

Service For The Lord's Day

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 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

"Simple Gifts"

arr. Jason Tonioli

Choral Introit

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

Hymn 656

Call to Worship (Psalm 147)

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

how pleasant it is to honor the Lord with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem

and gathers the exiles of Israel.

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;

praise your God, O Zion.

*Hymn 385

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short mortal lives and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

Frederick Chatfield

Julia Charette, Guest Conductor

Scripture Lesson

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Hymn 716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Sermon

A Kingdom of Bounty

*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 and 2024 Pledges

Offertory

"In Heaven's Eyes"

Phill McHugh

Reid Mosby-Griffin, Soloist

*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 612

"We Praise You, O God"

*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

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

*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

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

8am Service

Sunday, November 26

"A Kingdom of Welcome"

Matthew 25: 31-46

Sunday, December 3

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"Lord, We Need You Now"

Mark 13:24-37, Isaiah 64:1-9

Pledge Sunday

At the Offertory today, we are invited to return pledges for the work of God's church during 2024. There are extra pledge forms available in the Narthex.

Angel Tree Project

Angel tags are **due TODAY** 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

St. James Male Chorus

St. James Male Chorus will have their Last Concert at Hopewell Presbyterian Church 10500 Beatties Ford Rd., Huntersville

November 19 at 6PM

St James has been spreading GODS word thru song since 1955, 68 years. Many men have been a part of this ministry for many years ...come celebrate with us and remember the many friends thru the years

Dinner following the concert. Love Offering will be taken as a fundraiser for an upcoming Mission Trip.

Thanksgiving Service

Join us this **Thursday, Nov. 23** for our Thanksgiving Service at 8am, followed by breakfast in the CFC.

Community-Wide Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, **November 21 7-9PM**

Trinity Presbyterian Church
3115 Providence Rd.

(Some members of Paw Creek Choir will be in the Community Choir)

[Bit.ly/mmthanksgiving2023](http://bit.ly/mmthanksgiving2023)

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

www.cookschurch.org

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

PastorElliott Hipp
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The Session

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Outreach: Celia Gray / Amy McGee
Worship: David Turner / Debbie Taylor

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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: Teresa Painter, Belinda Springs, Jan & Carol Chapman
Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo
Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

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
12:00pm Called Session Meeting

Tuesday, December 5

9:00am Cardio Fitness
10:00am PW Go & Grow Circle Meeting
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle Meeting

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

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

Sunday, December 10

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, December 11

6:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday, December 12

9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Boy Scouts



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