

Service For The Lord's Day

First Sunday after Pentecost
Graduation Sunday

June 4, 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 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" arr. Aaron Williams

Choral Introit "Trinity Chant" Dustin Shelton

Call to Worship (Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;
Therefore we will not fear –
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***Hymn 664** "Morning Has Broken"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Lord God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, so that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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

Choir Anthem "All Creatures of Our God and King" Hal Hopson

Scripture Lessons

Epistle Reading Romans 3: 22-26

For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7: 21-29

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?' Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.' "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell – and great was its fall!" Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

***Hymn 632** "People of the Lord"

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

Sermon *The Authority of Teachers*

Recognition of our Graduates

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. Lloyd Larson

*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.**

Prayers of God's People

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with The Lord's Prayer, in unison

*** Hymn 832** "Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

*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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. John Rippon

*Those who are able, please stand



Congratulations to Paw Creek's Graduates!

Zoe Mathews -High School

Zoe graduated from Mountain Island Charter School on May 25, 2023. She will attend North Carolina State University in the fall of 2023, majoring in Biochemistry. She wants to become an epidemiologist. The COVID-19 pandemic sparked an interest in infectious diseases – something she never before considered. She became fascinated with how COVID-19 spread, the economic and social impacts of it, the political responses to it and the development of treatments and vaccines. She is not certain exactly what she wants to research in this field, but definitely wants to help prevent and/or lessen the impact future pandemics.

Zac McDonald - High School

Zachary (Zac) McDonald is graduating from Hawthorne Military and Global Leadership Academy, a CMS magnet school. He is completing the Public Safety and Law Enforcement track. He will graduate as a Captain in the Army JROTC program where he's been in Color Guard for 4 years, commanded the drill team for 2 years, and has earned numerous ribbons and medals for service and performance. Zac has also participated in CMPD's Explorer program for 4 years, where he's learned the basics of law enforcement, participated in their community service events, and gained practical experience in being a police officer. In the Fall, he will attend CPCC and major in Criminal Justice. He's then hoping to attend UNCC to complete his Bachelor's degree. After that he will apply to the CMPD Police Academy with hopes of one day being a K-9 Officer. Zac enjoys woodworking, welding, and scuba diving during his non-student hours.

Amelia Krebs - Associate's Degree

Amelia graduated in May, 2023 with an Associates Degree in General Studies in Art from Southwest Virginia Community College. In the fall, she plans to attend the College of History and Interdisciplinary Studies at Norfolk State University.

Grace Kenley—Bachelor's Degree

Grace graduated May 12, 2023 with Bachelor's in Instructional Studies/ Minor in Special Education. She has been offered a job with Burke County Schools at Icard Elementary.

Max Sudderth - Bachelor's Degree

Max graduated May 4 from NC State with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering. His senior mechanical engineering design class won first place in their project. They designed a broom handle that could be used in prisons that would not be made into a weapon. They used rolled up paper with wax coating.

Alexis Tyler - Bachelor's Degree

Alexis graduated from University of North Carolina at Greensboro with Bachelors in Business Administration with a concentration in Business Studies.

Emily Cathey - Doctorate in Medicine

Emily graduated medical school on May 20, 2023 from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine with a degree in Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) with Interprofessional Honors. During school she was president of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association and Parliamentarian of the Student Government Association among other activities. After graduation she will be staying in Maine and pursuing a residency in Internal Medicine/Pediatrics at Maine Medical Center in Portland, ME.

Heather Hall Ramsey - Doctorate in Education

L. Heather Hall Ramsey graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on May 12, 2023, as a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership. For her dissertation, she researched how K-12 classroom teachers educate their students on responsible internet and social media use. This is her fourth degree from Charlotte, where she previously graduated with a BA in Elementary Education ('05), and master's degrees in Reading Education ('09) and Learning, Design and Technology ('16). She currently works at The Fletcher School, a school for students with learning differences such as dyslexia and ADHD. She serves as the Director of Educational Technology and supports teachers in the integration of technology in the classroom. She also teaches online courses in the Learning, Design and Technology department at UNC Charlotte.

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, June 11

"Go!"

Genesis 12: 1-9

Graduation Sunday

We will celebrate **Graduation Sunday Today**. Cookies and lemonade to be served after service in the west wing.

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.

Sunday School News

June 4-July 2: There are no Sunday School classes. During these weeks we will have prayer time in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

July 9-August 27 – Summer Combined Sunday School CFC:

9:15 a.m. – Prayer time in the CFC
9:30 – 10:30 - Summer Sunday School lesson in the CFC – We will view:

The Chosen video series – Season 2 – Blessed Are the Chosen

These videos are suitable for both children, youth and adults.

July 9 - Lesson 1: The Poor in Spirit and the sons of thunder

We look forward to seeing you this summer!
Christian Education Committee

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

PastorElliott Hipp
Director of Music..... Andrew Cumbow
Pianist.....Mark Burleson
Administrative Assistant / Webmaster Kim Whittington
Videography Coordinator.....Clint Shaw

The Session

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Class of 2023

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Class of 2024

Gene Hall
Jim Pinkston
David Turner

Class of 2025

Donna Hall
Eddie McArver
Amy McGee
Joy Tyler

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Fellowship: Sam McCord / Donna Hall
Outreach: Celia Gray / Amy McGee
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Sunday School Officers: Sarah Kendrick / Jim Stogner

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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, June 4

***Graduation Sunday**

11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger
12:00pm Cookies/Lemonade in West Wing

Tuesday, June 6

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 7

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

Monday, June 19

***Church Office Closed**

Tuesday, June 20

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 21

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, June 22

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

Sunday, June 25

11:00am Worship

Monday, June 26

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, June 27

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, June 28

***Newsletter**
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, June 29

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

Sunday, July 2

11:00am Worship

Monday, July 3

***Church Office Closed**

Tuesday, July 4

***Church Office Closed**
9:00am Coulwood July 4th Parade



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