

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 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

“Pie Jesu”

Evan Thee, Oboist

Faure

Choral Introit

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

Hymn 159

Call to Worship (Psalm 22)

Praise the Lord, you that fear God;

stand in awe of the Lord, O offspring of Israel;

For the Lord’s face is not hidden from us;

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before the Lord.

*Hymn 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose. May no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will and no weakness keep us from doing it. In your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; 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 (4x)

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

“We Walk by Faith”

Evan Thee, Oboist

Michael D. Costello

Scripture Lessons

Gospel Lesson

John 9: 1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Hymn 183

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

Sermon

A Blind Man Sees Jesus

*Apostles’ Creed

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”

arr. Janelle Z. Cunalata

Evan Thee, Oboist

*Doxology

“Old Hundredth”

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 216

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

*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. (4x)

Postlude

“Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone”

arr. Carol Tornquist

*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 26

Fifth Sunday in Lent

John 11: 1-45

"A Dead Man Sees Jesus"

Sunday, April 2

Palm/Passion Sunday

Life of Jesus in the Windows

Food Pantry

We are using the barrel in the Narthex for donations of non-perishable food items for the Mission City Church Food Pantry on Valleydale. See the next Newsletter for details.

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!

Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the Congregation has been called by the Session for **Today** 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.

Presbyterian Women

Circle Meeting, **Tuesday, April 7th**

Morning Circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am

Evening Circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm

We will meet in the Parlor

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

Donations of small candies that will fit inside eggs/preferably ones that won't melt need to be dropped off at the church by 3/31. Eggs will be stuffed at Paw Creek on 4/1 from 9-11am

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

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 Treasurer: Melissa Mullis
Historian: Dina Salvo Backpack Buddies: Jane McArver, Belinda Springs & Teresa Painter
Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo
Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

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 Palm Sunday / 10¢ Hunger

Tuesday, April 4

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

Wednesday, April 5

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, April 6

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
7:00pm Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 7

7:00pm Good Friday

Saturday, April 8

10:30am Coulwood Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9

9:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Easter / Lord's Supper / One Great Hour

Monday, April 10

***Church Office Closed – Happy Easter!**
6:30pm Missions Team Meeting



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