

Service For The Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Eleven O'clock

Welcome into God's House (responsive)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Congregation: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: For despite our sins, despite the powers and principalities of this present age, despite death itself, Christ is alive and reigns over our world.

Congregation: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude

"Toccata in E Minor"

Pachelbel

Guest Musician, Suzanne Lowry

Choral Introit

"Triumphant Benediction"

Andrew Cumbow

Call to Worship (Psalm 22)

Praise the Lord, you that fear God;

stand in awe of the Lord, O offspring of Israel;

For the Lord's face is not hidden from us;

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before the Lord.

*Hymn 247

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song

"Alleluia, Alleluia!", Hymn 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Welcome and Announcements

Choir Anthem

"Alleluia Canon"

Donald Moore

Scripture Lessons

Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 36-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 3: 12-21

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

*Hymn 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Sermon

Despite Our Prayers, Christ Reigns

*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

"Chorale Prelude" (Nun Bitten Wir)

Buxtehude

Guest Musician, Suzanne Lowry

*Doxology

"Lasst uns erfreuen" (Hymn 609)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully know: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

"The Strife Is O'er" - Hymn 236

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Postlude

"Psalm XIX"

Marcello

Guest Musician, Suzanne Lowry

*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, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 "Despite Our Deeds, Christ Reigns"
 Acts 4: 5-12

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter
 "Despite Our Rules, Christ Reigns"
 Acts 8: 26-40

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

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Church Calendar

Sunday, April 14

9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship

Tuesday, April 16

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

Wednesday, April 17

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

Thursday, April 18

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

Saturday, April 20

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, April 21

9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship

Monday, April 22

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

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

Sunday, April 28

9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship

Tuesday, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

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



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Save the Date!
Paw Creek Annual Fish Fry & Bake Sale
 Saturday, **May 18**
 4:30-7:30pm

The Queen City Ringers
 Spring Concert
 "Dancing to the Light"
 Tue. **April 23**, 7:00pm
 Cook's Church

The Camp at the Wood - Summer 2024
 Woodland Presbyterian Church will again serve neighborhood children with an affordable, high quality day camp program during summer 2024.

 The Paw Creek Session has committed to support transportation costs for planned field trips with a grant of \$5,000. Paw Creek members and friends are invited to make donations towards this grant during the month of April - donations may be given during the Offertory or mailed to the church office, clearly marked for "Woodland Camp". The remainder of the grant will be taken from the Flora Mae Love Fund, which supports work with children.

Graduation Sunday
 The time is growing near for us to recognize and honor our graduates.

 The Christian Education Committee is gathering names of graduates, and will be in touch directly later in the spring to ask for more information.

 Please send names and contact information to Jan Chapman (jchapman.jan@gmail.com), Jim Pinkston (jpinkston@aol.com) or the church office (office@pawcreekpc.org) for:
 Students, connected to our church, who graduated in **December 2023** or will graduate in **Spring 2024** from **High School, College**, or **Graduate School**.
 Thank you ~ Christian Ed