

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 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: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. In these Advent days of expectation as we return to your house, we pray you to bless our waiting until the day when you make all things new.

Congregation: **Amen, Come Lord Jesus!**

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Prelude**

"Jesu"

arr. Jim Brickman

**Choral Introit**, Hymn 103 "O Prince of Peace"

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 122)

I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
Now our feet are standing  
within the gates of Jerusalem.  
Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
let us seek to do all good.

**\*Hymn 88** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**The Advent Wreath and the Creche**

**Prayer of the Day**

Leader: By the light of one candle, let us follow the beasts to Bethlehem

All: **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, that we may glimpse your light that shines in the darkness. However dim it may seem, help us always to turn to you, and follow where you lead us. Through the one who is to come, even our Savior Christ. Amen.**

Response in Song: "Rejoice! Rejoice!", Hymn 88  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Anthem** "Come Thou Long –Expected Jesus" arr. Robert A. Hobby

**Scripture Lessons**

**Old Testament Lesson**

Isaiah 2: 2-4

"In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 24: 36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**\*Hymn 347** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

**Sermon** *Hope & Expectations* Jordan Loud

**\*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 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Jay Rouse

\*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 100** "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Response in Song - Hymn 106 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

**Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is coming near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.**

**Postlude** "People, Look East" Anthony Giamanco

\*Those who are able, please stand

**Upcoming Sermon Titles & Scriptures**

**Sunday, December 4**

*Second Sunday of Advent  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Isaiah 11: 1-10*

"Lie Down with No Fear"

**Sunday, December 11**

*Third Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 7: 10-16, Matthew 1: 18-25  
"The Child is Our Sign"*

**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.

**Guest Preacher**

Welcome our preacher this morning. Jordan Loud is a member of Paw Creek and a student at Columbia Theological Seminary preparing for the ministry.

**Canned Food & Coat Drive**

Instead of the Angel Tree this year, we are partnering with Paw Creek Elementary on their Canned Food and Coat Drive. They will be collecting new children's coats (Sizes 4T up to Adult Medium boys and girls) and canned goods to donate to Loaves & Fishes to help during the winter months.

Please bring your donations to the church before **Dec. 4th**.

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Class will not meet this week, **November 30**, to allow members to attend Happy Hearts.

**Thankful Thanksgiving**

Paw Creek is excited and thankful to have two of our members, Victoria Krebs and Jordan Loud, in seminary. The Congregational Care and Fellowship Committees would love Paw Creek to show them our thankfulness and love for their commitment to preparing for the future of the church by collecting gift cards for them during the month of November. Victoria's favorite gift card vendors are Starbucks, Panera Bread, Amazon and Visa, and Jordan's are Chick-Fil-A, Wal-Mart, Amazon, Visa. We will have baskets for each of them in the narthex each Sunday during the month of November. Please label your gift card with the recipient's name so they get to the proper person.

If any questions, please contact Sam McCord or Karen Cathey.

**Happy Hearts**

Happy Hearts will go to Billy Graham Library to see what is new and their Christmas Decorations.

**Wed, Nov 30**, Meet @ church 9:15, Depart @9:25, Ticket time @ BGL 9:54, Leave for Cracker Barrel @ 1:00, Return @ 2:45

Cost: Admission is free, only cost is what you eat and purchase. We have enough money in the budget to cover gas money for this short trip. I have reserved 20 tickets...first come, first serve. Call Vicki Ramsey for reservations and/or questions. 704-393-8697

**Christmas Poinsettias**

Poinsettias have been ordered and will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones, and their name will be included in the Order of Service for December 18<sup>th</sup> as well. Please be sure to mark your check in the memo section as "Poinsettia", and list who it is in memory or honor of. **Names must be received in the church office by Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.** Any monies collected will be used to offset the cost of the poinsettias with any extra money raised going to the Chuck Overbeck Fund and used for the beautification and maintenance of the gardens and landscaping around the church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 704-392-0329. Thank you!

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor ..... Elliott Hipp  
Director of Music ..... Andrew Cumbow  
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**The Session**

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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  
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**Children's Ministry:** Barbara Ullem & Victoria Krebs

**Presbyterian Women**

Moderator: Karen Turner

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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, November 27**

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

**Tuesday, November 29**

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

**Wednesday, November 30**

\*Newsletter  
9:15am Happy Hearts—BGL  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

**Thursday, December 1**

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

**Sunday, December 4**

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

**Tuesday, December 6**

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

**Wednesday, December 7**

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

**Thursday, December 8**

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

**Sunday, December 11**

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

**Tuesday, December 13**

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

**Wednesday, December 14**

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

**Thursday, December 15**

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

**Saturday, December 17**

10:30am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, December 18**

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship: Lessons & Carols / Joy Offering  
12:00pm Churchwide Christmas Party

**Tuesday, December 20**

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



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