

Service For The Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 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 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Stanton Lanier

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

Call to Worship (Luke 1, *Song of Zechariah*)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

***Hymn 82** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

The Advent Wreath and the Creche

Prayer of the Day

Leader: By the light of two candles, let us follow the Magi to Bethlehem
All: **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, that we may see and mark the signs of your coming kingdom. Help us to set out on improbable journeys so that, guided by the Holy Spirit, we may one day arrive in the presence of our king. 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

**Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depth of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is 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

Choir Anthem "Keep Your Lamps!" arr. André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning . . . the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary . . . 'til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over . . . the time is drawing nigh

Scripture Lesson

A Reading from Prophecy Malachi 3: 11-14

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reading from the Gospel Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Hymn 98** "To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary"

Sermon *Where Are The Angels?*

*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 "Fairest Lord Jesus" (in the style of Beethoven)
arr. John W. Schaum

*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 113** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*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 "Jesu" arr. Jim Brickman

*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 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

Directory Update

We are in the process of updating our Online Directory. If you would like your photo updated, you may either upload a new one yourself or contact Tim Gray at tim@tcgracing.com –or- 704-907-0998 and he will be happy to assist you.

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.

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!

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

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Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

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

Monday, December 30

*Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 31

*Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1

*Church Office Closed

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



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