

Service For The Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 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 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" `Rick Founds

Choral Introit "God Is Here Today" Hymn 411

Call to Worship (Psalm 147)

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
how pleasant it is to honor the Lord with praise!
The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem
and gathers the exiles of Israel.
Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion.

***Hymn 327** "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, so that we may recognize your power at work in your Son. May we join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. 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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Dennis Allen

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 40: 21-31**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

***Hymn 22** "God of the Sparrow"
Ten Cents a Meal Hunger Offering - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

Sermon *The Life of a Grasshopper*

***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 "This Is My Father's World" arr. Janice Faber

*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 541** "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

*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 "Lord of the Dance" arr. Larry Moore

*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, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday
12:30pm—Service of Ashes

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday in Lent
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"With You I Am Well Pleased"
Mark 1: 9-15

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. On that day we prayerfully begin the forty-day journey of repentance that will bring us to the joy of Easter and Resurrection. We are invited to observe Ash Wednesday by receiving the sign of ashes in a quiet service of music and prayer. Please join us on Wednesday, **February 14 at 12:30** in the sanctuary.

*The Wednesday Bible Study class will not meet that day.

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

Giving Statements / Envelopes

Please remember to check the Narthex for your 2023 Giving Statement or your 2024 Giving Envelopes. ~Thank you!

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 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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Church Calendar

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
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
12:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 15

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

Saturday, February 17

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, February 18

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, January 19

*Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

*Room in the Inn

Sunday, February 25

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, February 26

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline



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For the Beauty of the Earth

(Anthem)

For the beauty of the earth,

For the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise

This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour

Of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower,

Sun and moon, and stars of light;

Refrain

For thy church that evermore

Lifteth holy hands above,

Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love;

Refrain

For thyself, best Gift Divine!

To our race so freely given;

For that great, great love of thine,

Peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Refrain