

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 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

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

arr. Cindy Berry

Choral Introit

“When Jesus Wept”

Hymn 194

Call to Worship (Psalm 145)

I will exalt you, O God my Ruler,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to your greatness.

*Hymn 209

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith. Forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, may we run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Response in Song, Hymn 204 (Taizé community)

“Stay with Me”

**Stay with me, remain here with me;
watch and pray. Watch and pray (5x)**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

“Since by Man Came Death”

G. F. Handel

Scripture Lessons

Gospel Lesson

John 11: 1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of

the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Hymn 785

“In Deepest Night”

Sermon

A Dead Man Sees Jesus

*Apostles’ Creed

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Breathe on Me, Breathe of God” arr. Jonathan W. Lee

*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 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*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. (5x)

Postlude

“Be Still, My Soul”

Jean Sebelius

*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, April 2

Palm/Passion Sunday
Life of Jesus in the Windows

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday
Celebration of the Lord's Supper—7pm (CFC)

Friday, April 7

Good Friday
Tenebrae Service—7pm (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
John 20: 1-18
"Where is He?"

Mission City Food Pantry

Paw Creek is partnering with Mission City Church on Valleydale Rd. to assist those in our community. We are using the barrel in the Narthex for donations of non-perishable food items. Please see the latest Newsletter for more details.

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.

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. **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!

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 in the West Wing.

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

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

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The Session

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Class of 2024

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Class of 2025

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Committee Chairs

Mission Team: Debbie Taylor
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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 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

Tuesday, April 11

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

Wednesday, April 12

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

Thursday, April 13

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

Saturday, April 15

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, April 16

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

Tuesday, April 18

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



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