

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
Epiphany Sunday

January 8, 2023

Eleven O’clock

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

“The Little Drummer Boy” Katherine Davis

Choral Introit

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Call to Worship (Isaiah 60)

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

***Hymn 151**

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in
splendor. The radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the night that covers
the earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. May his brightness
illumine our lives and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask
this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever.
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**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

“As I Went to Bethlehem” Robert Lau

Scripture Lessons

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

***Hymn 152**

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

Sermon

Holy Visitors

Installation of Elders

Class of 2023 - Debbie Taylor
Class of 2025 - Donna Hall, Eddie McArver, Amy McGee, Joy Tyler

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “I Wonder as I Wander” arr. Mark Hayes

*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.**

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

The 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 377**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

***Charge and Benediction**

Leader: Today, your abundant gifts have been ours, O God.
Congregation: **You have enlightened us with your Word, called us to your
service, and nourished us at your table.**
Leader: So now we go into God’s world . . .
Congregation: **Until we return to God’s house.**

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

“Behold That Star” arr. Mark Hayes

*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, January 15

Second Sunday after Epiphany

John 1: 29-42

"I Did Not Know Him"

Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9: 1-4, Matthew 4: 12-17

"Light Shines in Galilee"



Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

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The Session

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 Clerk: Mary Ellen Edwards
 Endowment Treasurer:

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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
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 Fellowship: 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
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Treasurer: Melissa Mullis
 Backpack Buddies: Jane McArver, Belinda Springs & Teresa Painter
 Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo

Church Calendar

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

Sunday, January 22

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

Monday, January 23

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
 6:30pm Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

***Newsletter**
 10:00am Bible Study
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 28

10:30am Stitches for Missions

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

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!

5th Sunday

Please join us on Sunday, January 29, 2023
 for a 5th Sunday Combined Sunday School
 Class in the CFC

Adults and children will gather for:
 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00-9:30
 Prayer 9:30-9:45
 Combined class 9:45-10:30.

Children, Youth and Adults please join us!
 Thank you, Christian Education Committee

Stitches for Missions

The Stitches for Missions group will have our
 next meeting on **Saturday, January 28th, at
 10:30am** in the Parlor. **(Date change)**
 Hope to See You There!!

**PAW CREEK
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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