

Service For The Lord's Day

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025

Eleven O'clock

Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me,
Congregation: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**
Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever. To this place where God gives us light and welcome, let us bring our cares and joys so that we may be cleansed and nourished.
Congregation: **Alleluia!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude "Spirit Song" arr. Mark Zeeman

Choral Introit "My Lord! What a Morning" Hymn 352

Call to Worship (Psalm 29)

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory that is due the holy name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The Lord shall give strength to the chosen people;
the Lord shall give the people the blessing of peace.

***Hymn 14** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward. By the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song "I Love You, Lord" Hymn 627
**I love, you Lord, and I lift my voice, to worship you; O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound
in your ear.**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem "Lead Me, Lord" arr. Andrew Cumbow

Lead me Lord, Lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Lead me Lord, Lead me in true holiness;
teach me to love and trust in thee.
Thou art our God, the God of our salvation,
all nations shall praise thy holy name.

Scripture Lesson

Reading from the Prophet **Isaiah 43: 1-7**

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reading from the Gospel **Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

***Hymn 96** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Sermon *What Baptism Does*

Ordination and Installation of Elders for the Class of 2027

Peggy Harrington, Wesley Johnston, Danny McClure, Teresa Smith

Leader: As in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:

Congregation: **Prophecy, in proportion to faith; Ministry, in ministering; The teacher, in teaching; The exhorter in exhortation; The giver, in generosity; The leader, in diligence; The compassionate, in cheerfulness;**

Leader: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in the spirit,
Congregation: **Serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.**

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Wonderful Words of Life/Word of God Speak" arr. Craig Curry

*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.**

Prayers of God's People

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer, in unison*

*** Hymn 307** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song "Guide My Feet" Hymn 741

**Guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

Postlude "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Isaac Watts

*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 19

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

Sunday, January 26

Third Sunday after Epiphany
"Whose We Are"
Luke 4: 14-21

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.

Happy Hearts

Monday, February 3, 2025 *(Date Change)

11:00am
BINGO * FOOD * FELLOWSHIP
Come and join us for BINGO in the CFC! Soup lunch will be provided. We will have lots of fun and door prizes too!
Cost \$1 per game card. Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey 704-393-8697 or 704-281-2836 by Jan 29, 2025 to make sure we have enough food. Hope to see you there!
We are in need of some great door prizes!

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

PastorElliott Hipp
Director of Music..... Andrew Cumbow
PianistMark Burleson
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The Session

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

Class of 2024

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Jim Stogner
David Turner

Class of 2025

Donna Hall
Eddie McArver
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Class of 2026

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Ken Scott
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Committee Chairs

Mission Team: Debbie Taylor
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Sunday School Officers: Sarah Kendrick / Jim Stogner
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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 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

Sunday, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC



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