

Service For The Lord's Day

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

Eleven O'clock

Our musical selections today come from many parts of the world, and are all taken from the Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*. The Congregation is invited to join the choir in singing throughout the service.

Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Congregation: **Who made heaven and earth.**
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
Congregation: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**
Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
Congregation: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Mark Hayes

Choral Introit—Hymn 328 "Praise God, All You Nations" Ghana

Call to Worship (Psalm 117)

Praise the LORD, all you nations;
give praise, all you peoples.
For the loving-kindness of the LORD toward us is great,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Hallelujah!

***Hymn 742** "We Will Walk with God" Swaziland

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Grant, O merciful God, that your church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song - Hymn 585 Peru
"Glory to God"

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Lessons

Reading from the Torah Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

***Hymn 81** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" Austria

Sermon *The Elusive Gift of Water*

*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 Anthem—Hymn 591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" Caribbean

*Doxology Genevan Psalter

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: Hymn 594—El Salvador
"Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy"

The Lord's Prayer
The Words of the Institution
Congregational Anthem—Hymn 527 Taizé Community—France
"Eat This Bread"

The 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 538** "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" South Africa

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song—Hymn 549 China
"May the Love of the Lord"

Postlude "Blessed Assurance" Crosby and Knapp

*Those who are able, please stand

Upcoming Sermon Titles & Scriptures

Sunday, October 8
"Grasping After Gold"
Exodus 32: 1-6

Sunday, October 15
Homecoming Sunday
"A Refuge, A Shelter, A Feast"
Isaiah 25: 1, 4-9

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.

Sunday School News

Weekly Sunday school classes began on September 10 and are off to a good start! Sunday School from 9:45-10:30.

Please join us on Sunday, October 29, for a 5th Sunday Combined Sunday School Class in the CFC.

Adults and children will gather for:

Fellowship Breakfast 9:00-9:30

Prayer Time 9:30-9:45

Combined class 9:45-10:30. Rev. Joseph Jumper will be our teacher.

Thank you, Christian Education Committee.

New Session Members Elected

At the Congregational Meeting on September 24, the following elders were elected to serve on Session:

Class of 2026 (3 year terms): Dickie Chapman, Debbie McCord, Ken Scott and Debbie Taylor
Class of 2024 (1 year term): Jim Stogner

Later in the fall the Session will examine them for service, and they will be installed to office in early January.

Many thanks to those who have agreed to service, and to the members of the 2023 Nominating Committee: Gene Hall, Amy McGee, Paul Bradley, Riley Moore and Judy Pinkston

5th Friday Festivities

September 29th at 6:30pm in CFC

Join the Fellowship Committee on Friday, **September 29th** at 6:30 in the CFC for food, games, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sam McCord (980-322-8512) or Donna Hall (704-502-3853) with a headcount by Wednesday, September 27th.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Homecoming Sunday

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church
October 15th

Join us for Worship at 11:00

All Friends and Family are invited!

Potluck Luncheon after worship service
Chicken, Ham and Drinks will be provided
Please bring a dish and a memory to share.

Special Presentation by the Daughters of the American Revolution

Members of the DAR will visit Paw Creek on Homecoming Day, October 15 to dedicate memorials to two Revolutionary soldiers who are buried in our Cemetery:

- General Michael McLeary, who also served the community after the war as a State Senator and civic leader
- Private Adam Todd, a young soldier who went on after the war to become an active member of the local community

Descendants of both families are cordially invited to join us for Homecoming and lunch in the CFC. The dedication ceremony will take place at 2:00 pm in the Cemetery and is open to everyone.

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

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

Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey
 Backpack Buddies: Jane McArver, Belinda Springs & Teresa Painter
 Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 1

9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am World Communion Sunday / 10¢ Hunger

Tuesday, October 3

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, October 4

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
 5:30pm CCC

Thursday, October 5

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

Sunday, October 8

9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship

Monday, October 9

***Church Office Closed**

Tuesday, October 10

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, October 11

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
 5:30pm CCC

Thursday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 15

9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship / Homecoming Sunday

Tuesday, October 17

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, October 18

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

Thursday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 21

10:00am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, October 22

9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship

Monday, October 23

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, October 24

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, October 25

***Newsletter**

10:00am Bible Study
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
 5:30pm CCC

Thursday, October 26

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

Sunday, October 29

9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship

Tuesday, October 31

9:00am Cardio Fitness



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