

Service For The Lord's Day

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

January 25, 2026

Eleven O'clock

Joys and Concerns

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

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds Us Together"

Hayes and Gillman

Choral Introit

"God Welcomes All"

Hymn 399

Call to Worship (Psalm 92)

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

*Hymn 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord, Your people have a long history of forgetting You. They forgot You in the Wilderness. They forgot You when they had their kings. They forgot You in Exile. Lord, we are no different. Through the waters of baptism, we are Your people, and we still forget. We make plans without considering You. We go weeks without worshipping You. We imagine we can do life without You in the center of it. We are sorry, Lord. Please forgive us. Thank you for making us Your people, and thank You for never forgetting us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Response in Song: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (Hymn 469)

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Anthem

"Promised Land"

Natalie Sleeth

Brother, sister, lend an ear, I'm headin' for the promised land!
Troubles soon will disappear, I'm headin' for the promised land!
When I reach it there will be love and happiness awaitin' for me,
Come along and you will see! I'm headin' for the promised land!
I'll be singin' freedom's song. I'm headin' for the promised land!
That's the place where I belong, I'm headin' for the promised land!
I'll get there one day I know; now I've started I'm ararin' to go
where the milk and honey flow. I'm headin' for the promised land!
O, listen, don't you hear that trumpet, sounding forth the call?
O, children, won't you rise and follow, one and all?
Better days are now in view, I'm headin' for the promised land!
All my dreams are comin' true, I'm headin' for the promised land!
Want to leave the past behind, face the future with a hopeful mind,
Peace and joy I'll surely find, I'm headin' for the promised land!
Headin' for the promised land! Headin' for the promised land!

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 733

"We All Are One in Mission"

Scripture for Sermon

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel--and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

It's Not All About You

*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 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Helen Lemmel

*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.**

Pastoral Prayer (concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*, in unison)

* Hymn 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (Hymn 546, vs.3)

**Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.**

Postlude

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

*Those who are able, please stand

† Liturgist: Donna Hall

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 Rev. Fred Grosse with questions or prayer concerns at 704-607-2847. 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 Title & Scriptures

Sunday, February 1

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
I Cor 1: 18-31; St. Mt. 5: 1-12
"That's Your Brain, Not Your Knee"
Liturgist: Karen Turner

Attendance & Offerings

Sunday, January 18
Sunday School Attendance - 22
Worship Attendance - 54
Offerings - \$3,718.00

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

Transitional Minister Rev. Dr. Fred Grosse
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The Session

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Committee Chairs

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Christian Education: Grady Cathey
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Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 25

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, January 26

6:15pm Cardio Fight Class
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, January 27

9:00am Cardio Fitness
3:00pm Reading Program

Wednesday, January 28

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

Thursday, January 29

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

Friday, January 30

10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, January 31

9:00am Fight your Core Class

Sunday, February 1

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

Monday, February 2

6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

Tuesday, February 3

9:00am Cardio Fitness
10:00am PW Grow & Go Circle
3:00pm Reading Program
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle

Wednesday, February 4

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 5

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

Friday, February 6

Room in the Inn
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, February 7

9:00am Fight your Core Class

Sunday, February 8

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, February 9

6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

Tuesday, February 10

9:00am Cardio Fitness
3:00pm Reading Program

Wednesday, February 11

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 12

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

Friday, February 13

10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, February 14

9:00am Fight your Core Class

Sunday, February 15

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, February 16

*Church Office Closed
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class



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Woodland Presbyterian Bake Sale

Sunday, February 8th

900 Rhyne Road
11:30am - 2:00pm

Please come out and support us!

*Cupcakes, Cakes, Pretzels, Peach Cobbler,
Sugar Cookies, Brownies & More Delicious
Desserts!*

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Are you in need of a driver to get you to your medical appointments?
Are you available to help drive someone to a medical appointment?
Are you or someone you care about in need of Congregational Care?

Please call Amy McGee 704-578-3908, Joy Tyler 704-399-8040 or the church office at 704-392-0329 to arrange support.