

Service For The Lord's Day

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 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

"Call on Jesus" arr. Jim Hammerly

Choral Introit

"God Welcomes All" Hymn 399

Call to Worship (Psalm 8)

O Lord, our Lord,
how exalted is your name in all the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
O Lord, our Lord,
how exalted is your name in all the world!

*Hymn 667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humans in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song: "Rain Down" - Hymn 48
**Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

"Softly and Tenderly" Karl J. Nygard, Jr.
Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.
Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.
Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me.
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
Mercies for you and for me.
Come home, Come home,
Ye who are weary, come home.
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling.
O for the love he has promised for you and for me;

Scripture Lessons

Reading from the Epistles

James 3: 13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Reading from the Gospel

Mark 9: 30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Hymn 816

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Sermon

They did not Understand

*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 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" arr. Penny Rodriguez

*Doxology "Glory to God" (Hymn 582)
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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 684

"Faith Begins by Letting Go"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song "Guide My Feet" - Hymn 741
**Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

Postlude

"Jesus Messiah" arr. Carol Tornquist

*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 29

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Blanket Sunday

"Us and Them"

Mark 9: 38-50

Sunday, October 6

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"A Little Lower Than the Angels"

Psalms 8

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

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Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 22

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, September 23

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 25

***Newsletter**

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

Thursday, September 26

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

Sunday, September 29

9:30am 5th Sunday Fellowship
9:45am Regular Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, October 1

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

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

Sunday, October 13

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / Homecoming
12:00pm Homecoming Luncheon

Monday, October 14

*Church Office Closed
6:30pm Mission Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 15

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

Wednesday, October 16

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

Thursday, October 17

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



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Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts are touring WDAV in Davidson, NC, Monday **Sept 23rd**. WDAV is a non-commercial public radio station. The station airs classical music and fine arts programming 24 hours a day. Afterwards we will have lunch at **Brickhouse Tavern**. The only cost will be your lunch, the tour at WDAV is free! If we have time, we might even check out a few of the local shops on Main Street.

Meet at the church at **9:25 AM** so we can leave by **9:35 AM**. We should return to the church before 1:30 PM.

Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey (704) 281-2836 by Thursday, Sept. 19th.

**Christmas in Paw Creek
Arts and Crafts Fair**
Sponsored by Troop 70

Saturday, **November 23, 2024**,
8:00 am—2:00 pm
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church—CFC
Breakfast / Barbeque sold by Scout Troop 70
If interested in a booth, Please call Jan McClure at (704) 394-8481

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