

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Presbyterian Women's Sunday

May 7, 2023

Eleven O'clock

Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Congregation: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Leader: We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of Life.
Congregation: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude

"Here I Am to Worship" arr. Carol Tornquist

Choral Introit

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" Hymn 239

Call to Worship (Psalm 117)

Praise the LORD, all you nations;
give praise, all you peoples.
For the loving-kindness of the LORD toward us is great,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Hallelujah!

*Hymn 327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise. Amid all the changes of this world, may our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song "Celtic Alleluia" (Hymn 587)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of the 2023 Presbyterian Women Life Membership

Choir Anthem

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior" Bruce Greer

Scripture Lessons

Gospel Lesson John 14: 15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Epistle Lesson I Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and

"A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn 829

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Sermon

A Royal Priesthood

*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

Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering

Offertory "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" arr. Tom Fettke

*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 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song "We Are Marching in the Light of God" (Hymn 853)
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God (2x)
We are marching, we are marching, we are marching in the light of God.

Postlude

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" arr. Carol Tornquist

*Those who are able, please stand

Our scheduled preacher for Presbyterian Women's Sunday, the Rev. Mary Lautensleger, is unable to be with us today due to illness. Please join us in praying for her speedy recovery.

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.

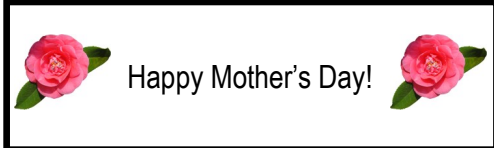
Upcoming Sermon Titles & Scriptures

Sunday, May 21

Seventh Sunday of Easter
 "Living in the Meantime"
 Luke 24: 44-53; Acts 1: 1-11

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost Sunday
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 Combined service with Woodland
 Acts 2: 1-21; Numbers 11: 24-30



Food Pantry

On the third Sunday, **May 21**, we will be collecting food pantry items. Mission City food pantry's top needs are breakfast items like cereal, pancake mix, pop tarts and canned fruit.

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church
 Annual Fish Fry & Bake Sale**

It's Back!!

Saturday, May 20:

4:30-7:30pm

Adults—\$12, Kids—\$6

Yummy Fish and Fixin's!

Bake Sale by the Paw Creek Women!

Take-out will be available

Happy Hearts

Tuesday May 16th

UNCC Botanical Gardens and Lunch

We will leave the church at 10:00.

There are two gardens you can walk, SusieHarwood and/or Van Landingham Glen. (There are plenty of benches to sit along the paths. If you have a walking stick, I would bring it.)

Lunch—boxed lunch at picnic tables in the garden. Cost - \$10 (lunch and gas for the bus).

Sign up after church May 14th. Call or text Vicki Ramsey (704) 281-2836.

Stitches for Missions

Preemie Baby Project and

New Project: Quilts for Ukraine

Our preemie baby project is going well...response has been wonderful. Please have your completed blankets and/or hats to Teresa Painter or Dina Salvo by Sunday May 14th. You can place your goods in the parlor and we will get them at our next Stitches team meeting on the 20th.

We are also planning and developing a quilting workshop in which we will make 4-5 simple quilted lap blankets for Ukraine. This workshop is for more than just skilled quilters but is also for novice quilters and those who are thinking about getting into quilting. The workshop will be held on July 15th in the CFC from 10 AM to 2 PM. Enrollment will begin in June. In the meantime, mark your calendars for this craft and service event. (This is a no cost event...we hope to have enough material donations for the quilts and borrowed equipment. We would like if attendees will bring a salad and or dessert for lunch. Drinks will be provided.)

Presbyterian Women

Hi Ladies,
 As I am sure you have already heard, **we are having a fish fry this year on May 20th!** I am sure you remember that our PC Women always bake up delicious cakes and other goodies to sell in support of our Scholarship Fund. Ladies, crank up your ovens, and let's have the best **BAKE SALE** ever!!!
 Thanks! ~Karen Turner

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 Debbie Taylor
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Class of 2024

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 Jim Pinkston
 David Turner

Class of 2025

Donna Hall
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 Amy McGee
 Joy Tyler

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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, 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

Saturday, May 20
 10:30am Stitches for Missions
 4:30pm Fish Fry & Bake Sale

Sunday, May 21
 9:45am Sunday School Classes
 11:00am Worship

Monday, May 22
 12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, May 23
 9:00am Cardio Fitness
 6:30pm Cub Scouts
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 24
 *Newsletter
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
 5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

Thursday, May 25
 6:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:00am Cardio Fitness
 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, May 28
 *No Sunday School / Prayer
 11:00am Worship with Woodland – Pentecost
 12:00pm Covered Dish Lunch w/Woodland

Tuesday, May 30
 9:00am Cardio Fitness
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 31
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
 5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

Thursday, June 1
 6:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, June 4
 *Graduation Sunday
 11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

Tuesday, June 6
 9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 7
 10:00am Bible Study
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 6/11 & 6/18

Thursday, June 8
 6:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:00am Cardio Fitness
 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice



**PAW CREEK
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 WOMEN'S SUNDAY**

May 14, 2023

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2023 Presbyterian Women
Birthday Offering Recipients



Making Miracles Group Home
Phase II Group Home
makingmiraclesgrouphome.org
Tallahassee, Florida
\$150,000

Making Miracles Group Home (MMGH) helps young mothers break the cycle of abusive relationships, addiction, incarceration and early motherhood—a repeating pattern that is difficult to break and overcome. Since its inception in 2010, MMGH has served over 100 women and their children by providing a one-year, live-in program designed to support young mothers and help them develop skills to live independently and care for their children.

Current eligibility criteria require residents to be pregnant and/or have a single child up to age three, but mothers who have a single child older than age three or multiple children often seek help. With the Birthday Offering grant, MMGH will purchase a second group home to serve an additional five families who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. With loving support and tools to establish stable, permanent housing, these families can look forward to a hopeful and successful future.

Berhane Yesus Elementary School
Kindergarten School Construction
berhane-yesus.info
Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia
\$99,400

Berhane Yesus Elementary School, located in the western highlands of Ethiopia, seeks to change lives by sharing the “Light of Jesus” and by providing the best possible educational experience for the children of Dembi Dollo. Berhane Yesus provides children with the possibility of a better future by preparing them for a rigorous high school education and a life of Christian service. The school is the first entry point to education for children of subsistence farmers, migrant workers and displaced groups of people.

This K-8th grade school has been serving the community and been a part of the Presbyterian Church in this rural community since 1921. A kindergarten was added to the school in 2012, but with no available space for class, the children met in the chapel. Over the years the number of kindergarten students has increased and now space of their own is not only needed but is required by the government to remain open. Western Wollega Bethel Synod provided land for the classroom and the Birthday Offering grant will provide all necessary funding for its construction.

Making Miracles Group Home
Tallahassee, Florida
\$150,000



Making Miracles Group Home is dedicated to helping young women reach their greatest potential. With an emphasis on quality care and love, the home provides a stable foundation and teaches the values and skills necessary for a life filled with vision, courage and commitment. At the end of one year, each young mother should be financially able to support her children, pay a deposit on new living arrangements and move out of the home to begin a new life.

Pictured is Candace who graduated from Making Miracles Group Home and, along with her daughter, is thriving and living independently.

Learn more and donate to the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women
presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.

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