

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

October 16, 2022

Eleven O'clock

Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Congregation: **Who made heaven and earth.**
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
Congregation: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**
Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
Congregation: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude "Look Up Child" arr. Matt Schinske

Choral Introit "Praise God, All You Nations" arr. Alfred V. Fedak

Call to Worship (Psalm 121)

We lift our eyes unto the hills;
from whence cometh our help?
Our help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
The LORD shall watch over our going out and our coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

* **Hymn 611** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Lord, tireless guardian of your people, ever prepared to hear the cries of your chosen ones, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Support our prayer, lest we grow weary. Drive us to seek your enduring justice and your ever-present help. Grant this through your Son, 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 585: "Glory to God"

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Lloyd Larson

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Lesson **Genesis 32: 22-31**

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

* **Hymn 649** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Sermon *Wrestling with God* Rev. Betsy Williamson

***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 Karen Cathey -
Congregational Care Committee

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Holy Spirit, Rain Down" Russell Fragar

*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 837** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

***Charge and Benediction**

Response in Song - Hymn 853 "We are Marching in the Light of God"

**We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. (2x)
We are marching (marching), we are marching (marching),
We are marching in the light of God (2x)**

Postlude "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" arr. Jonathan W. Lee

*Those who are able, please stand

GUEST PREACHER

This morning we are pleased to welcome **The Rev. Betsy Williamson** back to the pulpit.

Betsy is an Honorably Retired Minister member of the Presbytery of Charlotte. Before retirement, she served as Associate Pastor of Quail Hollow Presbyterian and Pastor of Amity Presbyterian churches. A second career pastor, she is a retired educator, serving as a teacher and in the central office of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Union and Durham Schools. She is a native Charlottean, who grew up at Westminster Presbyterian.

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.

PASTORAL VACATION

Nell and Elliott are in Bethesda, MD today for a wedding this evening. Elliott will be back in the office on Wednesday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Harrisburg Library will be collecting plastic grocery bags during the month of October to be used in making bedrolls for those experiencing homelessness. It takes 500 bags to make one bedroll. PCPW would like your help by participating in this very worthy cause. Please bring your grocery bags to church during the month of October. We will have a container available for your donations in the narthex. If you are able to flatten your grocery bags, it would be helpful. Thank you!
PCPW

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)

FIFTH SUNDAY - OCTOBER 30

Sunday School classes will be combined in the CFC on **October 30** for breakfast at 9 am, Prayer gathering at 9:30, and Class at 9:45. Come find out all about "wee little" Zacchaeus and his tall tree! Fun activities for all ages. See you there.

CHURCH WORKDAY

We will have a church workday on **November 5** 8:30am—until Rain or Shine
Please see Sam McCord for more details

UPCOMING SERMON TITLES & SCRIPTURES

Sunday, October 23

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 18: 9-14
"In God Do We Trust?"

Sunday, October 30

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 19: 1-10
"The View from Down Under"

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Beginning **October 19** there will be one class meeting each week, **Wednesday at 10:00 am** in the Parlor. There will be a Zoom link for anyone who would like to participate virtually - continue using the same log-in, or call Elliott this week for information.

HURRICANE RELIEF

The Session has authorized a collection today to support relief work after Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Gifts will be given through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and will be used to support their work 100% in affected areas. Checks can be made to Paw Creek and placed in the offering plates this morning. Please mark check or envelope for "Hurricane Relief".

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
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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, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 18

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

Wednesday, October 19

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

Thursday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 23

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

Tuesday, October 25

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

Wednesday, October 26

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

Thursday, October 27

*Newsletter
***Church Office Closed**
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
5:30pm Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, October 30

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

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

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

Thursday, November 3

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

Saturday, November 5

8:30am Church Workday

Sunday, November 6

9:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Worship/Lord's Supper/10¢ Hunger/All Saints' Day



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