

Service For The Lord's Day

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024

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 Birthday of a King" arr. Bernardine Johnson

Call to Worship (Psalm 148)

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise the Lord in the heights.
Praise the Lord, all you holy angels;
praise the Lord, all heavenly host.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for the name of the Lord only is exalted,
and the splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven.

***Carol 132** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song "Gloria" Hymn 113
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Welcome and Announcements

***Carol 121** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Scripture Lesson

Reading from the Gospel **Luke 2: 41-52**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

***Carol 128** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Sermon *Life in the Family* Rev. Betsy Williamson

*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 "Mary, Did You Know?" Mark Lowry

*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*

*** Carol 136** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*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 "Joy to the World" arr. Keith Christopher

*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, January 5

Day of Epiphany
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 "Better Late Than Never"
 Matthew 2: 1-12

Sunday, January 12

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

Pastor's Vacation

Elliott will be on vacation from **Thursday, December 26 through Friday, January 3**. We will welcome the Rev. Betsy Williamson as guest preacher next Sunday, December 29. If any pastoral needs arise during this time, please inform any member of the Church Session.

Bible Study

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

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

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.

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.

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

PastorElliott Hipp
 Director of Music.....Andrew Cumbow
 Pianist.....Mark Burleson
 Administrative Assistant / WebmasterKim Whittington
 Videography Coordinator.....Clint Shaw

The Session

Moderator: Elliott Hipp Clerk: Donna Hall General Treasurer: Danny McClure

Class of 2024

Gene Hall
 Jim Pinkston
 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
 Administration: Eddie McArver
 Finance: Gene Hall
 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, December 29

11:30am Worship—Guest: Betsy Williamson

Monday, December 30

*Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 31

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Wednesday, January 1

*Church Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

*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

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



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 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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