

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 19, 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**

“O Come to the Altar” arr. Larry Shackley

**Choral Introit**

“You Shall Go Out with Joy” Hymn 80

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 145)

Let us exalt the Lord, our God and our Ruler,  
and bless God’s name forever and ever.  
Every day let us bless and praise God’s name.  
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
here is no end to God’s greatness.

**\*Hymn 645**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

**Prayer of the Day** (in unison)

**Almighty God, in signs and wonders your Son revealed the greatness of your saving love. Renew your people with your grace, and sustain us by your power, for we can do nothing without you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Response in Song, Hymn 616

“Awesome God”

**Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Anthem**

“This Day God Gives Me” David Haas

**Scripture Lessons**

**Old Testament Lesson**

Isaiah 49: 8-13

Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, “Come out,” to those who are in darkness, “Show yourselves.” They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.”

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 6: 25-34

Jesus said: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

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

**\*Hymn 658**

“God Is So Good”

**Sermon**

*A Covenant of Abundance*

**\*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 “I Surrender All” arr. Janice Faber

\*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 250**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

**\*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.**  
Leader: So now we go into God’s world . . .  
Congregation: **Until we return to God’s house.**

Response in Song - Hymn 625 “How Great Thou Art”

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
How great thou art! How great thou art! (2x)**

**Postlude**

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow” arr. Bill Wolaver

\*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**

**Wednesday, February 22**

*Ash Wednesday—6:30pm*

Psalm 1 (Delight in the Law of the Lord)

**Sunday, February 26**

*First Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

"Where It All Began"

**Sunday, March 5**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

John 3: 1-17

"A Pharisee Sees Jesus"

**Observance of Ash Wednesday**

The Season of Lent begins next **Wednesday, February 22**. There will be a simple service, music, scripture and imposition of Ashes at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Please join us. (There will be no CCC)

**Stitches for Missions  
Open Call for Homemade Preemie  
Baby Goods**

Stitches for Missions will be working on making preemie baby items such as blankets, hats, and booties for the next few months. We will be providing these goods to Premies of the Carolinas, which is a nonprofit group located in Fort Mill. Premies of the Carolinas provides handmade goods to neonatal departments at hospitals or directly to mothers of preemies in the local areas of NC and SC. They need sown, quilted, crocheted, or knitted goods for preemies of various sizes. (Blankets must be at least a minimum of 20"X 20".) We hope to have a shipment ready for them by May. If you can help to provide such goods and have any questions, please contact Teresa Painter or Dina Salvo.

You may check out their website on the internet for more information....the link is the same as their name with no spaces

**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.

[knoturner@gmail.com](mailto:knoturner@gmail.com)

**Pleasant Grove Presbyterian**

**Home cooked BBQ**

Held at the American Legion

5651 Brookshire Blvd

**Friday, February 24th**

11AM - 8PM

\$10 plate or 3 sandwiches

\$4 Brunswick stew pint

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor .....Elliott Hipp  
Director of Music.....Andrew Cumbow  
Pianist.....Mark Burleson  
Administrative Assistant / Webmaster ..... Kim Whittington  
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**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, February 19**

9:45am Sunday School Classes

11:00am Worship

**Monday, February 20**

\*Church Office Closed—Presidents Day

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, February 21**

9:00am Cardio Fitness

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, February 22**

\*Newsletter

10:00am Bible Study

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

**Thursday, February 23**

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Saturday, February 25**

10:30am Women's Ecumenical Luncheon

**Sunday, February 26**

9:45am Sunday School Classes

11:00am Worship

**Tuesday, February 28**

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Cub Scouts

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, March 1**

10:00am Bible Study

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

**Thursday, March 2**

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Sunday, March 5**

9:45am Sunday School Classes

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

**Tuesday, March 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, March 8**

10:00am Bible Study

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

**Thursday, March 9**

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Sunday, March 12**

9:45am Sunday School Classes

11:00am Worship

**Monday, March 13**

6:30pm Stated Session Meeting



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