

Service For The Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

Eleven O'clock

Joys and Concerns

Mary Ellen Edwards

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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Lloyd Larson

Choral Introit

"Lord, Have Mercy" Hymn 577

Call to Worship (Psalm 23)

We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,

And gives us refreshment of soul.

For the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

And we shall be with him for ever and ever.

*Hymn 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(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

"Grant Us Thy Peace" Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us they peace, Almighty Lord, O source of every blessing!

We cannot keep thy saving word, Unless thy peace possessing,

Thy peace O give by which we live. Grant us thy peace, Almighty Lord,

O source of every blessing! We cannot keep thy saving word,

Unless thy peace possessing, Thy peace O give by which we live.

Grant us thy peace, Almighty Lord, O source of every blessing!

We cannot keep thy saving word, Unless thy peace possessing,

Thy peace, O give, by which we live, Thy peace, O give, by which we live.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 427

"Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart"

Scripture for Sermon

I Samuel 16: 1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'

³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Week 4, 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 "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" arr. Victor Labenske

*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 629

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

*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

"Heart of God" Hillsong

*Those who are able, please stand

† Liturgist: Jan Chapman

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, March 22

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Romans 8:6-11; Ezekiel 37:1-14
"Week 5, Walking with Jesus"
Liturgist: Donna Hall
Joys and Concerns: Larry Ramsey

Attendance & Offerings

Sunday, March 8
Sunday School Attendance - 19
Worship Attendance - 47
Offerings - \$5,034.00

Gilchrist Lecture

Saturday, March 28, 5-7pm
Trinity Presbyterian Church / Fellowship Hall
Dr. Heath W. Carter
Associate Professor of American Christianity
and Director of PhD Studies,
Princeton Theological Seminary
Blest Be The Tie That Binds?
Faithful Witness in Dangerous & Deeply
Divided Times.
Refreshments and hor d'oeuvres will be served.
Please contact Debbie Taylor for more
information.

♥ 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.

Presbytery of Charlotte: Day of Mission

Connect with others across the Presbytery of
Charlotte. Worship and pray together. Serve
and engage in God's mission in our community.

Saturday, March 21

8am – 1:30pm
CN Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church
1421 Statesville Ave., Charlotte

Mission Projects: Participants will be assigned
to one of several mission sites. Nearby mission
sites will include places like: Crisis Assistance
and Beds for Kids. Onsite service projects to
benefit local non-profits like Roof Above will also
be done on site at CN Jenkins in order to
accommodate all ages and abilities.

If you have questions or need the link to sign up
for the event, please contact Stephanie
Sudderth.

*Sign up is not required but appreciated so they
know how many lunches to prepare and where
you would like to serve.

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

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Dickie Chapman	Peggy Harrington	Grady Cathey
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Mission Team:
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Moderator: Karen Turner Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey
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Historian: Dina Salvo
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Church Calendar

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 Exercise Class
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 Exercise Class
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

Monday, March 23
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

Tuesday, March 24
9:00am Exercise Class
3:00pm Reading Program

Wednesday, March 25
***Newsletter**
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, March 26
7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Exercise Class
6:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, March 27
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, March 28
9:00am Fight your Core Class

Sunday, March 29
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Palm / Passion Sunday

Monday, March 30
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

Tuesday, March 31
9:00am Exercise Class
3:00pm Reading Program

Wednesday, April 1
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, April 2
7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Exercise Class
6:30pm Choir Practice
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3
10:00am Pickle Ball Game
7:00pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4
9:00am Fight your Core Class



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