

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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

"As the Deer"

arr. Carl Seal

Choral Introit

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

Hymn 159

Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving

and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great king above all gods.

*Hymn 415

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love. Through 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 (3x)

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

"Lord Jesus Think on Me"

Jay Althouse

Scripture Lessons

Gospel Lesson

John 4: 5-29

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

Congregation: **Praise be to you, O Christ**

*Hymn 476

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

Sermon

A Samaritan Woman Sees Jesus

*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

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

arr. Don Wyrzten

*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 213

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*Charge and Benediction

Response in Song - Hymn 227 (Taizé community)

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (3x)

Postlude

"People Need the Lord"

McHugh and 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 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, March 19
Fourth Sunday in Lent
John 9: 1-41
"A Blind Man Sees Jesus"

Sunday, March 26
Fifth Sunday in Lent
John 11: 1-45
"A Dead Man Sees Jesus"

Easter Flowers

Paw Creek will be decorating the Sanctuary with flowers on **Easter Sunday, April 9**. Donations will be accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones, and their name will be included in the Bulletin for Easter as well. Please be sure to mark your check in the memo section as "Easter Flowers", and list who it is in memory or honor of. **Names must be received in the church office by Tuesday, April 4.** The flowers will be planted in the Prayer Garden and surrounding area sometime after Easter. Any monies collected will be used to offset the cost of the Easter flowers 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!

Happy Hearts

Tuesday, March 28th
Woodmill Winery tour and tasting
8:45 - 3:00

We will leave at 9:00 for Woodmill Winery. 10:00 tour with talk about benefits of muscadines and wine tasting. 12:15 leave for lunch BBQ King E Main St, Lincolnton. Then return to the church.

Cost is \$10 per person which includes, gas, tour and wine tasting (6 samples, a Woodmill logo glass and half a glass of wine of your choice). If you do not want to do the tasting cost is \$2. Everyone will pay for their own lunch.

Deadline to sign up Friday, March 24th. Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey (704)393-8697 or (704)281-2836.

Annual Coulwood Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 2023 9:30 am – 11:00 am
Coulwood Clubhouse, 506 Coulwood Dr.
Easter egg hunt will start promptly at 10:30 am. Other family friendly activities include crafts and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Donations of small candies that will fit inside eggs/preferably ones that won't melt need to be dropped off at the church by 4/2.

See Celia Gray (704-756-9697) or Amy McGee (704-578-39080 for more details or to volunteer.

Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the Congregation has been called by the Session for **Sunday, March 19** immediately after morning worship. The agenda items are: presentation of Session's adopted 2023 budget for information; action on recommended changes to the pastoral terms of call; and election of three members to the 2023 Nominating Committee for selection of a new class of elders later this year.

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, 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

Monday, March 20
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, March 21
9:00am Cardio Fitness
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 22
***Newsletter**
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

Thursday, March 23
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, March 26
9:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, March 28
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 29
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

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

Sunday, April 2
9:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger



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