

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

Eleven O'clock

Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me,

Congregation: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**

Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever. To this place where God gives us light and welcome, let us bring our cares and joys so that we may be cleansed and nourished.

Congregation: **Alleluia!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude

"At the Cross"

arr. Carol Tornquist

Choral Introit, Hymn 636

"Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"

Call to Worship (Isaiah 16)

Let us set the LORD always before us;
because God is at our right hand we shall not fall.
Our hearts, therefore, are glad, and our spirits rejoice;
God will show us the path of life.
In the presence of the LORD there is fullness of joy,
and in God's right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***Hymn 393**

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us too a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace. By our words and deeds may the world see the promise of your kingdom revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Response in Song, Hymn 583

"Glory to God"

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

"Be Still and Know"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 6: 6-8

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Epistle Lesson

I Corinthians 1: 18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn 30**

"O God, in a Mysterious Way"

Sermon

The Truth, Even if it Hurts

***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

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Shelton Ridge Love

*Doxology, Hymn 609

"Lasst uns erfreuen"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 625**

"O Lord My God"

***Charge and Benediction**

Leader: Today, your abundant gifts have been ours, O God.

Congregation: **You have enlightened us with your Word and called us to your service.**

Leader: So now we go into God's world . . .

Congregation: **Until we return to God's house.**

Response in Song - Hymn 187

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care.

In thy pleasant pastures lead us; for our use thy fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

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Postlude

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

*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, February 5

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Isaiah 58: 1-12
"What Does God Want?"

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
"The Only Choice That Matters"

Ecumenical Luncheon

The Women of Paw Creek Presbyterian Church
Invite You to Attend the
31st Ecumenical Luncheon
On Saturday, **February 25, 2023**
Registration from 10:30-11:00
Salad Luncheon from 11:00-12:00

Speaker: Kristan Seaford

Please bring a salad, \$1.00 & canned good for a local food pantry.

We hope you can join us in fellowship, prayer, and celebration of women on this special day.

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Marie Love turns 100 this year!

You are invited to a Drop-in Birthday party for her on **Saturday, February the 11th** from 2-4pm at Scotia Village, 2200 Elm Ave., Laurinburg, NC 28352 (In the Morris Morgan Room)

If you would like to mail her a card:
Marie Love
C/O Deborah Hobbs
12421 Old Farm Circle
Laurinburg, NC 28352

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 at 704-393-8697 or 704-281-2836 by Jan 27, 2023 to make sure we have enough food. Hope to see you there!

Presbyterian Women

Circle Meeting, **Tuesday, February 7th**
Morning Circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am
Evening Circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm
We will meet in the Parlor

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

PastorElliott Hipp
Director of Music.....Andrew Cumbow
Pianist.....Mark Burleson
Administrative Assistant / Webmaster Kim Whittington
Videography Coordinator.....Clint Shaw

The Session

Moderator: Elliott Hipp Clerk: Donna Hall General Treasurer: Danny McClure

Class of 2023

Celia Gray
Sam McCord
Debbie Taylor
Barbara Ullem

Class of 2024

Gene Hall
Jim Pinkston
David Turner

Class of 2025

Donna Hall
Eddie McArver
Amy McGee
Joy Tyler

Committee Chairs

Mission Team: Debbie Taylor
Christian Education: Barbara Ullem
Congregational Care: Joy Tyler
Fellowship: Sam McCord / Donna Hall
Outreach: Celia Gray / Amy McGee
Worship: David Turner / Debbie Taylor

Resource Team: Jim Pinkston
Administration: Eddie McArver
Finance: Gene Hall
Property: Sam McCord
Cemetery Superintendent: Phillip McCord

Strategic Planning Team: Paul Bradley

Sunday School Officers: Sarah Kendrick / Jim Stogner
Children's Ministry: Joseph Jumper / Jan Chapman / Celia Gray / Barbara Ullem

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, January 29

9:00am Fellowship Breakfast
9:45am 5th Sunday Combined Classes
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, January 31

9:00am Cardio Fitness
11:00am Happy Hearts—Bingo
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 1

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

Thursday, February 2

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

Sunday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 7

9:00am Cardio Fitness
10:00am PW Go & Grow Circle
6:30PM Cub Scouts
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 9

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

Friday, February 10

6:00pm Room in the Inn

Sunday, February 12

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

Monday, February 13

6:30pm Mission Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

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

Saturday, February 18

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, February 19

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

Monday, February 20

*Church Office Closed—Presidents Day
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline



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