



# News at Paw Creek

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

November 20, 2024

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*Paw Creek Presbyterian*

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*and YouTube:*

[https://www.youtube.com/  
channel/UC2hsczEt3wx85-  
QHJFcBEMA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2hsczEt3wx85-QHJFcBEMA)

*Online Giving is available on  
our Website*

### From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

With the celebrations of Advent and Christmas soon upon us, we all cherish the traditions that have grown up to embody the joy of these seasons. And perhaps none of those traditions has more power to touch our hearts and memories than the glorious music that has been collected over centuries to tell the story of the Christ child. Whether ancient or modern, our carols and songs of praise truly make the gift of God's son come alive for us, and inspire us to share that gift far and wide.

I am grateful this year to Andy, Mark and our Paw Creek choir for the music that they have labored throughout the fall to prepare for us this year. Especially for the Service of Lessons and Carols, Andy has chosen songs from the wealth of what has been left to us from past generations, to complement the old, old story told through the familiar passages of prophecy and the gospel tales of the nativity. Inspired by his selections, the Worship committee has planned some "old-timey" touches to our sanctuary decorations this year, and I have been inspired to focus on those familiar "Lessons" in our worship selections throughout the season, from the beginning of Advent to the Feast of Epiphany.

I hope you can join us for Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 15 (followed by the Church Christmas party in the CFC), for Christmas carol singing on December 22 and 29 in morning worship, for the Christmas Eve Candlelight service, and for all the times that we will gather in praise. May the spirit of the Christ child be powerfully with all us through the weeks ahead.

Blessings, Elliott

# Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



## Prayer Requests:

- Christy Corder's Surgery went well last week and she is home recovering.
- Tommy Cashion's Heart Valve surgery went well on Nov. 4th.
- Wayne and Bobby Graef still need prayers. (Jan & Carol Chapman's brothers)
- Angie Ross was back in the hospital, but is home now.
- Steve Wallace was readmitted to the hospital and needs our prayer. (Kevin Cashion's friend)
- Corinne Geiger will have open heart surgery on Friday. (Vicki Ramsey's Aunt)
- Sam McCord said the doctor is pleased with the results of his PET scan. No noticeable changes since last year. Currently no chemo is scheduled.
- Gretchen Holton Freeman's scan showed no sign of lung cancer and no sign that it had metastasized! She is still weak but thankful for the news.
- Continue prayers for those impacted by recent Hurricanes.
- Richard Rumpel has a new great grandchild! Ryker Beatty, son of Heather and Tyler, born a little early but healthy.
- Kim and Dennis Whittington have their first grandchild! Georgia Carolyn Whittington, daughter of Dallas and Rose, was born on November 1st. She was 4 weeks early, but is healthy and home doing well.

## Those We Continue to Pray For:

- Gretchen Holton Freeman
- Angie Ross
- Sam McCord
- Robin Wodarski
- Kristen Turner
- Jean Todd
- Hailey Venable

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday, November 20

### **\*Newsletter**

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

## Thursday, November 21

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

## Sunday, November 24

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

## Monday, November 25

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 12/1

## Tuesday, November 26

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

## Wednesday, November 27

### **\*Church Office Closed**

## Thursday, November 28

### **\*Church Office Closed—Thanksgiving**

8:00am Thanksgiving Service

## Friday, November 29

6:30pm 5th Friday Festivities

## Sunday, December 1

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

## Tuesday, December 3

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
10:00am PW Grow & Go Circle  
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle

## Wednesday, December 4

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

## Thursday, December 5

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

## Sunday, December 8

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

## Tuesday, December 10

9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Wednesday, December 11

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

## Thursday, December 12

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

## Sunday, December 15

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship—Lessons and Carols  
12:00pm Churchwide Christmas Party

## Monday, December 16

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

## Tuesday, December 17

9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Wednesday, December 18

### **\*Newsletter**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 12/22, 12/24, 12/29 & 1/5  
5:30pm CCC

## Thursday, December 19

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

## Sunday, December 22

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

## Tuesday, December 24

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:30pm Christmas Eve Service

## Wednesday, December 25

### **\*Church Office Closed—Merry Christmas!**

## Thursday, December 26

### **\*Church Office Closed**

## Sunday, December 29

11:30am Worship—Guest: Betsy Williamson

## Monday, December 30

### **\*Church Office Closed**

## Tuesday, December 31

### **\*Church Office Closed**

## Wednesday, January 1

### **\*Church Office Closed**

## Thursday, January 2

### **\*Church Office Closed**

## 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

## Elders for the Class of 2027

At the Congregational Meeting on November 10, the following church members were elected to serve on Session in the Class of 2024: Peggy Harrington, Wesley Johnston, Danny McClure and Teresa Smith. After a period of training, they will be examined by the current Session and approved for ordination and/or installation during morning worship on January 12, 2025. Thanks to them for stepping up to serve, and thanks to outgoing elders who have finished their term: Gene Hall, Jim Pinkston, Jim Stogner and David Turner.

## Thanksgiving Day Service

Please join us for the annual Paw Creek celebration on Thanksgiving morning, **November 28**. Worship in the sanctuary is at 8:00 am, followed by breakfast in the CFC. Everyone is welcome!

## Advent and Christmas Services

- Service of Lessons and Carols - **Sunday, December 15** during morning worship. Church Christmas party following in the CFC
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - **Tuesday, December 24 at 7:30 pm**



## Church Wide Christmas Party/Luncheon

Please join us for the annual PCPC Christmas Party.

A catered lunch will be served immediately following Worship on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please RSVP by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Contact Info: Donna Hall: 704-502-3853, Debbie McCord: 704-502-1456

Church Office: 704-392-0392

# 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

## A Note from the Property Committee

Our Property Committee would like to reach out to everyone concerning the use and cleanliness of our CFC Facility. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that if you use or rent the Facilities, it is your responsibility to assure that you leave the Facility in a "Clean Condition". If you are unable to clean it or arrange to have it cleaned then you should contact Property. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Dickie Chapman  
Property Committee Chairman

## Sunday School News

2024 Sunday School classes continue through December 22

2025 Sunday School classes begin on January 5

There are no Sunday School classes on December 29.

On that Sunday, prayer time will be in the Chapel at 10:30

Thank you, Christian Ed. Committee



A special thank you to the Paw Creek Presbyterian Church members for all their generosity, support and love shared during such a difficult time so much appreciated.

With love,  
Residents of Riverside, Lake Drive and Riverhaven



## Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias have been ordered and will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday, December 15. Donations will be accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones, and their name will be included in the Order of Service for December 15th as well. Please be sure to mark your check in the memo section as "Poinsettia", and list who it is in memory or honor of. **Names must be received in the church office by Tuesday, Dec. 10th.** Any monies collected will be used to offset the cost of the poinsettias with any extra money raised going to the Chuck Overbeck Fund and used for the beautification and maintenance of the gardens and landscaping around the church.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 704-392-0329. Thank you!



## Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts will be touring Cedar Lake Christmas Tree Farm in Iron Station, NC on **Monday, Dec 2nd**. Please meet at the church at 9:45, the church bus will leave at 10:00. We will have a tour of the Christmas Tree Farm by Bill Cline. We will also have the opportunity to make our own wreath for \$15, bows are extra and can be purchased at the farm. There will be time to shop in their General Store too! If the weather is nice we will have a picnic at the farm. Happy Hearts will provide chips, fruit and drink, you will need to bring your own sandwich. If it is too cold, we will stop at a restaurant on the way back to the church.

Cost of the trip is \$5 for the tour and gas. Please RSVP by Monday, Nov 25th to Vicki Ramsey 704-281-2836.

## The Rev. Gary Bryant Memorial Prayer Garden Brick Pavers

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, graduation 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.



**Cook's Church**

We are inviting you  
to celebrate

# A CHRISTMAS

Organ Recital

8<sup>TH</sup>  
OF  
DEC

AT 2:30 PM

Cook's Church


3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville RD  
Charlotte, NC  
[office@cookschurch.org](mailto:office@cookschurch.org)

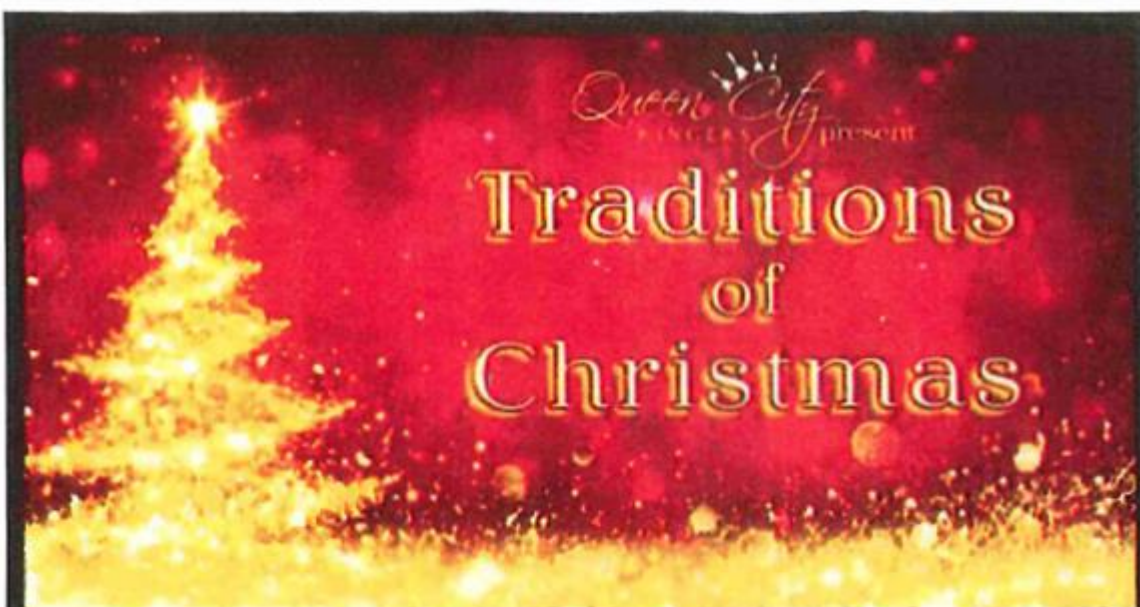
*Join organists*

*Angela Swicegood, Les Ackerman,  
and David Hutchings for an  
afternoon of Inspiring and festive  
music inspired by the Advent and  
Christmas season*

Admission is free.

Donations are appreciated.





*Queen City*  
RINGERS present

# Traditions of Christmas

***Join us for a  
Holiday Handbell Concert***

***Presented by***

***The Queen City Ringers***

***Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>***

***2:00pm***

***Cook's Church***

***3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd.***

***Charlotte, NC 28216***

***Love Offering will be collected.***

***Questions – 704-399-7735***

***QCR Website: [qcr.weebly.com](http://qcr.weebly.com)***

***Cook's Website: [www.cookschurch.org](http://www.cookschurch.org)***





**Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in December!**

**December 5**

Christy Corder  
Tim Gray

**December 12**

Miriam Childress

**December 27**

Gloria Caldwell

**December 7**

Roy Helms

**December 16**

Peggy Harrington

**December 28**

Oscar Sisk

**December 9**

Mike (Pea Dad) Caudill

**December 22**

Vicki Ramsey  
Cayleigh Tyler

**December 30**

Steele Blankenship

**December 10**

Jimmy Torrence  
Bill Wright

**December 24**

Gerri Ann Shaw

**December 31**

Beth Mathews

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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Paw Creek, NC 28130-0064

**Seek**..... Matthew 6:33  
**Serve**..... 1 Samuel 12:24  
**Praise**..... Psalm 111:1  
**Love Christ!**..... 1 John 4:12

*Lord, we thank you for...*

**Have a Prayer Request?** To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then contact Joy Tyler (phone captain - (704) 399-8040) - and- Ann Cashion (email captain - acatlake@gmail.com)

**Know someone Who Needs a Visit?** Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elliott Hipp (704) 392-0329

### Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be **December 18th**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, December 16th at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in January. Please make sure you have your submissions in on time to make sure they are in for the next month.**

Thank you! Kim

### Upcoming Sermon Titles

**Sunday, December 1**  
First Sunday of Advent  
*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*  
"The Time Foretold"  
Isaiah 11: 1-9

**Sunday, December 8**  
Second Sunday of Advent  
"Where are the Angels?"  
Luke 1: 26-38

**Sunday, December 15**  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Service of Lessons and Carols

**Sunday, December 22**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
"Light From Light Eternal"  
John 1: 1-14

**Tuesday, December 24**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Candlelight Service—7:30pm**  
Luke 2: 1-20