

Service For The Lord's Day

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 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

"Oceans"

arr. Carol Tornquist

Choral Introit

"I Love You Lord"

Hymn 627, Laurie Klein

Call to Worship (Psalm 116)

Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

And how shall we repay the Lord
for all the good things God has done for us?

Let us lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.

*Hymn 52

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

God of mercy: Help us to forgive, as you have forgiven us. Help us to trust you, even when hope is failing. Help us to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song: Rain Down (Hymn 48)

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

Welcome and Announcements

Choir Anthem

"Promised Land"

Natalie Sleeth

Scripture Lessons

Responsive

Psalm 114

Leader: Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Congregation: **Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel God's dominion.**

Leader: The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.

Congregation: **The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.**

Leader: What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

Congregation: **You mountains, that you skipped like rams? you little hills like young sheep?**

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Congregation: **who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

Reading from the Torah

Exodus 14: 21-29

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

*Hymn 476

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

Sermon

The Elusive Gift of Freedom

*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.

Reception of New Members - Reid Griffin and Neecho Mosby

Giving of Tithes and Offerings—Blanket Sunday

Offertory

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. Janice Faber

*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 Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer, in unison*

* Hymn 339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song

"Go, My Children"

Hymn 547

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Postlude

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

arr. John Rippon

*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 24

"The Elusive Gift of Bread"
Exodus 16: 9-15

Sunday, October 1

World Communion Day / Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"The Elusive Gift of Water"
Exodus 17: 1-7

**Fifth Friday
Food, Fellowship, & Fun**

The Fellowship Committee will host 5th Friday on **September 29th** at 6:30pm. There will be Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Slaw and Desserts. There will also be games. Please let Sam McCord or Donna Hall know if you will attend.

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

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, **September 24** after worship to hear the report and recommendations of the 2023 Nominating Committee. The Committee will nominate Dickie Chapman, Debbie McCord, Ken Scott and Debbie Taylor to serve on the Session in the Class of 2026, and Jim Stogner for a one year term in the class of 2024.

Service of Ordination

The Presbytery of Charlotte will ordain Joseph Jumper to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, **September 24**, 2:00 pm at Myers Park Presbyterian Church. All are invited to the service of ordination.

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 Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey
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 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
6:30pm Choir Practice

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
6:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, September 29

6:30pm 5th Fridays

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



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