

## Service For The Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

Eleven O'clock

### Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness.  
Congregation: **Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us.**  
Leader: Open our eyes so that we may see Jesus;  
Congregation: **Whose love endures forever.**

### Chimes of the Trinity

#### Prelude

"Light of the World(Here I am to Worship)" arr. Carol Tornquist

#### Choral Introit

"When Jesus Wept" Hymn 194

#### Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great king above all gods.

#### \*Hymn 792

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

#### Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; 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 "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days" Hymn 166  
**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.**

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Anthem

"Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God" Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence;  
and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;  
and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;  
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God!

#### Scripture Lesson

##### New Testament Reading

##### Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

#### \*Hymn 816

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

##### Old Testament Reading

##### Psalm 27:1;4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

*Answer the Question With Your Life*

Rev. Fred Grosse

#### \*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 "I Must Tell Jesus" arr. Mary McDonald

\*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 172

"Blest Are They"

#### \*Charge and Benediction

\*Response in Song "Lamb of God" (Hymn 604)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace; grant us peace.**

#### Postlude

"Blessed Assurance"  
Fanny Crosby and Phoebe Knapp

\*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 Debbie Taylor with questions or prayer concerns at 704-651-3524. 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, March 23**

Third Sunday of Lent  
Rev. Fred Grosse  
"Hey Waiter, What's the Special?"  
St. Luke 13:1-9; Isaiah 55:1-9

**Sunday, March 30**

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Rev. Fred Grosse  
"Who Gets Our Kavod?"  
St. Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; II Corinthians 5:16-21

**Pastoral Concerns**

At this time, the pastoral needs of the congregation will be in the care of our Church Session. For the next several weeks, please direct any concerns or news about members of the congregation to a member of the Session, as listed on the back page of the bulletin.

**Fifth Sunday Breakfast**

Please join us **March 30th** at 9:00 am for breakfast, a short program and update on Hope for Kajiado in the CFC.

**Congregational Meeting**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 30 immediately after worship for the purpose of hearing a report on Session's 2025 Church Budget, and electing three members of the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2025.

**Directory Update**

We are in the process of cleaning up our Church Directory and need to make sure we have updated photos and Contact Information for all of our members and regular attendees. If you or your child has moved in the last 18 months please send the correct address to Kim in the office. (even if you have updated the Online Directory yourself, please send the updated info to Kim for the Office records) If you need help updating your photo, please reach out to Debbie Taylor or Tim Gray. Thank you!

**Happy Hearts**

Ashley Broder is coming to PCPC to help us create a beautiful spring painting. Yes, we are going to have a paint party! No previous painting skill required! The cost is \$35 per person which includes all supplies and a 16x20 canvas for you to take home. Ashley will accept cash, check, Venmo or Zelle. Come join us Monday, April 14th @ 10:00 in the CFC for fun, fellowship and food. A lite brunch will be provided. Please RSVP by April 9th to Vicki Ramsey @ 704-281-2836.

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor ..... Andrew Cumbow  
Director of Music..... Mark Burleson  
Pianist ..... Kim Whittington  
Administrative Assistant / Webmaster ..... Clint Shaw  
Videography Coordinator.....

**The Session**

Moderator: Amantha Barbee Clerk: Debbie Taylor General Treasurer: Danny McClure

**Class of 2025**

Donna Hall  
Eddie McArver  
Amy McGee  
Joy Tyler

**Class of 2026**

Dickie Chapman  
Debbie McCord  
Ken Scott  
Debbie Taylor

**Class of 2027**

Peggy Harrington  
Wesley Johnston  
Danny McClure  
Teresa Smith

**Committee Chairs**

**Mission Team:** Amy McGee  
Christian Education: Donna Hall  
Congregational Care: Joy Tyler / Amy McGee  
Fellowship: Debbie McCord  
Outreach: Ken Scott / Wes Johnston  
Worship: Debbie Taylor / Teresa Smith

**Resource Team:** Peggy Harrington  
Administration: Eddie McArver / Peggy Harrington  
Finance: Gene Hall / Teresa Smith  
Property: Dickie Chapman / Wes Johnston  
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, March 16**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship/Rev. Fred Grosse  
12:30pm Stated Session Meeting

**Tuesday, March 18**

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

**Wednesday, March 19**

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, March 20**

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Choir Practice

**Sunday, March 23**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship/Rev. Fred Grosse

**Monday, March 24**

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, March 25**

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

**Wednesday, March 26**

**\*Newsletter**  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, March 27**

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Choir Practice

**Friday, March 28**

Room in the Inn

**Sunday, March 30**

9:00am 5th Sunday Breakfast/Hope for Kajiado  
11:00am Worship/Rev. Fred Grosse  
12:30pm Congregational Meeting

**Tuesday, April 1**

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

**Wednesday, April 2**

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, April 3**

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Choir Practice

**Sunday, April 6**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship/Communion/10¢ Hunger

**Tuesday, April 8**

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

**Wednesday, April 9**

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, April 10**

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Choir Practice



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