

Service For The Lord's Day

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 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

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

arr. Jim Lucas

Call to Worship (Psalm 138)

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things

*Hymn 394

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness; but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in you. Through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

"Blessings"

Laura Story

Larry Ramsey, Soloist

Scripture Lessons

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13: 24-30

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 28: 10-19

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 702

"Christ Be Beside Me"

Sermon

A Thin Place

*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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Robert D. Vandall

Piano duet with Julian Lewis

*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 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

*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

"Fugue in C Major"

George Frideric Handel

*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 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, July 30

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

Sunday, August 6

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"The Power of Compassion"
Matthew 14: 13-21

Guest Musician

We would like to welcome Julian Lewis as our guest pianist today. Julian graduated with a Master's Degree in Music Education from Austin Peay University in 2012. He currently is a Music Teacher in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System.

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.

Sunday School News

July 9-August 27 – Summer Combined Sunday School CFC

Paw Creek Presbyterian Women

Hi Ladies!
The coordinating team has begun preparing materials for the 2023 - 2024 Circle year.
If you have had a change in your contact information, or if you would prefer large print literature, please contact Karen Turner at knoturner@gmail.com

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 **new app: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church.

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Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

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

Tuesday, August 22
9:00am Cardio Fitness

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12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 24
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, August 27
9:15am Combined Sunday School
11:00am Worship



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