

## Service For The Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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.

In this place where God kindles in our hearts the longing for a Savior, we lift our ardent prayer.

Congregation: **Come Lord Jesus! Hallelujah!**

### Chimes of the Trinity

#### Prelude

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

arr. Mark Hayes

#### Choral Introit

"A Stable Lamp Is Lighted"

Hymn 160

### Call to Worship (Psalm 81)

Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.

Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon,  
for this is a law of the God of Jacob

### \*Hymn 82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

### The Advent Wreath and the Creche

#### Prayer of the Day

Leader: By the light of one candle, let us follow the beasts to Bethlehem

All: **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, that we may glimpse your light that shines in the darkness. However dim it may seem, help us always to turn to you, and follow where you lead us. Through the one who is to come, even our Savior Christ. Amen.**

Response in Song

"Magnificat", Hymn 646

**Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.**

**Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free.**

**Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.**

**Sing out and glorify the Lord God!**

### Welcome and Announcements

### Anthem

"Come Now, Savior of the Nations"

Michael Burkhardt

### Scripture Lesson

#### Old Testament Reading

#### Isaiah 65: 17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord — and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent — its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, the Lord.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Hymn 104

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

**Ten Cents a Meal Hunger Offering** - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

### Sermon

*Finding Hope*

Rev. Joseph Jumper

### \*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

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

arr. Faye Lopez

\*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.**

### 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

**Holy, holy, holy holy, holy, holy is our God,**

**God the Lord of earth and heaven. Holy, holy is our God.**

**Holy, holy, holy holy, holy, holy is our God,**

**God, the Lord all of history. Holy, holy is our God.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of the Institution

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 106

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

### \*Charge and Benediction

\*Response in Song

"Prepare the Way, O Zion" (Hymn 106)

**Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is coming near!**

**Let every hill and valley a level way appear.**

**Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.**

**O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.**

### Postlude

"The Holly and the Ivy"

arr. Jay Rouse

\*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, December 10**

"Repentance: A Word for the Unworthy"  
Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8

**Sunday, December 17**

Service of Lessons and Carols

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor .....Elliott 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 Backpack Buddies: Teresa Painter, Belinda Springs, Jan & Carol Chapman  
Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo  
Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey

**Church Calendar**

**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

**Wednesday, December 13**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

**Thursday, December 14**

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

**Saturday, December 16**

10:00am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, December 17**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / Lessons & Carols  
12:00 pm Churchwide Christmas Party

**Monday, December 18**

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, December 19**

9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Wednesday, December 20**

\*Newsletter  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 12/24 & 12/31

**Thursday, December 21**

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

**Sunday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
8:00pm Christmas Eve Service

**Monday, December 25**

\*Church Office Closed—Merry Christmas!



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**Called Session Meeting**

There is a called Session meeting scheduled for today immediately after worship, with the Rev. Joseph Jumper acting as moderator for the approval of newly elected elders for installation in early January.

**Room in the Inn**

Room in the Inn starts back on Dec. 8 This year we will be doing the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. **We are still in need of volunteers.** If you are able to help, please contact Stephanie Sudderth at 704-877-8499

**Christmas Wish List**

Paw Creek Elementary sent us a Christmas Wish List for coats and assorted gifts for a special family with four children (three attend Paw Creek Elementary). The Wish list is in the front of the church along with separate Wish List cards for each coat and Christmas presents for the children. The gifts are due at the church on December 10th. Please take a card if you feel you can support this program. The social worker says that it would be nice if the gifts were wrapped, but not necessary. Contact Celia Gray (704) 756-9697 or Amy McGee (704) 578-3908 with any questions.