

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

April 9, 2023

Eleven O'clock

We Enter in Darkness

Chimes of the Trinity

Introit

The Tomb is Empty

David Haas

The Good News of Easter

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

*Processional Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

The Easter Prayer (in unison)

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*, Hymn 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Welcome and Announcements

The Good News of the Resurrection

John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

Easter Anthem

The Tomb Stands Wide Open

Craig Courtney

Sermon

"Where is He?"

*Hymn 157

I Danced in the Morning

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

-One Great Hour of Sharing-

Offertory

I Will Rise

arr. Craig Curry

*Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen (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.**

Prayer Concerns and Joys

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Supper (in unison)

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Good News of Christ's Return

Revelation 3: 1, 20-22

These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:

"Behold! I stand at the door, and knock; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

*Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

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

The Tomb is Empty

The tomb is empty, is empty, go and serve

all people who long to be free!

Raise those who sleep, who sleep,

in tombs of fear, and give them eyes to see!

Sing Alleluia! Sing Alleluia! (x2)

Postlude

Christ Is Alive

arr. Lloyd Larson

*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 16

Second Sunday of Easter

John 20: 19-31

"Involuntary Faith"

Sunday, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher—George Slaton

Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher—Fred Grosse

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!

GRADUATION SUNDAY

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

The Christian Education Committee is gathering the 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

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Joy Tyler

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Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 9

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

Monday, April 10

***Church Office Closed – Happy Easter!**
11:00am CCC Leadership Meeting
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

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

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

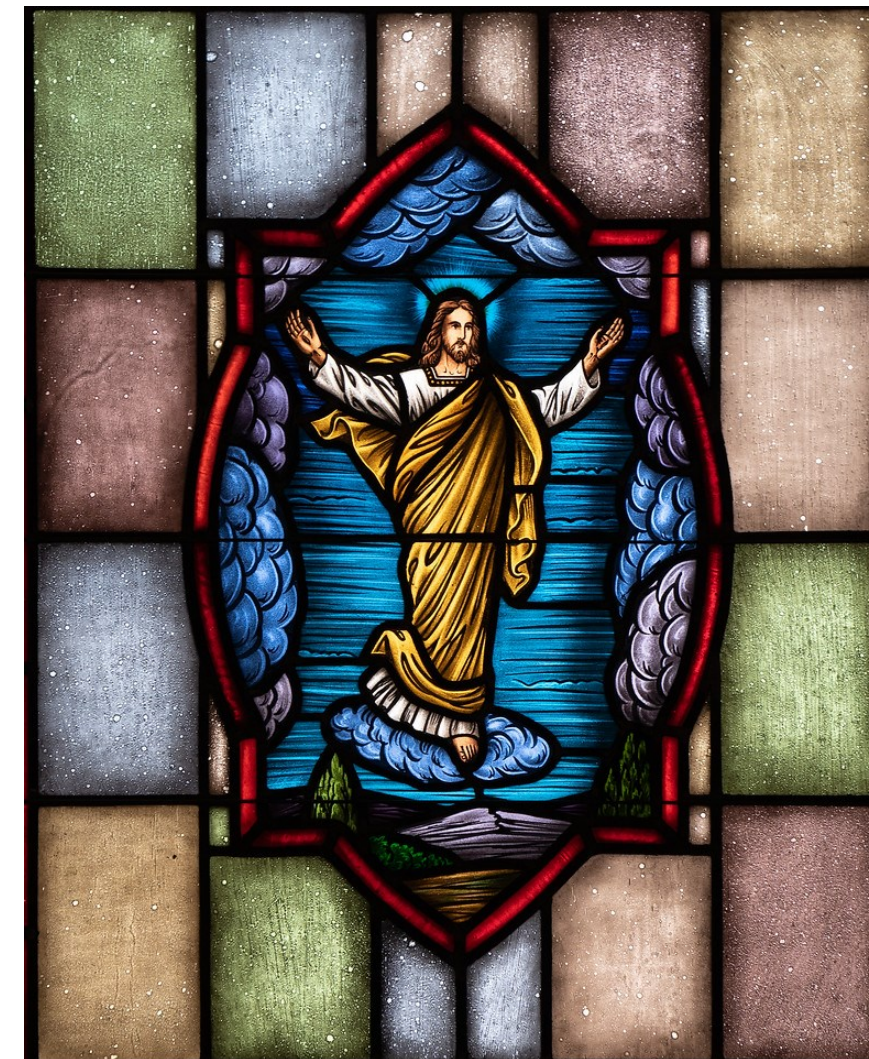
***Newsletter**
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

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



PAW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

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