

# Service For The Lord's Day

Sunday of the Epiphany

January 5, 2025

Eleven O'clock

## Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: The Good News of Christmas is this:  
That the Grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to  
all people.

Congregation: **All praise be to God!**

## Chimes of the Trinity

### Prelude

"The Little Drummer Boy" arr. Kenny G

### Choral Introit

"God's Bright Star" Hymn 141

## Call to Worship (Isaiah 60)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

## \*Hymn 151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

## Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in  
splendor. The radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the night that covers  
the earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. May his brightness  
illumine our lives and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We  
ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and  
ever. Amen.**

Response in Song "Gloria" Hymn 113

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## Welcome and Announcements

## Choral Anthem

"Three Kings From Persian Lands" Gustav Holst

In Bethlehem, that noble place, of Virgin Mary, full of grace  
within a stable all forlorn, the Savior of the world is born.  
Be we merry in this feast, In which the Savior Christ is born.

Three kings from Persian lands afar, Following the distant star:  
And this the quest of the travelers three, Where the newborn King may be.  
Be we merry in this feast, In which the Savior Christ is born.

The star shines out with steadfast ray; The kings to Bethlehem make their  
way,  
And there in worship, they bend the knee, unto the child they'd come to  
see.  
Be we merry in this feast, In which the Savior Christ is born.

The star of mercy the star of grace, Shall lead thy heart to its resting place:  
Gold, incense and myrrh thou cannot bring, So give thy heart unto the  
King!  
Be we merry in this feast, In which the Savior Christ is born.

## Scripture Lesson

### Reading from the Gospel

### Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise  
men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has  
been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have  
come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened,  
and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and  
scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.  
They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the  
prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least  
among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd  
my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the  
exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem,  
saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him,  
bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had  
heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they  
had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.  
When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On  
entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt  
down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered  
him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a  
dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

## \*Hymn 131

"In the Heavens Shone a Star"

## Sermon

*Better Late Than Never*

## \*Apostles' Creed

Hymnal pg. 35

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Behold That Star" arr. Mark Hayes

\*Doxology "Old Hundredth" (Hymn 606)

### 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 594

**Holy, holy, holy holy, holy, holy is our God,  
God the Lord of earth and heaven. Holy, holy is our God.  
Holy, holy, holy holy, holy, holy is our God,  
God, the Lord all of history. Holy, holy is our God.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of the Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Supper (in unison)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put  
our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have  
been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us  
on. Take us with you. Amen.**

## \* Hymn 141

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

## \*Charge and Benediction

\*Response in Song "He Rules the World" (Hymn 134, last verse)

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love . . .**

## Postlude

"And the Glory of the Lord" arr. John W. Schaum

\*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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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, January 12**

First Sunday after Epiphany  
*Ordination/Installation of Elders*  
 "What Baptism Does"  
 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

**Sunday, January 19**

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
 "Who We Are"  
 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

**Congregational Meeting**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 19 immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting will be a vote to concur with Elliott Hipp in a joint request to the Presbytery of Charlotte to dissolve our pastoral relationship effective January 31, upon his retirement from active ministry.

**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.

**Church Office Closed**

The Church Office will be closed for the Holidays from **December 24th until January 6th.** Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
 Kim

**Bible Study**

Wednesday Bible Study will not meet again until **January 8th.**

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor .....Elliott 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  
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 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  
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 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, January 5**

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

**Tuesday, January 7**

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

**Wednesday, January 8**

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

**Thursday, January 9**

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

**Sunday, January 12**

9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship / Ordination

**Tuesday, January 14**

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

**Wednesday, January 15**

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

**Thursday, January 16**

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

**Saturday, January 18**

10:30am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, January 19**

9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship

**Monday, January 20**

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, January 21**

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

**Wednesday, January 22**

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

**Thursday, January 23**

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

**Sunday, January 26**

9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship

**Tuesday, January 28**

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

**Wednesday, January 29**

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

**Thursday, January 30**

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



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