

# Service For The Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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

"God and God Alone"

arr. Kurt Kaiser

### Choral Introit

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Hymn 577

### Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving

and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great king above all gods.

### \*Hymn 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Eternal God of grace and mercy, we confess we have often elevated the things of this world above You. We have made idols of ideas, possessions, and people.**

**We have used Your name for our causes. We have permitted our schedules to come first. We have not worshiped You with our whole heart. We have not fought the good fight. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of Your will. Empower us, O God, to run the races set before us to Your glory. We pray through Christ our Lord. 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

"Ave Verum Corpus"

Mozart

## Scripture Reading

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come? <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. <sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 121

### \*Hymn 286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**Ten Cents a Meal Hunger Offering** - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

## Scripture for Sermon

### St. John 3: 1-17

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person."

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

*Walking with Jesus*

### \*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 "God So Loved the World" arr. Robert Thygerson

\*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 625

"How Great Thou Art"

### \*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

"Marvelous Grace"

arr. Anna Laura Page

\*Those who are able, please stand

† Liturgist: Barbara Ullem

**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 8**

Third Sunday in Lent  
Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11  
"Week 3, Walking with Jesus"  
*Liturgist: Gene Hall*

**Attendance & Offerings**

**Sunday, February 22**  
**Sunday School Attendance** - 19  
**Worship Attendance** - 57  
**Offerings** - \$5,769.00

**Congregational Meeting**

The Session has called a Congregation Meeting for **TODAY** immediately after worship for the purpose of presenting the 2026 Church Budget.

**Renovatus Church**

Renovatus will be offering up some of their "supplies" to Renovatus and Paw Creek congregants during a FREE SALE before and after service **TODAY**.

This could include a bit of decor, office supplies, and other miscellaneous items.

Please feel free to stop by to visit.

**♥ 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

**The Session**

Moderator: Fred Grosse Clerk: Karen Cathey General Treasurer: Danny McClure

**Class of 2026**

Dickie Chapman  
Debbie McCord  
Ken Scott  
Debbie Taylor

**Class of 2027**

Peggy Harrington  
Wesley Johnston  
Danny McClure  
Teresa Smith

**Class of 2028**

Grady Cathey  
Karen Cathey  
Larry Ramsey  
Stephanie Sudderth

**Committee Chairs**

**Mission Team:**

Christian Education: Grady Cathey  
Congregational Care: Amy McGee / Karen Cathey  
Fellowship: Debbie McCord  
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, March 1**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / Communion / 10¢ Hunger  
12:00pm Congregational Meeting

**Monday, March 2**

6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

**Tuesday, March 3**

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

**Wednesday, March 4**

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, March 5**

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

**Friday, March 6**

**Room in the Inn**  
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

**Saturday, March 7**

9:00am Fight your Core Class

**Sunday, March 8**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, March 9**

6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

**Tuesday, March 10**

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

**Wednesday, March 11**

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, March 12**

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

**Friday, March 13**

10:00am Pickle Ball Game

**Saturday, March 14**

9:00am Fight your Core Class

**Sunday, March 15**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
12:30pm Stated Session Meeting

**Monday, March 16**

6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

**Tuesday, March 17**

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

**Wednesday, March 18**

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, March 19**

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

**Friday, March 20**

Room in the Inn  
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

**Saturday, March 21**

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

**Sunday, March 22**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship



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