

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 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 "Seek Ye First with Pachelbel's Canon in D" arr. Gail Smith

Choral Introit "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing" Hymn 239

Call to Worship (Psalm 25)

To you, O Lord do we lift up our souls;
in you we put our trust.
Show us your ways and teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth for you are the God of salvation;
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

***Hymn 233** "The Day of Resurrection!"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 "Alleluia Canon" WF Mozart

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 103: 8-14

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in mercy.
He will not always contend with us,
Nor will He keep His anger forever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor rewarded us according to our guilty deeds.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him.
As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our wrongdoings from us.
Just as a father has compassion on his children,
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.
For He Himself knows our form;
He is mindful that we are nothing but dust.

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 5:1-7

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain;
and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened
His mouth and began to teach them, saying,
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

***Hymn 263** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Sermon *Blessed are the Merciful* Rev. George Slaton

***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 "The Holy City" Weatherly/Adams
Reid Mosby-Griffin, soloist

*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 238** "Thine Is the Glory"

***Charge and Benediction**

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 "Open the Eyes of My Heart" arr. Matt Hyzer

*Those who are able, please stand

Guest Preacher

This morning we are pleased to welcome back Rev. George Slaton to the pulpit. George Slaton, a Charlotte native, grew up in nearby Concord. He attended Union Theological Seminary in Richmond VA and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary in Louisville KY. He served churches in Florida and Tennessee. George completed a residency in pastoral psychotherapy at Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta GA. He served as therapist and Executive Director at Presbyterian Counseling Center in Wilmington NC from 1980 until 2010. An honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Charlotte, George serves on its Conciliation Team.

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 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher:

Fred Grosse

Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

John 14: 1-14

"We Have Seen God"

Presbyterian Women

Hi Ladies,
Our last Circle Meeting for the year will be on **Saturday, May 6th at 11:00**. Teresa Painter will present our lesson. We would appreciate your help with lunch by bringing a salad of any kind, finger sandwiches, or a dessert. We look forward to this special time together with all of our Paw Creek women as we share God's word.

Hope to see you then!
~Karen T.

Prayer Garden Brick Pavers

Great Gift idea! Great for Birthdays, Graduations, Anniversaries, etc.! A wonderful way to celebrate a loved one & family with a beautiful memory that will last forever.

Each brick paver cost \$40.

Order forms available in the Narthex, Church Office, and website.

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
Director of Music..... Andrew Cumbow
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
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
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Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Karen Turner
Secretary: Donna Hall
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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 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
Saturday, May 6
11:00amPW Combined Circle Meeting
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
Sunday, May 14
9:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Worship / PW Sunday - Birthday Offering
Tuesday, May 16
9:00am Cardio Fitness
7:00pm Boy Scouts
Wednesday, May 17
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)
Thursday, May 18
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice



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