

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

Eleven O'clock

## Welcome and Announcements

**Hymn 113** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

## Scripture Lessons

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**Gospel Lesson** John 14: 1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**\*Hymn 110** "Love Has Come"

**Sermon** *A Christmas Story?*

## Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: The Good News of Christmas is this:  
that the Grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people.

Congregation: **All praise be to God!**

## Chimes of the Trinity

**Prelude** "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" arr. Mark Hayes

## Call to Worship (Isaiah 9)

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,  
upon them hath the light shined.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder;

And his name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God,  
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

**\*Hymn 132** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

## Responsive Christmas Prayer

Leader: Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son,

Congregation: **that we might have new life.**

Leader: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and dwelt among us,

Congregation: **that we might become your people.**

Leader: Glory to you, Holy Spirit,

Congregation: **for you direct and rule our lives.**

Leader: Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit,

Congregation: **now and forever. Amen.**

Response in Song, Hymn 144 "What Can I Give Him" (last verse)

**What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart**

## \*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 "Mary Had a Baby" arr. Mark Hayes

\*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 134** "Joy to the World"

## \*Charge and Benediction

Response in Song - Hymn 134 "He Rules the World" (last verse)

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love . . .**

**Postlude** "He Is Born" arr. Faye Lopez

\*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, January 1**

*First Sunday after Christmas*

Luke 2: 15-21

"Live Up to Your Name"

**Sunday, January 8**

*Day of Epiphany*

*Celebration of the Lord's supper*

Matthew 2: 1-12

"Holy Visitors"

**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  
 General Treasurer: Danny McClure  
 Cemetery Treasurer: Brian Gross  
 Endowment Treasurer: Clerk: Mary Ellen Edwards

**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, December 25**

**Christmas Day**  
 11:00am Worship

**Monday, December 26**

\*Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 27**

\*Church Office Closed  
 9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Wednesday, December 28**

\*Church Office Closed

**Thursday, December 29**

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

**Sunday, January 1**

11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

**Monday, January 2**

\*Church Office Closed—Happy New Year!

**Tuesday, January 3**

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

**Wednesday, January 4**

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

**Thursday, January 5**

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

**Sunday, January 8**

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

**Tuesday, January 10**

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

**Wednesday, January 11**

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

**Thursday, January 12**

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

**Sunday, January 15**

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

**Tuesday, January 17**

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

**Wednesday, January 18**

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

**Thursday, January 19**

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



**PAW CREEK  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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**Happy Hearts**

Tuesday, January 31, 2023  
 11:00am

BINGO \* FOOD \* FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for BINGO!  
 Soup lunch will be provided. We will have lots of fun and door prizes too!

Cost \$1 per game card. Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey 704-393-8697 or 704-281-2836 by Jan 27, 2023 to make sure we have enough food. Hope to see you there!

**Prayer Garden Brick Pavers**

These are a great gift ideas!  
**Great for Christmas, Birthdays, Graduations, Weddings, Babies, Mother's/Father's Day, and Anniversaries!**

A wonderful way to celebrate a loved one & family with a beautiful memory that will last forever.

Each brick paver cost \$40.

Order forms available in the Narthex, Church Office, and website.

**Presbyterian Women**

Circle Meeting, **Tuesday, January 3rd**

Morning Circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am  
 Evening Circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm  
 We will meet in the Parlor

**Stitches for Missions**

The Stitches for Missions group will have our next meeting on **Saturday, January 21st, at 10:30am** in the Parlor.

Hope to See You There!!