

Service For The Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

arr. Jim Lucas

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 88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

The Advent Wreath and the Creche

Prayer of the Day

Leader: By the light of two candles, let us follow the Magi to Bethlehem.

All: **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, that we may see and mark the signs of your coming kingdom. Help us to set out on improbable journeys so that, guided by the Holy Spirit, we may one day arrive in the presence of our king. 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

"Song of Mary"

Richard Shepherd

Scripture Lesson

Reading from Prophecy

Isaiah 40: 1-5

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Hymn 442

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

Sermon

Repentance: A Word for the Unworthy

*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

"Low, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

arr. Mary McDonald

*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 96

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song

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

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he come from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth and love.

All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.

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

Postlude

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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 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, December 17
Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 24
"Call and Response"
Luke 1: 26-38, 46-55
8pm Evening Service
Luke 2: 1-20

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

PastorElliott Hipp
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The Session
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Secretary: Donna Hall
Historian: Dina Salvo
Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw
Special Givings: Celia Gray
Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey
Backpack Buddies: Teresa Painter, Belinda Springs, Jan & Carol Chapman
Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo

Church Calendar

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
11:00am Worship
8:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25
***Church Office Closed—Merry Christmas!**

Tuesday, December 26
***Church Office Closed**
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, December 27
***Church Office Closed**

Thursday, December 28
***Church Office Closed**
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, December 31
New Year's Eve
11:00am Worship

Monday, January 1
***Church Office Closed—Happy New Year!!**

Tuesday, January 2
9:00am Cardio Fitness
10:00am PW Go & Grow Circle Meeting
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle Meeting



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Christmas Wish List

The gifts for the Paw Creek Elementary Christmas Wish List are due **TODAY**. Please see Celia Gray or Amy McGee if you have any questions.

**5th Friday Festivities
December 29th**

We will have our next 5th Friday event on 12/29 @ 6:30pm. Menu will be Soup, Chili, Salads, Tea & Desserts. We will also be working on a service project for Room in the Inn.

Churchwide Christmas Party

Dec. 17th (following Worship Service)

This year we will be catering the meal:

- Marinated Chicken Tips w/Rice
- Sauteed Beef Tip w/Rice
- Broccoli Casserole
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans

Drinks & Desserts Provided as well.

We will have a Christmas Sing-a-long as well as a special Guest Musician.