

Service For The Lord's Day

Epiphany

January 7, 2024

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

"Behold That Star"

arr. Mark Hayes

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 72)

Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.
For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.

*Hymn 151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Eternal God, by a star you led magi to the worship of your Son. Guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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

Choral Anthem

"The Jesus Gift"

Gilbert M. Martin

Scripture Lesson

Reading from Prophecy

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Congregation: **For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;**
Leader: but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
Congregation: **Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**
Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;
Congregation: **your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.**
Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
Congregation: **because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**
Leader: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.
Congregation: **They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Hymn 327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Sermon

Nations and Camels

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"I Wonder As I Wander"

arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology

"Old Hundredth" (Hymn 606)

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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 of 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)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

* Hymn 192

"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"

*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

"And the Glory of the Lord"

arr. John W. Schaum

*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, January 14

Installation of Elders

"Under Your Own Fig Tree"

John 1: 43-51

Sunday, January 21

"Jonah—A Life Wasted?"

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The Church Triumphant

Jenny Faust - entered into Eternal Rest on December 25, 2023

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

The Church Triumphant

Tim Sisk - entered into Eternal Rest on January 1, 2024

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

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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Church Calendar

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 / Installation of Elders

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

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

Sunday, January 28

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship



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