

Service For The Lord's Day

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

arr. Bill Wolaver

Choral Introit

"You Are Mine"

David Haas

Call to Worship (Psalm 105)

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

*Hymn 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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

"Here, O My Lord, I See You" William M. Shoenfeld

The words of the anthem are found at Hymn 517

Scripture Lessons

Epistle Reading

Romans 12: 9-13

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16: 21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Peter Gets it Wrong

*Hymn 517

"Here, O Our Lord, We See You" verses 1, 2 & 4

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

*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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

arr. Chris Rice

*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.**

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)

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

* Hymn 826

"Lift High the Cross"

*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

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

arr. Jason Tonioli

*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, September 10

"Jesus Is Enough"
Matthew 18: 15-20

Sunday, September 17

"The Elusive Gift of Freedom"
Exodus 14: 21-29

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts is going to Riverbend Creamery **Wednesday, Sept 13.**

We will leave the church at 10:00, so be there at 9:50. Cost is \$13, this includes the tour, 1 scoop of ice cream and gas for the church bus. We will stop @ BBQ King in Boger City for lunch on the way back.

Deadline to sign up is Monday, Sept 11.

Please contact Vicki Ramsey (704)281-2836 to sign up or if you have any questions.

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.

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

Please join Presbyterian Women for their Annual Fall Gathering on Saturday, **September 9** at Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church (USA) 5125 Mt. Olive Church Rd., Charlotte, NC 28278

Registration and Fellowship will begin at 8:30am with Leadership Connection Workshops from 9:00-9:55am. Bible Study will start at 10:00am with the 2023-2024 Horizons Bible Study entitled "Sacred Encounters"

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

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Sam McCord	Jim Pinkston	Eddie McArver
Debbie Taylor	David Turner	Amy McGee
Barbara Ullem		Joy Tyler

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Worship: David Turner / Debbie Taylor
Resource Team: Jim Pinkston
Administration: Eddie McArver
Finance: Gene Hall
Property: Sam McCord
Cemetery Superintendent: Phillip McCord

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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, 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**
10:00am Bible Study Starts Back
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, September 21
***Church Office Closed**
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, September 24
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:00pm Congregational Meeting

Monday, September 25
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, September 26
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, September 27
***Newsletter**
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, September 28
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness



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