

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Eleven O'clock

Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Congregation: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude

"Rejoice the Lord is King"
Guest Musician: Suzanne Lowry

Darwall

Choral Introit

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

Hymn 239

Call to Worship (Psalm 33)

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.
Praise the LORD with the harp;
play upon the psaltery and lyre.
Sing for the LORD a new song;
sound a fanfare upon the trumpet.

*Hymn 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt: may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing. For he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song, Hymn 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

"But Thou Did Not Leave His Soul in Hell" G. F. Handel (Messiah)
Soloist: Andrew Cumbow

Scripture Lessons

Epistle Lesson

I Peter 1: 3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire -- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now.

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Hymn 286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Sermon

Involuntary Faith

*Apostles' Creed

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Guest Musician: Suzanne Lowry

Bradbury

*Doxology

"Lasst uns erfreun (Hymn 609)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 236

"The Strife Is O'er"

*Easter Dismissal and Blessing

Leader: Let us go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that we do.

Congregation: **We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Leader: May the God of peace, who raised to life the great Shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen. Alleluia!**

Response in Song - Hymn 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Sing we to our God above, alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love, alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, alleluia!

Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Postlude

"Crown Him Lord of All!"
Guest Musician: Suzanne Lowry

Diadem

*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 23

Third Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher:
George Slaton

Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher:
Fred Grosse

Food Pantry

We will bring our donations for Mission City Food Pantry to the front of the church during the service on **April 23rd**.

*Key items needed: non-perishable breakfast items and canned fruit.

Stitches for Missions

The Stitches for Missions meeting date for April has changed. We will meet on **April 22nd** at 10:30am in the Parlor.

Hope to see you there!

Graduation Sunday

The time is growing near for us to recognize and honor our graduates.

The Christian Education Committee is gathering names of graduates, and will be in touch directly later in the spring to ask for more information. We will celebrate **Graduation Sunday on June 4, 2023** during the church service.

Please send names and contact information to Jan Chapman (jchapman.jan@gmail.com) or the church office (office@pawcreekpc.org) for: Students, connected to our church, who graduated in **December 2022** or will graduate in **Spring 2023** from **High School, College, or Graduate School.**
Thank you ~ Christian Ed

5th Sunday Combined Sunday School Class

The Lord is my Shepherd...

On Sunday, **April 30**, there will be a Combined Sunday School Class gathering in the CFC. Adults, Youth and Children are invited for a:

Fellowship Breakfast **9:00-9:30**
Prayer Requests **9:30-9:45**
Lesson **9:45-10:30**

We will study and respond to the beautiful 23rd Psalm, Lectionary scripture for April 30! Everyone is welcome to attend!

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

PastorElliott Hipp
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Pianist.....Mark Burleson
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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

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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
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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, April 16

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

Tuesday, April 18

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

Wednesday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 20

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

Saturday, April 22

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, April 23

9:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Worship – Guest: George Slaton

Monday, April 24

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, April 25

9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 26

*Newsletter
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

Thursday, April 27

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

Sunday, April 30

9:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Worship – Guest: Fred Grosse

Tuesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, May 4

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, May 7

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

Monday, May 8

6:30pm Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 9

9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 10

10:00am Bible Study
11:30am CE Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 11

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

Saturday, May 13

5:00pm Men's Fish Fry



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