

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

Eleven O'clock

**Welcome Into God's House** (responsive)

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness.

Congregation: Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us.

Leader: Open our eyes so that we may see Jesus;

Congregation: The way of the cross is the way of life and love.

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Prelude**

"Lenten Meditation"

arr. Ron Loree

**Choral Introit**

"There in God's Garden"

Hymn 226

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 32)

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

For happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away.

God is our hiding-place;  
to preserve us from trouble;  
and surround us with shouts of deliverance.

**\*Hymn 159**

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

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

**O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us also. Following our Savior, may we walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Response in Song, Hymn 204 (Taizé community)

"Stay with Me"

**Stay with me, remain here with me;  
watch and pray. Watch and pray**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Anthem**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Carl Mueller

**Scripture Lessons**

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 4: 1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**Old Testament Lesson**

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

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

**\*Hymn** (see insert) "Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat"

**Sermon**

*Where It All Began*

**\*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

"Kyrie"

John Leavitt

\*Doxology

"Old Hundredth"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him, 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 166**

"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Response in Song - Hymn 227 (Taizé community)

"Jesus, Remember Me"

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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**Postlude**

"Grace Alone"

arr. Jeff Nelson

\*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, March 5**

*Second Sunday in Lent*  
*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*  
 John 3: 1-17  
 "A Pharisee Sees Jesus"

**Sunday, March 12**

*Third Sunday in Lent*  
 John 4: 5-42  
 "A Samaritan Woman Sees Jesus"

**Presbyterian Women**

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

**Seasonal Choir**

Dear Paw Creek,  
 With Lent, Holy Week, and Easter fast approaching, it is time, once again, to prepare special music. And with that, we are opening up yet another seasonal choir!  
 Starting on Thursday, March 2nd, from 7:00-8:00, we will be rehearsing special music for Palm Sunday (April 2) and Easter (April 9). If you would like to join us for one hour per week for just a few weeks, we would love to have you sing with us!  
 Our seasonal choir for Christmas was such a huge success! If you used to sing in the choir, or have never sung before, but would like to try it out, now is a great time!  
 Thank you all so much for the amazing first year I've had, and I can't wait to show you what we have in store for you for Easter.  
 See you Sunday,  
 Andy Cumbow  
 Director of Music

**Annual Woodland BBQ Fundraiser**  
**March 3rd, 4th & 5th**

beginning 11:00 am each day. (Take-out only)  
 \$14 per plate, choice of chicken or pulled pork.  
**Special Treat:** Paw Creek will place a group order for Sunday, **March 5** to be delivered for us to enjoy together in the CFC after worship.  
 Enjoy good food and support our sister congregation at the same time! **Orders will be taken after worship on February 26**, or speak to Amy McGee, Debbie Taylor, Donna Hall, Celia Gray or Sam McCord

**For All Men of the Church**

Come join us as we mark the 15th anniversary of The Ken Lowrance Men's Bible Study Group. We still meet at 6:30 am every Thursday morning for coffee, a Bible lesson and fellowship. Then if you have time to join us we enjoy breakfast together at the Circle G. All are welcome and we would like to have you with us.

**Read Across America Day**

Paw Creek Elementary School - Thursday, **March 2**. Volunteers needed to come to the school and read a book to one of the classes. Bring your own book or ask the school to provide one. Please sign up by Friday, February 24. Email Lindsay Habicht at [linsaym.bolton@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:linsaym.bolton@cms.k12.nc.us) or call 980-343-6088.

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor .....Elliott Hipp  
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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 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**

**\*Daylight Saving Time Begins**  
 9:45am Sunday School Classes  
 11:00am Worship

**Monday, March 13**

6:30pm Stated Session Meeting

**Tuesday, March 14**

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

**Wednesday, March 15**

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

**Thursday, March 16**

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

**Saturday, March 18**

10:30am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, March 19**

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
 11:00am Worship  
 12:00pm Congregational Meeting



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 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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