

## Service For The Lord's Day

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### Recognition of our Veterans

November 12, 2023

Eleven O'clock

### Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever.

To this place where God gives us comfort and courage, let us bring our sorrows and our laughter so that we may be nourished in the resurrection hope of Jesus Christ.

Congregation: **Amen.**

### Chimes of the Trinity

#### Prelude

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

arr. Phillip Keveren

#### Choral Introit

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

Hymn 656

### Call to Worship (Psalm 72)

Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be God's glorious name forever!

May all the earth be filled with the glory of the LORD.

Amen and Amen.

### \*Hymn 331

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

### Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**O God, your blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us your children and heirs of eternal life. Having hope in you, may we purify ourselves as he is pure, so that when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom. For there he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Response in Song

"Give Thanks" ( Hymn 647)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;**

**give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ the Son. (repeat)**

**And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for!" Give thanks. (repeat)**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Anthem

"True Light"

Keith Hampton

### Scripture Lesson

#### Old Testament Reading

**Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

#### Gospel Reading

**Matthew 25: 1-13**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### \*Hymn 350

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

### Sermon

*A Kingdom of Anticipation*

## \*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.

## Celebration and Thanks for our Veterans

### Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Hymn to the Fallen" (from *Saving Private Ryan*) John Williams

\*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 340

"This Is My Song"

## \*Charge and Benediction

\*Response in Song

"When the Saints go Marching In"

**O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in,**

**O Lord I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.**

## Postlude

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

arr. Mark Hayes

\*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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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, November 19**

**Pledge Sunday**

"A Kingdom of Bounty"  
Matthew 25: 14-30

**Thursday, November 23**

**Thanksgiving Day**

8am Service

**Sunday, November 26**

"A Kingdom of Welcome"  
Matthew 25: 31-46

**Thanksgiving Boxes**

Charlotte Rescue Mission sponsors Thanksgiving boxes as one of their outreach programs. If you would like to participate, **Please see the latest Newsletter for purchase details.** Once you have your box ready, you can bring it to church on or before **November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**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

**Queen City Ringers Presents**

"Christmas Bells Are Ringing"  
A Holiday Handbell Concert  
Saturday, **December 2**  
4:00-5:30pm  
Cook's Church  
3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road  
Love Offering will be collected  
[gcr.weebly.com](http://gcr.weebly.com)  
[www.cookschurch.org](http://www.cookschurch.org)

**Angel Tree Project**

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring the 2023 Angel Tree Project through East Lincoln Christian Ministries in Denver, NC. Barbara Rumble volunteered here for many years & Paw Creek youth volunteered with her during Youth Missions Week. Supporting the Angel Tree Project will be a fantastic way to support families in need during Christmas as well as honor Barbara.

140 families were served last year for Christmas. Currently there are requests for over 400 gifts. Each family member can request 3 gifts each costing no more than \$25 each. Gifts are provided for children up to age 16, adults over 70 and anyone of any age receiving disability benefits. Food is also provided, but they do not distribute money to families. This organization involves many churches of differing denominations and works throughout the year providing assistance to people in Lincoln County.

Angel tags are now available and are **due by November 19<sup>th</sup>** with the Angel tag taped to each gift. Please DO NOT wrap gifts.

If you have any questions, please contact Celia Gray (704) 756-9697 or Amy McGee (704) 578-3908

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Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, November 12**  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / Veteran's Sunday

**Monday, November 13**  
\*Church Office Closed  
6:30pm Stated Session Meeting  
6:30pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday, November 14**  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, November 15**  
10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, November 16**  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Choir Practice

**Saturday, November 18**  
8:00am Christmas in Paw Creek

**Sunday, November 19**  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, November 20**  
\*Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, November 21**  
\*Church Office Closed  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Wednesday, November 22**  
\*Church Office Closed  
**Thursday, November 23**  
\*Church Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving!  
8:00am Thanksgiving Service

**Sunday, November 26**  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00amWorship

**Monday, November 27**  
12:00pmNewsletter Deadline  
6:30pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday, November 28**  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, November 29**  
\*Newsletter  
10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

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

**Sunday, December 3**  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger



*Veterans Day*

**PAW CREEK  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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