

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
The Second Sunday of Advent

December 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: 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

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

arr. Mark Hayes

Choral Introit, Hymn 103 “O Prince of Peace”

Call to Worship (Psalm 72)

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessed be God’s glorious name forever!
May all the earth be filled with the glory of the Lord.
Amen and Amen.

***Hymn 82** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

The Advent Wreath and the Creche

Prayer of the Day

Leader: By the light of two candles, let us follow the magi to Bethlehem

All: **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, that we may see and mark the signs of your coming kingdom. Help us to set out on improbable journeys so that, guided by the Holy Spirit, we may one day arrive in the presence of our king. 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

“Veni Jesu”

L. Cherubini (1760-1842)

Scripture Lessons

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3: 1-6

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn 102** “Savior of the Nations, Come”

Ten Cents a Meal Hunger Offering - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

Sermon

Lie Down With No Fear

***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

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

arr. Liz Story

***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)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

*** Hymn 129** “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

***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

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel with Emmanuel” arr. Larry Shackley

*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, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7: 10-16, Matthew 1: 18-25

"The Child is Our Sign"

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lessons & Carols

Joy Offering

Christmas Events at Paw Creek

- **Service of Lessons and Carols**
Sunday, **December 18** - Hear the Christmas story come to life in the words of scripture and the music of the Paw Creek Seasonal Choir.
- **Churchwide Christmas Party**
Sunday, **December 18** after Lessons and Carols in the CFC. Heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by the Fellowship Committee.
- **Christmas Eve**
Saturday, **December 24** at 8:00 pm - After you share time with family, bring them all for candlelight, communion and Christmas carols. About 45 minutes and a great way to sipher in the holiday.
- **Christmas Day**
Sunday, **December 25** - No Sunday School this day. Enjoy Christmas festivities in the morning, and then stop by for Christmas carols and a special Christmas Day story.

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 on or before **Dec. 4th**.

Presbyterian Women

Circle Meeting, **Tuesday, December 6th**
Morning Circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am—Parlor
Evening Circle (Life Seekers) 6:00pm—Virginia Oates-Staton Home

Stitches for Missions

The Stitches for Missions group will not meet during December. Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, January 21st, at 10:30am** in the Parlor.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias have been ordered and will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday, December 18th. 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 18th 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. 13th.** 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:

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Director of Music Andrew Cumbow
Pianist Mark Burlison
Administrative Assistant / Webmaster Kim Whittington
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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
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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 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

Wednesday, December 21

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 12/24, 12/25 & 1/1

Thursday, December 22

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

Saturday, December 24

8:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day
11:00am Worship

Monday, December 26

*Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

*Church Office Closed
9:00am Cardio Fitness
7:00pm Boy Scouts



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