

Service For The Lord's Day

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 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: Within the gates of God's holy city, we gather this day to claim the joy, the peace and the safe rest of the children of the Most High. Let us rejoice in God's holy gifts..

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude

"Sweet Bye and Bye"

arr. Jay Rouse

Choral Introit

"People Need the Lord"

arr. Tom Fettke

Call to Worship (Psalm 139)

Lord, you have searched us out and known us;
you know our sitting down and our rising up; you discern our thoughts from afar.

Search us out, O God, and know our hearts;
try us and know our restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in us
and lead us in the way that is everlasting.

*Hymn 824

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose. May we, who cannot exist without you, be enabled to live according to your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Response in Song: "Thy Word is a Lamp" - Hymn 458

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

"When David Heard"

Randall Donald

When David heard that Absalom was slain,
he went up to his chamber over the gate and wept.

And thus he said: "my son Absalom, my son,
would God I had died, for thee!"

Scripture Lessons

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Reading from the History of Israel

II Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

King David ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came to David; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 823

"Shall Tribulation or Distress"

Sermon

A Beloved Enemy

*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

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Helen Lemmel

*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 750

"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" - Hymn 498(refrain)

**By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

Postlude

"Joy in the Morning"

Lani Smith

*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, August 25

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"Let God's Word Be Confirmed"
1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Sunday, September 1

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"What Comes From the Heart"
Mark 7: 1-25

The Church Triumphant

Dorsie White - entered into Eternal Rest on August 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."

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.

Fifth Friday Festivities

Fifth Friday Dinner & Ice Cream Social

The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to join us on **August 30th at 6:00** for dinner and homemade ice cream. Dinner will be hamburgers and grilled chicken with trimmings. For dessert, homemade ice cream and toppings.

If you are willing to make and bring a freezer of ice cream, please contact Debbie McCord or Donna Hall.

Summer Combined Sunday School

July 7-August 25

9:15 a.m. – Prayer time in the Chapel
9:30 – 10:30 - Lesson in the Chapel

We will view: *The Chosen video series – Season 3 – The Way of the Chosen*

The Chosen series is based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialogue have been added. These videos are suitable for both children, youth and adults.

Aug 25 - Lesson 8: Trust Jesus all the time. Please contact Jan Chapman for more information. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

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The Session
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Jim Stogner	Amy McGee	Ken Scott
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Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 18
9:30am Summer Combine Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, August 20
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, August 21
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 22
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, August 25
9:30am Summer Combine Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, August 26
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, August 27
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, August 28
***Newsletter**
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 29
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, August 30
6:30pm 5th Friday Festivities

Sunday, September 1
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

Monday, September 2
***Church Office Closed—Labor Day**

Tuesday, September 3
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, September 4
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, September 5
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, September 8
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, September 9
6:30pm Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 10
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, September 11
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm **Bulletin Deadline 9/15 & 9/22**
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, September 12
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, September 15
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, September 16
***Church Office Closed**



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