

## Service For The Lord's Day

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024

Eleven O'clock

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

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me,  
Congregation: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**  
Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever. To this place where God gives us light and welcome, let us bring our cares and joys so that we may be cleansed and nourished.  
Congregation: **Alleluia!**

### Chimes of the Trinity

#### Prelude

"Common Faith" Michael Dulin

#### Choral Introit

"God Is Here Today" Hymn 411

### Call to Worship (Psalm 63)

O God, you are our God, and eagerly we seek you;  
our souls thirst for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself,  
and so will we bless you as long as we live.  
Our souls cling to you;  
your right hand holds us fast.

#### \*Hymn 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

### Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Response in Song "As the Deer", Hymn 626

**As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.**

### Welcome and Announcements

### Choral Anthem

"My Lord, What A Mornin'" arr. T.W. Dean

### Scripture Lesson

#### Gospel Reading

**Mark 1: 14-20**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

#### Old Testament Reading

**Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

#### \*Hymn 834

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

### Sermon

*Jonah—A Life Wasted?*

### \*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 "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" arr. Carol Tornquist

\*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 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

### \*Charge and Benediction

\*Response in Song "God Be the Love", Hymn 543

**God, be the love to search and keep me;  
God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me**

### Postlude

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" arr. Chris Rice

\*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 28**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
"What Difference Does Jesus Make?"  
Mark 1: 21-28

**Sunday, February 4**

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
"The Life of a Grasshopper"  
Isaiah 40: 21-31

**Sunday, February 11**

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
"God is Always New"  
Isaiah 43: 18-25

**Stated Session Meeting**

The next Stated Session Meeting will be on Monday, **January 22** at 6:30pm

**Presbyterian Women**

Circle Meeting, **Tuesday, February 6th**  
Morning Circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am  
Evening Circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm  
We will meet in the Parlor

**Cook's Memorial Community Prayer Vigil**

Cook's Memorial Church  
3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd.  
**February 3, 2024**  
8am—Noon

**Prayer Garden**

Honor your loved one in Paw Creek's Memorial Prayer Garden. Commemorate the life of someone special with a brick paver. You can personalize your message to honor or remember a loved one or celebrate a special anniversary, birthday or other life event. It will create a legacy that will last forever.

Each brick paver cost \$40.

Order forms available in the Narthex, Church Office, and website.

**Online Giving**

Paw Creek has Online Giving for the convenience of church members and our friends who worship with us. Please go to our website at [www.pawcreekpc.org](http://www.pawcreekpc.org) and follow the link on the home page.

For those who like to use mobile apps, you can download the **app: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church.

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Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey

Backpack Buddies: Teresa Painter, Belinda Springs, Jan & Carol Chapman

Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, January 21**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, January 22**

**12:00pm Newsletter Deadline**  
6:30pm Stated Session Meeting  
6:45pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday, January 23**

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

**Wednesday, January 24**

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

**Thursday, January 25**

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

**Friday, January 26**

**Room in the Inn**

**Sunday, January 28**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Tuesday, January 30**

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, January 31**

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

**Thursday, February 1**

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

**Sunday, February 4**

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

**Tuesday, February 6**

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

**Wednesday, February 7**

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

**Thursday, February 8**

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

**Friday, February 9**

**\*Room in the Inn**

**Sunday, February 11**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Tuesday, February 13**

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

**Wednesday, February 14**

**\*Ash Wednesday**  
10:00am Bible Study



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