

Service For The Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Eleven O'clock

Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever.
In this place where God kindles in our hearts the longing for a Savior, we lift our ardent prayer.
Congregation: **Come Lord Jesus! Hallelujah!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" arr. Jim Lucas

Choral Introit "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Hymn 95

Call to Worship (Psalm 25)

Show us your ways, O Lord,
and teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth and teach us,
for you are the God of our salvation;
in you have we trusted all the day long.
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

***Hymn 348** "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

The Advent Wreath and the Creche

Prayer of the Day

Leader: By the light of one candle, let us follow the beasts to Bethlehem
All: **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, that we may glimpse your light that shines in the darkness. However dim it may seem, help us always to turn to you, and follow where you lead us. Through the one who is to come, even our Savior Christ. Amen.**

Response in Song "Canticle of the Turning" Hymn 100
Based on Mary's *Magnificat*, Luke 1 46-55

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Gustav Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing early minded for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth our full home to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture in the Body and the Blood
He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry.
Alleluya. Alleluya, Alleluya Lord most High. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

A Reading from Prophecy **Isaiah 11: 1-9**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to you, O God.**

***Hymn 129** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
Ten Cents a Meal Hunger Offering - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

Sermon *The Time Foretold*

*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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. J. B. Taylor

*Doxology "Old Hundredth"

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.**

Prayer Concerns and Joys

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table "Come to the Table of Grace" - Hymn 507

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
When invited we sing: Hymn 595

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of the Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Supper (in unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

*** Hymn 123** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song "Song of Simeon" (Hymn 545, verse 2)
This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light, God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel

Postlude "Jesus Shall Reign" arr. Larry Shackley

*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, 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

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.

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

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias have been ordered and will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday, December 15th. 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!

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Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo
Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

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
6:30pm Boy Scouts

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

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

Friday, December 20

Room in the Inn

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

Friday, December 27

Room in the Inn

Sunday, December 29

11:300am Worship—Guest: Betsy Williamson



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