

## Service For The Lord's Day

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

Eleven O'clock

### Joys and Concerns

#### 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

"Be Still and Know"

arr. Marilyn Ham

#### Choral Introit

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Hymn 577

#### Call to Worship (Psalm 32 & 33)

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;

Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Praise the Lord with the harp;

play upon the psaltery and lyre.

Sing for the Lord a new song;

sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

#### \*Hymn 279

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of peace and hope, We confess to holding tightly to things we cannot control. We let worry consume us and dictate our actions, and we tell ourselves the lie that You are not enough. Forgive us for our failure to rest in Your provision. You always give us exactly what we need, when we need it and with a measure of grace we don't deserve. May we put our trust in you alone. Thanks be to you, O God, for the hope and joy of forgiveness when we confess and repent. Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

#### Assurance of Pardon

Response in Song: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" (Hymn 423, vs. 1)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

#### Anthem

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

David N. Childs

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He makes me lie down in pastures green.

He leadeth me, the quiet waters by, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again. And me to walk doth make

within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake,

Within the paths, E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;

For Thou art with me and Thy rod and staff, Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall follow, Shall follow me where e'er I walk.

And in God's house Thy dwelling place shall be.

Forever more, Forever more, Forever more, Forever more,

My dwelling place shall be.

#### Scripture Reading

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

<sup>2:15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

#### \*Hymn 288

"Spirit of the Living God"

#### Scripture for Sermon

**Acts 1:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

*My witnesses*

Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller

#### \*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.**

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

#### \*Hymn 462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#### \*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

"We Have a Gospel to Proclaim"

arr. Cindy Berry

\*Those who are able, please stand

† Liturgist: Teresa Painter

### 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](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 Title & Scriptures

#### Sunday, March 1

Second Sunday in Lent  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Psalm 121; St. John 3:1-17  
"Week 2, Walking with Jesus"  
*Liturgist: Barbara Ullem*

### Attendance & Offerings

#### Sunday, February 15

Sunday School Attendance - 18  
Worship Attendance - 50  
Offerings - \$4,378.00

### Guest Minister

Please welcome Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller to the pulpit this morning. Mark serves The Outreach Foundation as Executive Director. After working for ten years as a teacher and school administrator in the public school systems of Utah and Arizona, Mark heard God's call to pastoral ministry. He served congregations for twenty-three years before arriving in 2018 at The Outreach Foundation as Director of Development and most recently as Executive Director. Mark earned a B.A. from the University of Arizona, a M.Ed. at BYU, a M.Div. at Louisville Theological Seminary and a D.Min. at Columbia Theological Seminary with an emphasis on Evangelism and New Church Development. Mark and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller, have two married daughters and five grandchildren.

### Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregation Meeting for Sunday, **March 1<sup>st</sup>** immediately after worship for the purpose of presenting the 2026 Church Budget.

### PCPW Ecumenical Luncheon

#### Saturday, February 28, 2026

Registration from 10:30-11:00  
Salad Luncheon from 11:00-12:30  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Amantha Barbee  
Please bring a salad, \$1.00 & a canned good for a local food pantry. We hope you can join us in fellowship, prayer, and a celebration of women on this special day. For additional information, contact: [knoturner@gmail.com](mailto:knoturner@gmail.com)

### ♥ Congregational Care ♥

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.

### Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

Transitional Minister ..... Rev. Dr. Fred Grosse  
Director of Music ..... Andrew Cumbow  
Pianist..... Mark Burleson  
Administrative Assistant / Webmaster ..... Kim Whittington  
Videography Coordinator ..... Clint Shaw

Moderator: Fred Grosse  
**The Session**  
Clerk: Karen Cathey  
General Treasurer: Danny McClure

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Dickie Chapman	Peggy Harrington	Grady Cathey
Debbie McCord	Wesley Johnston	Karen Cathey
Ken Scott	Danny McClure	Larry Ramsey
Debbie Taylor	Teresa Smith	Stephanie Sudderth

**Mission Team:**  
Christian Education: Grady Cathey  
Congregational Care: Amy McGee / Karen Cathey  
Fellowship: Debbie McCord  
Outreach: Ken Scott / Stephanie Sudderth  
Worship: Larry Ramsey

**Committee Chairs**

**Resource Team:**  
Administration: Peggy Harrington / Debbie Taylor  
Finance: Teresa Smith  
Property: Dickie Chapman / Wesley Johnston  
Cemetery Superintendent: Phillip McCord

**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  
Special Givings: Celia Gray  
Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey  
Backpack Buddies: Teresa Painter, Belinda Springs, Jan & Carol Chapman

### Church Calendar

<b>Sunday, February 22</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship / Guest: Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller	<b>Thursday, March 5</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Cardio Fitness 6:30pm Choir Practice
<b>Monday, February 23</b> 12:00pm Newsletter Deadline 6:15pm Cardio Fight Class	<b>Friday, March 6</b> <b>Room in the Inn</b> 10:00am Pickle Ball Game
<b>Tuesday, February 24</b> 9:00am Cardio Fitness 3:00pm Reading Program	<b>Saturday, March 7</b> 9:00am Fight your Core Class
<b>Wednesday, February 25</b> <b>*Newsletter</b> 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm CCC	<b>Sunday, March 8</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship
<b>Thursday, February 26</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Cardio Fitness 6:30pm Choir Practice	<b>Monday, March 9</b> 6:15pm Cardio Fight Class
<b>Friday, February 27</b> 10:00am Pickle Ball Game	<b>Tuesday, March 10</b> 9:00am Cardio Fitness 3:00pm Reading Program
<b>Saturday, February 28</b> 10:00am PW Ecumenical Luncheon	<b>Wednesday, March 11</b> 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm CCC
<b>Sunday, March 1</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship / Communion / 10¢ Hunger 12:00pm Congregational Meeting	<b>Thursday, March 12</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Cardio Fitness 6:30pm Choir Practice
<b>Monday, March 2</b> 6:15pm Cardio Fight Class	<b>Friday, March 13</b> 10:00am Pickle Ball Game
<b>Tuesday, March 3</b> 9:00am Cardio Fitness 10:00am PW Grow & Go Circle 7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle	<b>Saturday, March 14</b> 9:00am Fight your Core Class
<b>Wednesday, March 4</b> 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm CCC	<b>Sunday, March 15</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Stated Session Meeting



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