

Service For The Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 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

"Majesty"

Jack W. Hayford

Choral Introit

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

Hymn 239

Call to Worship (Psalm 92)

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

*Hymn 257

"The Risen Christ"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. Bring all creation to worship at his feet, who is alive 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

Choir Anthem

"I Will Arise"

Robert Campbell

Scripture Lessons

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn 821

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Sermon

Living in the Meantime

*Those who are able, please stand

*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

"We Have a Gospel to Proclaim"

arr. Cindy Berry

*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 260

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

*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

"Soon and Very Soon"

Andrea Crouch

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 28

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

Sunday, June 4

Sunday after Pentecost
Graduation Sunday
"The Authority of Teachers"
Matthew 7: 21-29

Graduation Sunday

We will celebrate **Graduation Sunday on June 4, 2023** during the church service. We will be recognizing high school and college graduates who are in attendance. Cookies and lemonade to be served after service in the west wing.

Food Pantry

TODAY, 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.

**Stitches for Missions
Quilts for Ukraine**

We are 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.)

Prayer Garden

Honor your loved one in Paw Creek's Memorial Prayer Garden. Commemorate the life of someone special with a brick paver. You can personalize your message to honor or remember a loved one or celebrate a special anniversary, birthday or other life event. It will create a legacy that will last forever.

Each brick paver cost \$40.

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

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Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

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

Sunday, June 11

11:00am Worship

Monday, June 12

***Church Office Closed**

Tuesday, June 13

***Church Office Closed**
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 14

***Church Office Closed**

Thursday, June 15

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

Saturday, June 17

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, June 18

***Father's Day**
11:00am Worship / Presbyterian Homes Offering



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