Session

Moderator: Elliott Hipp Clerk: Mary Ellen Edwards
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Mary Ellen Edwards
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Class of 2023

Celia Gray
Peggy Harrington
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Jim Pinkston
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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, 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

Monday, September 19

7:00pm PW—CT Meeting

Tuesday, September 20

8:15am Happy Hearts—Hiddenite Trip

9:00am Cardio Fitness

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 21

10:00am Bible Study

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

5:30pm Bible Study

Thursday, September 22

*Newsletter

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, September 25

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship / Blanket Sunday



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