

Currently Serving at Woodland Presbyterian Church:

Rev. Gloria Bolden Moderator
Michelle Hopkins Clerk
Robin Fox Assistant Clerk
Kristy H. Walker Treasurer
Mr. Kevin Homesley Minister of Music
Jatoya Lee Administrative Assistant

Announcements for Woodland

• Upcoming Meetings and Events

Saturday, June 3 Church Clean Up 9am-1pm;
Open Registration for Summer Camp 10am-1pm
Sunday, June 11 Deadline for Submitting Graduates to Deacon Brodie
Sunday, June 18 Father's Day

• Deacons to Serve on June 4th, 2023

Juanita H. & Gwen P. Offering
Brenda H. & Aundray P. Communion

All Officers are reminded to please wear white attire on Communion Sunday

• Church Clean Up

We are planning to have our church clean up on Saturday, **June 3rd** from 9am to 1pm! We are asking for helping hands to participate in our spring cleaning project! Please bring your garden tools!

• 4th Pastoral Anniversary for Elder Rickyto Stowe

You are cordially invited to come help us celebrate the 4th Pastoral Anniversary of our Leader, Elder Rickyto Stowe. Saturday, June 10th at 4pm and Sunday, **June 11th** at 11:30am at First Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church in Metter, GA. On Saturday, we will have a Pre-Celebration Musical with choirs and soloists from NC, SC, and GA. On Sunday, we will have Rev. Alexander Gibson, Executive Pastor of Lundy Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Macon, GA as our guest speaker. Please come out and help us celebrate our Pastor and first family. For additional information, please contact 980-263-4737.

"Let the Elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine." 1 Timothy 5: 17

• Graduation Sunday

"Listen to advice and accept instruction, so you might grow wise in the future. Many plans are in a person's mind, but the Lord's purpose will succeed." Proverbs 19:20-21

Graduation Sunday is a celebration for all Woodland graduates of 2023. We will honor both high school and college graduates on Sunday, **June 25** during morning worship with a procession. All graduates will wear their regalia for this occasion. If you are a baptized or active member of Woodland Presbyterian Church and would like to be recognized on Graduation Sunday, please submit your name to Diane Brodie or call 704-712-6011 no later than June 11th. **Please note that June 11th is the last day to submit graduates to Deacon Brodie.**

• Scholarships for Presbyterian Students

Austin College announces the largest single gift in the College's history, a \$20 million bequest from the estate of Clifford J. Grum. The gift will fully fund the Westminster Scholarship Program for Presbyterian students to attend Austin College with full tuition paid beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year, for any student on the membership roll of a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation.

The fund will additionally cover room and board for children of PC(USA) clergy and staff. For information, contact the Office of Admission: admission@austincollege.edu.

• Open Registration for Summer Enrichment Camp

Summer Enrichment Camp is ready to blast off! If you have not yet had a chance to register your child for camp, come out on **June 3rd** for Open Registration at Woodland from **10am-1pm!**

All registered campers are asked to stop by the church to pick up their welcome packets and parent handbooks. Please plan to stop by to make our first day of camp run smoothly.

Currently Serving at Paw Creek Presbyterian Church:

Elliott Hipp Pastor
Donna Hall Clerk of Session
Danny McClure Treasurer
Andy Cumbow Director of Music
Mark Burleson Pianist
Clint Shaw Videography Coordinator
Kim Whittington Administrative Assistant / Webmaster

Announcements for Paw Creek

• Upcoming Events at Paw Creek

Monday, May 29 Church Office Closed—Memorial Day
Sunday, June 4 Graduation Sunday

• Upcoming Sermon Titles & Scriptures

Sunday, June 4 "The Authority of Teachers" (Matthew 7:21-29)
Sunday, June 11 "Go!" (Genesis 12:1-9)

• Sunday School News - There will be no Sunday school classes from **June 4—July 7.**

• Summer Combined Sunday School—We will have Summer Combined Sunday School for children, youth and adults in the CFC from: **July 9 – Aug 27** We will be viewing The Chosen – Season 2 "Blessed Are the Chosen" The Chosen series is based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialogue have been added. These videos are suitable for both children, youth and adults. The time schedule is: 9:15 am - Prayer time in the CFC ; 9:30am – 10:30am - Summer Combined Sunday School Class in the CFC. If you are unable to attend all of the sessions, the series is available free on The Chosen App, YouTube, Amazon, Netflix and other streaming networks. Please contact Jan Chapman for more information. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

• Stitches for Missions New Project: 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.)

• 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.

• The Rev. Gary Bryant Memorial Prayer Garden Brick Pavers—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 are available in the Narthex, Church Office and Website.

• Online Giving—Paw Creek has Online Giving for the convenience of church members and our friends who worship with us. Please go to our website at www.pawcreekpc.org and follow the link on the home page. For those who like to use mobile apps, you can download the app: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church.



Pentecost

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL PENTECOST CELEBRATION

WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1868

PAW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1809

May 28, 2023

Paw Creek, NC

Service For The Lord's Day

The Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

Eleven O'clock

Welcome into God's House (responsive)

Leader: "The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5)
Congregation: **Praise be to you, Lord Christ!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude "Holy Spirit Rain Down" Russell Fragar

Introit "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" arr. Larry Shackley
Paw Creek Choir

Call to Worship (Joel 2)

The word of the Lord to the prophet:
"I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old shall dream dreams
and your young shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit."

***Hymn 408** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news. Through the power of your Spirit, may all the world unite in one song of praise. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song: "Wa Emimimo" (Hymn 283)
**Come, O Holy Spirit, come;
Come, almighty Spirit, come;
Come, come, come.**

Welcome and Announcements from our Congregations

The Story of Pentecost Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Choir Anthem "How Great is Our God"
Woodland Choir

Old Testament Reading Numbers 11: 16, 24-30

The LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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

***Hymn 291** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Sermon Outside the Tent

Litany for Pentecost

Leader: Heaven is here, and earth, and the Holy Spirit of Pentecost lifts us as one people: one with Christ, one with ancestors, one with saints yet unborn.

Congregation: **Lift every voice and sing.**

Leader: Heaven is here, and earth, and we praise God, the Ancient of Days; for God has made us one people – created in the image of God and chosen that we may be a blessing.

Congregation: **Till earth and heaven ring.**

Leader: Heaven is here, and earth, and we praise God, the Ancient of Days; for God has seen the hearts of our ancestors. From their sins and their sufferings; from their strivings and the moments when they saw glimpses of Truth, God has shaped for us a heritage that is our birthright.

Congregation: **Ring with the harmonies of liberty.**

Leader: Heaven is here, and earth, and we praise the living Christ, for his gracious redemption makes possible a new dawn and beckons us to place our hope in generations who will come after us to build a world that we cannot imagine.

Congregation: **Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies.**

Leader: Heaven is here, and earth, and we call to the Holy Spirit of Pentecost to bless the memory of our forebears, those whose names are lost and those whose names are known, and thus prosper the work of our hands in this day.

Congregation: **Let it resound, loud as the rolling sea.**

Giving of Tithes And Offerings

Gifts for either Congregations may be placed in the baskets at the front of the Church.

Offertory "God's Gotta Blessing"
Woodland and Paw Creek Choirs

*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)

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, so that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn 339** "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*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 "Wade in the Water" arr. Gary Norian

***Those who are able, please stand**

We remain seated during the Postlude so that all may enjoy the blessing of music, both in the sanctuary and on live-stream.

After the Postlude, please join us for lunch in the Christian Fellowship Center.