

Service For The Lord's Day

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

Eleven O'clock

Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me . . .

Congregation: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**

Leader: Within the gates of God's holy city, we gather this day to claim the joy, the peace and the safe rest of the children of the Most High. Let us rejoice in God's holy gifts.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude

"Sanctuary"

arr. Carol Tornquist

Choral Introit

"You Are Mine"

David Haas

Call to Worship (Psalm 67)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon the earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

*Hymn 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song: "Calm to the Waves" Hymn 184
**Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

"Psalm 46"

Hal Hopson

Scripture Lessons

Responsive

Psalm 67

Leader: O God, be merciful to us and bless us; show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Congregation: **Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Congregation: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase; may God, our own God, bless us.

Congregation: **O God, give us your blessing; may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to you, O God.**

*Hymn 329

"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

Sermon

Conformity is for Losers

*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

"Be Still and Know"

arr. Marilyn Ham

*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 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song

"I Come with Joy"

Hymn 515

**Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one**

Postlude

"Down to the River to Pray"

arr. Anna Laura Page

*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, August 27

"Peter Gets it Right"
Matthew 16: 13-20

Sunday, September 3

"Peter Gets it Wrong"
Matthew 16: 21-28

The Church Triumphant

Joe Troutman - entered into Eternal Rest on August 5, 2023

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

CMPD Active Shooter Training

We will have an Active Shooter Training on **Sunday, August 27** after worship in the Sanctuary. The Property Committee has arranged this class for members of the congregation to understand how to prepare for and respond to dangerous situations during church gatherings. The class will be taught by a local police officer and will last about 2 hours. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Sam McCord or Eddie Chapman for more information.

Christmas in Paw Creek

Arts and Crafts Fair
Sponsored by Troop 70

Saturday, November 18, 2023
8:00 am—2:00 pm

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church—CFC
Breakfast / Barbeque sold by Scout Troop 70

If interested in a booth, Please call Jan McClure at (704) 394-8481

PCPW Circle Meetings

September is fast approaching and so is a new year for Paw Creek Presbyterian Women. We have two active Circles at Paw Creek that meet on the first Tuesday of each month from September through May. If you are not currently in a Circle, we encourage you to join us! We enjoy wonderful fellowship and Bible study in a small group setting. This year's Bible study is 'Sacred Encounters' by Olive Mahabir. In this study, we will see Jesus and the disciples as they share the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

This year we will begin our meetings in our regular Circle groups on **September 5th**.

Go and Grow Circle - Tuesday Morning at 10:00AM in the Parlor

Life Seekers - Tuesday Evening at 7:00PM in the parlor

We look forward to seeing you and sharing delightful fellowship as we study God's word.

Scout Open House

The Scout Open House will take place Tuesday, **August 29th** at 6:30 pm in the CFC. Any boys or girls from kindergarten through age 17 who are interested are welcome to come enjoy a night of fun and games.

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

PastorElliott 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

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Class of 2024

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Class of 2025

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Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Karen Turner

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Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo
Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

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

Wednesday, August 23

*Newsletter
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
12:00 Active Shooter Training

Tuesday, August 29

9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Scout Open House

Wednesday, August 30

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 30

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, September 3

10:30am Prayer in the Chapel
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

Monday, September 4

*Church Office Closed, Happy Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 5

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, September 6

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, September 7

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, September 10

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, September 12

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, September 13

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 9/17 & 9/24

Thursday, September 14

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Saturday, September 16

10:00am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, September 17

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / PW Blanket Sunday

Monday, September 18

*Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 19

*Church Office Closed
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, September 20

*Church Office Closed



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