

## Service For The Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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

"Lord I Want to be a Christian in My Heart"

arr. Jim Lucas

### 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 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

### Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; 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

"No Hands But Yours"

J. Jerome Williams

Christ has no body now on earth but yours:

No hands but yours; No feet but yours:

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours;

No hands but yours; No feet but yours:

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which to look out

Christ's compassion to the world.

Yours are the feet on which He is to go about doing good.

And yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours;

No hands but yours; No feet but yours.

Christ has no body now on earth,

No body now but yours; No hands,

No feet, No eyes on earth,

No eyes but yours; No feet buy yours;

No hands but yours.

### Scripture Lessons

#### Epistle Reading

**1 John 4: 7-12**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

#### Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**Acts 8: 26-39**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

### \*Hymn 480

"Take Me to the Water"

### Sermon

*Look, Here is Water!*

### \*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

"Lamb of God"

arr. Mark Hayes

\*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 738

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

### \*Charge and Benediction

\*Response in Song

"The Strife Is O'er" - Hymn 236

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!**

### Postlude

"Down to the River to Pray"

arr. Anna Laura Page

\*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, April 28**

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
"God Makes the Rules"  
Acts 10: 9-16

**Sunday, May 5**

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Children Connecting with Christ - Year End Celebration

**Save the Date!**

**Paw Creek Annual Fish Fry & Bake Sale**

Saturday, **May 18**  
4:30-7:30pm

**Church Workday**

We will have a church Workday on  
Saturday **May 4** at 8:30am

**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.

**Presbyterian Women**

The 2023 -2024 year for Paw Creek Presbyterian Women will soon draw to a close! We will end our year by meeting jointly on May 4th at 10:30 for a delicious breakfast. Teresa Painter has agreed to present our last lesson in Sacred Encounters entitled 'People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples.' Our meeting will also include Remembrances and Officer Installation. I hope that you will be able to attend our last meeting before we take a break for summer!

♥Karen

**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.

We will celebrate **Graduation Sunday on June 2, 2024** during the church service.

Please send names and contact information to Jan Chapman ([jchapman.jan@gmail.com](mailto:jchapman.jan@gmail.com)), Jim Pinkston ([jpinkston@aol.com](mailto:jpinkston@aol.com)) or the church office ([office@pawcreekpc.org](mailto: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

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor .....Elliott Hipp  
Director of Music..... Andrew Cumbow  
Pianist.....Mark Burleson  
Administrative Assistant / Webmaster ..... Kim Whittington  
Videography Coordinator.....Clint Shaw

**The Session**

Moderator: Elliott Hipp Clerk: Donna Hall General Treasurer: Danny McClure

**Class of 2024**

Gene Hall  
Jim Pinkston  
Jim Stogner  
David Turner

**Class of 2025**

Donna Hall  
Eddie McArver  
Amy McGee  
Joy Tyler

**Class of 2026**

Dickie Chapman  
Debbie McCord  
Ken Scott  
Debbie Taylor

**Committee Chairs**

**Mission Team:** Debbie Taylor  
Christian Education: Jim Pinkston  
Congregational Care: Joy Tyler / Amy McGee  
Fellowship: Donna Hall / Debbie McCord  
Outreach: Ken Scott  
Worship: David Turner / Debbie Taylor

**Resource Team:** Jim Pinkston  
Administration: Eddie McArver  
Finance: Gene Hall  
Property: Dickie Chapman  
Cemetery Superintendent: Phillip McCord

**Strategic Planning Team:** Paul Bradley

**Sunday School Officers:** Sarah Kendrick / Jim Stogner  
**Children's Ministry:** Jan Chapman / Celia Gray / Barbara Ullem

**Presbyterian Women**

Moderator: Karen Turner

Secretary: Donna Hall Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey  
Historian: Dina Salvo Backpack Buddies: Teresa Painter, Belinda Springs, Jan & Carol Chapman  
Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo  
Special Givings: Celia Gray

**Church Calendar**

**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

**Saturday, May 4**

8:30am Church Workday  
10:30am PW Joint Circle Meeting

**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

**Sunday, May 12**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship/PW Women's Sunday/Birthday Offering

**Monday, May 13**

6:30pm Stated Session Meeting

**Tuesday, May 14**

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

**Wednesday, May 15**

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



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