

# Service For The Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 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** "Just As I Am with Gymnopedie, No. 1" arr. Mark Hayes

**Choral Introit** "When Jesus Wept" Hymn 194

## Call to Worship (Psalm 63)

O God, you are our God, and eagerly we seek you;  
our souls thirst for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself,  
and so will we bless you as long as we live.  
Our souls cling to you; your right hand holds us fast.

**\*Hymn 415** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

## Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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** "Be Still And Know" arr. Lloyd Larson

Be still and know that he is God. Be still and know that he is holy.  
Be still, oh restless soul of mine.  
Bow before the Prince of Peace; let the noise and clamor cease.  
Be still and know that he is God. Be still and know that he is faithful.  
Consider all that he has done;  
stand in awe and be amazed, and know that he will never change.  
Be still. Be still and know that he is God.  
Be still and know that he is God. Be still and know that he is God.  
Be still; be speechless.

Be still and know that he is God. Be still and know he is our Father.  
Come, rest your head upon his breast;  
listen to the rhythm of his unfailing heart of love  
beating for his little ones, calling each of us to come.  
Be still. Be still. Be still.

## Scripture Lesson

### New Testament Reading

### St. Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**\*Hymn 649** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

### Old Testament Reading

### Isaiah 55: 1-9

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Hey Waiter, What's the Special?* 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 Surrender All" arr. Janice Faber

\*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 792** "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

## \*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** "There Is a Fountain/Nothing but the Blood" arr. Gina Sprunger

\*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 30**

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Rev. Fred Grosse

"Who Gets Our Kavod?"

St. Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; II Corinthians 5:16-21

**Sunday, April 6**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Rev. Fred Grosse

"Whoa, What Is That Smell?"

Psalm 126, St. John 12:1-8

**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.

**Coulwood Community Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 5th**

Paw Creek has been invited to lead the crafts in the Clubhouse. Contact Celia Gray or Barbara Ullem if you would like to be part of this fun event.

Stuffing eggs: Volunteers are needed to help stuff 1000 plastic eggs at the Coulwood Clubhouse on Sunday, **March 23rd** at 1 pm. Coulwood Community is providing the candy and the plastic eggs.

**Happy Hearts Paint Party**

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.

**The Church Triumphant**

Stelle Blankenship - entered into Eternal Rest on February 27, 2025

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."*

**Stitches for Missions**

The March meeting has been moved to **April 12th** at 10:30am in the Parlor.

**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!

**Congregational Care**

If you or a family member would like to be added to our Special Friends list for visitations, cards, calls or any combination of these, please contact Amy McGee 704-578-3908 or the Church Office 704-392-0329

**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  
Historian: Dina Salvo  
Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw  
Special Givings: Celia Gray

Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey

Backpack Buddies: Teresa Painter, Belinda Springs, Jan & Carol Chapman

Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo

**Church Calendar**

**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**

9:45am Sunday School  
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

**Saturday, April 12**

10:30am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, April 13**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Palm Sunday Worship

**Tuesday, April 15**

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

**Wednesday, April 16**

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC



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