

Service For The Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

Eleven O'clock

Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness.

Congregation: **Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us.**

Leader: Open our eyes so that we may see Jesus;

Congregation: **Whose love endures forever.**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

arr. Cindy Berry

Choral Introit

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Hymn 579

Call to Worship (Psalm 119)

The LORD is our strength and our song
and has become our salvation.

The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The gates of righteousness have opened to us,
let us enter them and offer thanks to the LORD.

*Hymn 320

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Keith Green

Create in me a clean heart, O God

And renew a right spirit within me. x2

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,

And renew a right spirit within me.

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Anthem

"Let All the People Say Amen"

Pepper Choplin

Let all the people say, "Amen." (x3)

Let your will be done again.

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Let your will be done again. (x2)

Shout unto God with a voice of triumph,

Triumph in the victory of the Lord strong and mighty,

The everlasting God and the King of Kings.

Shout to God with a voice of triumph and

clap your hands for the Lord God is awesome and

He is king over all the earth, all the earth,

The King over all the earth.

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Let all the people say, "Amen, Amen!"

Scripture Lesson

First Word from Scripture

John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Second Word from Scripture - The Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119

Hymn 64

"I Long for Your Commandments"

Sermon

Death Leads to Life

*Hymn 247

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

(verses 1 & 4)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Give Me Jesus"

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 209

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song

"Lamb of God", Hymn 604

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

Postlude

"Fugue in C"

George Frédéric Handel

*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, March 24

Passion/Palm Sunday
Story of the Passion in Scripture and Music
The Crucifixion: Sir John Stainer

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday—7:00pm (Scout Hut)
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 24

Good Friday—7:00pm (Sanctuary)
Service of Shadows

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"He Appeared Also to Me"
Mark 16: 1-8' 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Easter Flowers

Paw Creek will be decorating the Sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday, **March 31**.

Donations will be accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones, and their name will be included in the Bulletin for Easter as well.

Names must be received in the church office by Tuesday, March 26.

This year there will be White Calla Lilies instead of Easter Lilies. The flowers will be planted in the Prayer Garden and surrounding area sometime after Easter. Any monies collected will be used to offset the cost of the Easter flowers with any extra money raised going to the Chuck Overbeck Fund and used for the beautification and maintenance of the gardens and landscaping around the church.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 704-392-0329. Thank you!

Annual Coulwood Easter Egg Hunt

Free Community Event
Saturday, **March 23, 2024** 9:30am – 11:00 am
Coulwood Clubhouse
506 Coulwood Dr. Charlotte, NC 28214

Volunteer Saturday, March 23, 2024

- hide plastic eggs.
- Lead or assist in outdoor games with the children.
- Lead or assist with a craft project with an Easter theme.

See Celia Gray (704-756-9697) for more details or to volunteer.

*Rain Day is March 30, 2024

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Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 17

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

*Room in the Inn

Saturday, March 23

9:30am Coulwood Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24

*Passion/Palm Sunday
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, March 25

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27

*Newsletter
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, March 28

*Maundy Thursday
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Choir Practice
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29

*Good Friday
7:00pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31

*Easter Sunday
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

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

Sunday, April 7

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

Monday, April 8

6:30pm Mission Team Meeting



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