

Service For The Lord's Day

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Chris Rice

Choral Introit

"People Need the Lord"

arr. Tom Fettke

Call to Worship (Psalm 84)

How lovely is the dwelling place of God,
the Lord of hosts!

Our souls long, indeed the faint
for the courts of the Lord;

our hearts and our flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

*Hymn 459

"O Word of God Incarnate"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith. Forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy. 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

"The Last Words of David"

Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be as the light of the morning when the sun riseth,
even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing
out of the earth
by clear shining after rain. Alleluia.

Scripture Lessons

Reading from the Epistles

Ephesians 6: 10-17

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Reading from the History of Israel

I Kings 8: 1, 22-30, 41-43

Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 453

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Sermon

Let God's Word Be Confirmed

*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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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.**

Prayers of God's People

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer, in unison*

*Hymn 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

*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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. Edward Hodges

*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, September 1

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

Sunday, September 8

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"The Power of Repentance"
Mark 7: 24-37

Paw Creek Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings

September is fast approaching and so is a new year for Paw Creek Presbyterian Women. We have two active Circles at Paw Creek that meet on the first Tuesday of each month from September through May. If you are not currently in a Circle, we encourage you to join us! We enjoy wonderful fellowship and Bible study in a small group setting. This year's Bible study is "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation," by Patricia K. Tull.

This year, we will begin our meetings in our regular Circle groups on September 3, 2024. They are:
Go and Grow Circle - Tuesday morning at 10:00AM in the Parlor
Life Seekers Circle - Tuesday evening at 7:00PM in the Parlor

We look forward to seeing you as we continue to enjoy Christian fellowship while we study God's word.

With Love, Karen

Congregational Care

If you or a family member would like to be added to our Special Friends list for visitations, cards, calls or any combination of these, please contact Amy McGee 704-578-3908 or the Church Office 704-392-0329

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.

Sunday School News

Sunday, August 25 & Sunday, September 1

Summer Combined Sunday School will meet in the **Chapel** to view the final episode (parts 1 & 2) of: **The Chosen Season 2**.
Prayer time: 9:15-9:30
Combined Sunday School Lesson: 9:30-10:30

Thank you Jan Chapman & Celia Gray for leading Summer Sunday School 2024.

Weekly Sunday School Classes resume on September 8, 2024 (9:45-10:30)

(Prayer time will return to the Sanctuary at 9:30)

We look forward to the 2024-25 Sunday School year and the opportunity to continue to grow in our faith.

Please join one of our Classes!

Thank you, Christian Education Committee

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

PastorElliott 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, 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

Tuesday, September 17

*Church Office Closed
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, September 18

*Church Office Closed
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC



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