

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 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

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Michael McCabe

Guest Musician: Angela Swicegood

#### Choral Introit

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

Hymn 159

### Call to Worship (Psalm 121)

We lift our eyes unto the hills;  
from whence cometh our help?

Our help cometh from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

The LORD shall watch over our going out and our coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.

#### \*Hymn 816

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

### Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**God of all times and places: in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 (2x)**

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Anthem

"Keep Your Lamps"

Andre Thomas

### Scripture Lessons

#### Gospel Lesson

John 3: 1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

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

#### \*Hymn 442

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

**Ten Cents a Meal Hunger Offering** - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

### Sermon

*A Pharisee 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

"If Thou But Suffer God"

Paul Manz

Guest Musician: Angela Swicegood

\*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.**

### Prayer Concerns and Joys

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

When invited we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of the Institution

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Supper (in unison)

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

#### \* Hymn 215

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

### \*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. (2x)**

### Postlude

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

arr. William H. Bates

Guest Musician: Angela Swicegood

\*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 12**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

John 4: 5-42

"A Samaritan Woman Sees Jesus"

**Sunday, March 19**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

John 9: 1-41

"A Blind Man Sees Jesus"

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

During the communion service today we return to our pre-pandemic practice of receiving the elements of bread and juice by intinction. Come forward to receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and then partake before returning to the pews. Those who are unable or prefer not to come forward will be served at their seats.

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**

Remember to set your clocks forward on **March 12!**

**Prayer Chain**

The Prayer Chain was updated last week, if you are no longer receiving the prayer emails, please resend your email address to Ann Cashion at [acatlake@gmail.com](mailto:acatlake@gmail.com)

**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

**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.

**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.

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor .....Elliott Hipp  
Director of Music.....Andrew Cumbow  
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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, March 5**

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger  
12:00pm BBQ Lunch

**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

**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



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