

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

arr. Brian C. Howell

#### Choral Introit

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

Hymn 239

### Call to Worship (Psalm 31)

Love the Lord, all you who are faithful;

be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

How great is your goodness, O Lord!

for those who put their trust in you.

Blessed be the Lord!

who has shown us the wonders of love.

#### \*Hymn 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

### Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.**

**Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his**

**commandments, and to share his risen life; for he 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

### Scripture Lessons

#### Epistle Lesson

I Peter 2: 9-10

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.

#### Gospel Lesson

John 14: 1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

Congregation: **Praise be to you, Lord Christ.**

#### \*Hymn 377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

**Ten Cents a Meal Hunger Offering** - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

### Sermon

*We Have Seen God*

### \*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

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

arr. Don Wyrzten

\*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.**

### Prayer Concerns and Joys

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion Anthem

"In Remembrance"

Buryl Red

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)

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

#### \* Hymn 853

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

### \*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

"To God Be the Glory"

Crosby and Doane

\*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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 14**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
Presbyterian Women's Sunday

**Sunday, May 21**

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

**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

**The Church Triumphant**

Blonnie Caudill - entered into Eternal Rest on April 28, 2023

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."*

**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

**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.

**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 April 30th, May 7 & May 14th. Call or text Vicki Ramsey (704) 281-2836.

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor .....Elliott 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

**Children's Ministry:** Joseph Jumper / Jan Chapman / Celia Gray / Barbara Ullem

**Presbyterian Women**

Moderator: Karen Turner

Secretary: Donna Hall Treasurer: Melissa Mullis  
Historian: Dina Salvo Backpack Buddies: Jane McArver, Belinda Springs & Teresa Painter  
Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo  
Special Givings: Celia Gray

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, May 7**

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

**Saturday, May 20**

10:30am Stitches for Missions  
4:30pm Fish Fry & Bake Sale

**Monday, May 8**

6:30pm Stated Session Meeting

**Sunday, May 21**

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

**Tuesday, May 9**

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

**Monday, May 22**

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

**Wednesday, May 10**

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

**Tuesday, May 23**

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

**Thursday, May 11**

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

**Wednesday, May 24**

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

**Sunday, May 14**

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship / PW Sunday - Birthday Offering

**Thursday, May 25**

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

**Tuesday, May 16**

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

**Sunday, May 28**

\*No Sunday School / Prayer  
11:00am Worship with Woodland – Pentecost

**Wednesday, May 17**

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

**Tuesday, May 30**

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

**Thursday, May 18**

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

**Wednesday, May 31**

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



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