

Service For The Lord’s Day

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 8, 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

“Make Me a Servant”

arr. Carl Seal

Choral Introit

“Thou Art Worthy”

arr. Andrew Cumbow

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 172

“Blest Are They”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, Your Word promises Your blessing to those who walk in Your ways.

We desire that blessing, but in selfishness and impatience, we often choose what is

convenient without considering it is of You; we often take the popular path without

asking whether it is Your path; we often opt for the easiest way, even if it doesn’t

bear Your fruit. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, and compel us to reach more deeply into the

rivers of Your wisdom. Transform us, Holy Spirit, and bind our hearts more dearly to

You so that we may live in the joy of Your salvation through Christ our Lord, Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Response in Song: “Lord, Be Glorified” (Hymn 468, vs. 3)

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Anthem

“Offertory”

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, With ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give Him my first born for my transgressions,

The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly, Walk humbly with your God?

Scripture Reading

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁸For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has

not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world

did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the

proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴but

to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom

of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is

stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human

standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is

foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the

strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish

things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰In contrast, God is why

you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and

sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast

in the Lord."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 175

“Seek Ye First”

Scripture for Sermon

St. Matthew 5: 1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples

came to him. ²And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the

kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil

against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in

heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

That’s Your Brain, Not Your Knee

*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

“Sanctuary”

arr. Carol Tornquist

*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

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

“Come to the Table of Grace” - Hymn 507

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

When invited we sing:

Hymn 595

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of the Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Supper (in unison)

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom,

now and forever. Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank you for

this holy grace, whereby you feed us with the spiritual food of the most precious

Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. We bless you and praise

you as you assure us of thy favor and goodness towards us; that we are your

children in the mystical and universal body of thy Son Jesus Christ. With the

blessed company of all faithful people; and with those now in your everlasting

kingdom, we most heartily thank you for this Holy Sacrament.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to death

on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our

enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the

joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

~(Our Communion bread is gluten, dairy, soy & nut free. We also have communion sets available for those that prefer them over intinction.)

* Hymn 749

“Come! Live in the Light!”

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace” (Hymn 545, vs.1)

Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled.

These eyes have seen salvation’s dawn, this child so long foretold.

Postlude

“Glorious Day”

arr. Carol Tornquist

*Those who are able, please stand

† Liturgist: Jane Grosse

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 15

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Guest: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty
Professor of Theology & Ethics, Union
Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte
Liturgist: Teresa Smith

Attendance & Offerings

Sunday, February 1

Sunday School Attendance - n/a
Worship Attendance - n/a
Offerings - n/a

PCPW Ecumenical Luncheon

Our Ecumenical Luncheon is coming soon. We hope that everyone of you will be there!
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

Happy Hearts Bingo

****New Date****

Monday, **February 9, 2026**
11:00am

BINGO * FOOD * FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for BINGO in the CFC! Soup lunch will be provided. We will have lots of fun and door prizes too!
Cost \$1 per game card. Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey 704-281-2836 by Jan 21, 2026 to make sure we have enough food. Hope to see you there!

♥ 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.

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!

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

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The Session

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Class of 2027
Peggy Harrington
Wesley Johnston
Danny McClure
Teresa Smith
Clerk: Karen
Class of 2028
Grady Cathey
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Larry Ramsey
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Committee Chairs

Mission Team:
Christian Education: Grady Cathey
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Outreach: Ken Scott / Stephanie Sudderth
Worship: Larry Ramsey
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

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 /
Guest Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty

Monday, February 16

***Church Office Closed**
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

Tuesday, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
12:30pm Ash Wednesday Service /
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty

Thursday, February 19

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

Friday, February 20

Room in the Inn
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, February 21

9:00am Fight your Core Class
10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, February 22

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / Guest: Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, February 28

10:00am PW Ecumenical Luncheon

Sunday, March 1

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



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