

# Service For The Lord's Day

First Sunday after Advent

December 31, 2023

Eleven O'clock

## Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: The Good News of Christmas is this:  
that the Grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to  
all people.  
Congregation: All praise be to God!

## Chimes of the Trinity

### Prelude

"He Is Born"

arr. Faye Lopez

## Call to Worship (Psalm 148)

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise the Lord in the heights.  
Praise the Lord, all you holy angels;  
praise the Lord, all heavenly host.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for the name of the Lord only is exalted,  
and the splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven.

### \*Hymn 134

"Joy to the World"

## Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Response in Song "Gloria", Hymn 113  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Christmas Solo

"Jesu Bambino"  
Andy Cumbow, soloist

Pietro Yon

## Scripture Lesson

### Responsive Psalm

### Psalm 148

Leader: Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise the LORD in the heights.  
Congregation: **Praise the LORD, all you holy angels; praise the LORD, all heavenly host.**  
Leader: Praise the LORD, sun and moon; praise the LORD, all you shining stars.  
Congregation: **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**  
Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created.  
Congregation: **The LORD made them stand fast forever and ever and gave them a law which shall not pass away.**  
Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
Congregation: **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, obeying God's will;**  
Leader: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;  
Congregation: **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**  
Leader: kings of the earth and all peoples, rulers and all judges of the world;  
Congregation: **young men and women, old and young together.**  
Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for the name of the LORD only is exalted, and the splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.  
Congregation: **The LORD has raised up strength for the chosen people and praise for all loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near to the LORD.**  
ALL: **Hallelujah!**

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

### \*Hymn 128

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

## Sermon

*Hallelujah!*

## \*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 "Mary Had a Baby" 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 147

"The First Nowell"

## \*Charge and Benediction

\*Response in Song "He Rules the World", last verse (Hymn 134)  
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love . . .

## Postlude

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain" arr. Jim Lucas

\*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, January 7**

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*  
"Nations and Camels"  
Matthew 2: 1-12, Isaiah 60: 1-6

**Sunday, January 14**

*Installation of Elders*  
"Under Your Own Fig Tree"  
John 1: 43-51



**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor .....Elliott Hipp  
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Special Givings: Celia Gray

**Church Calendar**

**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

**Wednesday, January 3**

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

**Thursday, January 4**

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

**Sunday, January 7**

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

**Monday, January 8**

6:45pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday, January 9**

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

**Wednesday, January 10**

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

**Thursday, January 11**

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

**Sunday, January 14**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Tuesday, January 16**

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Cub Scout Square Dance Fundraiser  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, January 17**

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

**Thursday, January 18**

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
11:00am Happy Hearts—Bingo  
6:30pm Choir Practice

**Saturday, January 20**

10:30am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, January 21**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, January 22**

**12:00pm Newsletter Deadline**  
6:45pm Girl Scouts

**Happy Hearts**

Thursday, January 18, 2024  
11:00am

BINGO \* FOOD \* FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for BINGO! Soup lunch will be provided. We will have lots of fun and door prizes too!

Cost \$1 per game card. Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey 704-393-8697 or 704-281-2836 by Jan 14, 2024 to make sure we have enough food. Hope to see you there!

**We are still in need of some great door prizes!**

**Square Dance Fundraiser**

Cub Scout Pack 70 is hosting a Square-Dancing Fundraiser on Tuesday, **January 16th** from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the CFC.

Calling provided by Theresa Rutz of the Diamond Yellow Rockers. Come out and have a great time learning some beginner square dancing moves. You do not need to bring a partner and you do not need prior experience! There will be refreshments provided.

The cost is \$10 per person. We hope to see everyone there.

If there are any questions, please contact Jason Pfeffer at 812-575-7241.

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