

Service For The Lord's Day

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025 Eleven O'clock

Processional Troop 70

Welcome Into God's House (responsive) Joshua Mackey

Leader: The spirit of God has brought us here.

Congregation: **The Lord has set us down here, though our bones are tired.**

Leader: Can these dry bones live?

Congregation: **Yes! The Breath of God will revive us! The Word of God will awaken us!**

Leader: Today, we come together to experience new life.

Congregation: **Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Zach James

Choral Introit "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Hymn 829

Call to Worship Anthony Hill-Pfeffer

Leader: Coming from places that have seen better days,

Congregation: God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

Leader: Coming with our breath taken away by grief,

Congregation: the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connection with God and with one another.

Leader: Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

Congregation: Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death, speaking in word and sacrament, and building community for holy service.

***Hymn 838** "Standing on the Promises"

Prayer of the Day (in unison) Bishop Kincaid

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk— places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. When we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim within this place of worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response in Song "Breathe on Me Breath of God" Hymn 286

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.**

Welcome and Announcements Elias Bock

Anthem "Come Alive" Malinda Cobb

Scripture Lesson Josiah Hill-Pfeffer

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1-11

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely."

New Testament Reading Kayleigh Sale

2 Corinthians 5: 14-20

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn 39** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Sermon *Would You? Could You?* Elizabeth Kincaid

**Taken from "The Gospel According to Dr. Suess" by James W. Kemp*

***Apostles' Creed** Bishop Kincaid

**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 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" arr. Lloyd Larson
Emily Lineberger, Laura Lineberger, Mark Burleson

Ushers: Zachary Carrington, Elias Bock, Anthony Hill-Pfeffer, Joshua Mackey

*Doxology "Old Hundredth" (Hymn 606)

Offertory Response D Rodriguez

Leader: Lord God Almighty, You have given us many good gifts.

People: **Open up our hearts to see the possibilities created by this grace of Yours.**

Leader: May we recognize the gifts You have given us, and may we use them wherever possible.

People: **May we use them throughout our lives for Your glory, and Your glory alone. Amen.**

Prayers of God's People Zachary Carrington, D Rodriguez, Amelia Hill-Pfeffer

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

*** Hymn 69** "Here I Am Lord"

***Charge and Benediction** Elizabeth Kincaid

**"Scout Vespers" Malinda Cobb

Softly falls the light of day,
While our campfire fades away.
Silently each Scout should ask
Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright?
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared
Everything to be prepared?

Postlude "Revive Us Again" arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

*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. 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, March 16

Second Sunday in Lent
Rev. Fred Grosse
"Answer the Question With Your Life"
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Psalm 27:1; 4-9

Sunday, March 23

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

SCOUT SUNDAY

We are pleased to welcome the Scouts of Troop 70 and their families today!

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.

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:

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The Session

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Class of 2026

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Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo
Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 9

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Scout Sunday

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 15

10:30am Stiches for Missions

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

9:45am 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



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