

Service For The Lord's Day

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Homecoming Sunday

October 15, 2023

Eleven O'clock

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 "Revive Us Again" arr. Mary McDonald

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

Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and sing in the presence of God.
Know that the Lord alone is God;
we belong to the Lord who made us,
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture
For good is the Lord, whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures forever.

***Hymn 645** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

O God, you have made heaven and earth and all that is good; and in Jesus Christ you show us that the secret of joy is a heart set free from selfish desires. Help us to delight in simple things and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Response in Song "We Will Walk with God" (Hymn 742)
**We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem "Joy in the Morning" Natalie Sleeth

Scripture Lessons

Epistle Reading **Philippians 4: 4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reading from Prophecy **Isaiah 25: 1, 4-9**

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

You have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

***Hymn 687** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Sermon *A Refuge, A Shelter, A Feast*

*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 "Amazing Grace with Chopin Etude in E Major" arr. Mark Hayes

*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 840** "When Peace like a River"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song "May the Love of the Lord" (Hymn 549)

**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

Postlude "Soon and Very Soon" Andrae Crouch

*Those who are able, please stand

Today is Homecoming Sunday at Paw Creek. As we do every Sunday, **We Welcome You, just as God has Welcomed Us.** Whether you are here for the first time, or for too many times to count, please know that we rejoice to be together on this day.

After worship there are two events to which everyone is invited:

- Homecoming Luncheon in the Christian Fellowship Center
- DAR Ceremony at 2:00 pm to honor two Paw Creek members who were soldiers in the American Revolution and are buried in our cemetery: Michael McLeary and Adam Todd, Sr. We are especially pleased to welcome descents of the McLeary and Todd families!

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, October 22

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Fred Rose

Sunday, October 29

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Joseph Jumper

Pastor's Schedule

Elliott and Nell will be on vacation **October 16 - 29**.

If pastoral needs arise during this time, please contact any member of the Session.

News from Congregational Care

Here are a few needs:

- Volunteers to stay in the Nursery on an as needed basis.
- Special Friends List (Those who are unable to attend Church on a regular basis) and would like to receive visits
- Volunteers to serve on Visiting Teams for Special Friends

Please contact Joy Tyler (704-399-8040) or the Church Office if you would like to be added to any of these groups

Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts is going to Historic Brattonsville (McConnells, SC) Thursday, **Nov 2nd**. We will **leave the church at 10:15**. Cost is \$13.

Deadline to sign up is Monday, Oct 30th.

Please contact Jan Chapman (704) 608-2283 or Vicki Ramsey (704)281-2836 for more info

We are also in need of some great door prizes for our January BINGO/Soup lunch. Start collecting now! You can give your donations to Karen Turner or Vicki Ramsey. Look for more information about this fun event in December.

Christmas in Paw Creek

Saturday, **November 18, 2023**

8:00 am—2:00 pm

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

Backpack Buddies News

A new school term has begun and so will our support for Backpack Buddies at River Oaks Elementary. The school is very excited and grateful that we are continuing this support for their students. The need is great this year and they have requested help for 15 students who are from families of great need.

The Presbyterian Women are requesting help in delivery of the backpack goods to the school each Friday, beginning October 6th. If you are interested in assisting with delivery, please email or text Teresa Painter or see her at Church to signup.

Thank you so much for your help with this mission. The little ones are always the ones who are affected the most by poverty. In the tradition of Paw Creek to help those in need, please help us to continue support for this mission.

Sunday School News

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.

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	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Celia Gray	Gene Hall	Donna Hall
Sam McCord	Jim Pinkston	Eddie McArver
Debbie Taylor	David Turner	Amy McGee
Barbara Ullem		Joy Tyler

Mission Team: Debbie Taylor	Resource Team: Jim Pinkston
Christian Education: Barbara Ullem	Administration: Eddie McArver
Congregational Care: Joy Tyler	Finance: Gene Hall
Fellowship: Sam McCord / Donna Hall	Property: Sam McCord
Outreach: Celia Gray / Amy McGee	Cemetery Superintendent: Phillip McCord
Worship: David Turner / Debbie Taylor	

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, October 15 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship / Homecoming Sunday	Thursday, October 26 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Cardio Fitness 6:30pm Choir Practice
Monday, October 16 6:30pm Girl Scouts	Sunday, October 29 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship / Guest: Rev. Joseph Jumper
Tuesday, October 17 9:00am Cardio Fitness	Monday, October 9 6:30pm Girl Scouts
Wednesday, October 18 *No Bible Study 5:30pm CCC	Tuesday, October 31 9:00am Cardio Fitness
Thursday, October 19 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Cardio Fitness 6:30pm Choir Practice	Wednesday, November 1 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm CCC
Saturday, October 21 10:00am Stitches for Missions	Thursday, November 2 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Cardio Fitness 10:15am Happy Hearts—Historic Brattonsville 6:30pm Choir Practice
Sunday, October 22 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship / Guest: Rev. Fred Rose	Sunday, November 5 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper /10¢ /All Saints'
Monday, October 23 12:00pm Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm Girl Scouts	Monday, November 6 6:30pm Girl Scouts
Tuesday, October 24 9:00am Cardio Fitness	Tuesday, November 7 9:00am Cardio Fitness 10:00am PW Go & Grow Circle Meeting 7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle Meeting
Wednesday, October 25 *Newsletter *No Bible Study 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm CCC	



**PAW CREEK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

October 15, 2023

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Paw Creek Presbyterian Church
Would like to invite you to

Veteran's Day Celebration

Join us for morning worship
Sunday, **November 12th** at 11 am
Congregational Lunch Immediately
following service

RSVP: 704-392-0329
pawcreekpc.org

-Or tear off below and drop in offering plate-

Name: _____
Attending: _____