

## Service For The Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

Eleven O'clock

### Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!  
Congregation: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**  
Leader: With joy let us enter this holy place, and surely the Spirit of God will meet us here. With gladness let us worship, sing and pray, for we are baptized people and all the promises of God are ours.  
Congregation: **Alleluia!**

### Chimes of the Trinity

#### Prelude

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Doris Akers

### Call to Worship (Psalm 66)

Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.  
Come now and see the works of God,  
Bless our God, you peoples;  
make the voice of praise to be heard;  
how wonderful are God's actions toward all people.

### \*Hymn 385

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

### Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Response in Song "Kum ba Yah" Hymn 472  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, yum ba yah! (3x)  
O Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's praying Lord, yum ba yah! (3x)  
O Lord, kum ba yah!

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Solo Anthem

"Amazing Grace" arr. James Michael Stevens  
Susan Bandel, Flute

## Scripture Lessons

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 13: 1-9

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

### Old Testament Reading

Genesis 25: 19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

### \*Hymn 441

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

### Sermon

*Whose Side is God On?*

## \*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 "On that Day When I Cross the Mighty Sea" James Michael Stevens  
Susan Bandel, Flute

\*Doxology "Old Hundredth" (Hymn 606)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

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 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

## \*Charge and Benediction

\*Response in Song "Standing on the Promises" Hymn 838 (refrain)

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

## Postlude

"Foundation with Solid Rock" arr. Bonnie Barrett

\*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, July 23**

"A Thin Place"  
Genesis 28: 10-19

**Sunday, July 30**

"An Eye for Treasure"  
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

**Scholarship Application**

Each year the Presbyterian Women of Paw Creek Church offer our young adults (18-23) who are enrolled in or plan to attend a college, university, or technical institution a modest scholarship to help with the cost of their education. Applicants may apply twice for this yearly scholarship.

Application forms for the scholarship are found in the Narthex, Church Office and our Website. \*Please provide proof of admission to the college, university, or technical institution that you will be or are attending when you submit your application. **The deadline to apply for a scholarship is July 31.** For questions please contact Karen Turner.

**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.

**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](http://www.pawcreekpc.org) and follow the link on the home page.

For those who like to use mobile apps, you can download the **new app: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church.

**Sunday School News**

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

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

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

**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:** 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, July 16**  
9:15am Prayer in the CFC  
9:30am Combined Sunday School  
10:30am Men's Choir Practice  
11:00am Worship

**Tuesday, July 18**  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Wednesday, July 19**  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

**Thursday, July 20**  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Sunday, July 23**  
9:15am Prayer in the CFC  
9:30am Combined Sunday School  
10:30am Men's Choir Practice  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, July 24**  
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, July 25**  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Wednesday, July 26**  
**\*Newsletter**  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

**Thursday, July 27**  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Sunday, July 30**  
9:15am Prayer in the CFC  
9:30am Combined Sunday School  
10:30am Men's Choir Practice  
11:00am Worship

**Tuesday, August 1**  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Wednesday, August 2**  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

**Sunday, August 6**  
9:15am Combined Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

**Tuesday, August 8**  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Wednesday, August 9**  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

**Thursday, August 10**  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Sunday, August 13**  
9:15am Combined Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Tuesday, August 15**  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Wednesday, August 16**  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

**Thursday, August 17**  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Saturday, August 19**  
10:30am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, August 20**  
9:15am Combined Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, August 21**  
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline



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