

## Service For The Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 Eleven O'clock

**Joys and Concerns** Teresa Painter

**Greetings from COM Liaison** Rev. Lisa McLennan

### 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** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"  
arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

**Choral Introit** "Lord, Have Mercy" Hymn 577

### Call to Worship (Psalm 66)

Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.  
Come now and see the works of God,  
Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of praise to be heard.  
How wonderful God's actions toward all people.

**\*Hymn 187** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God, oftentimes we carry the burdens of the world on our shoulders. Forgive us, Lord, for our mistrust and controlling tendencies, and for making You small and inactive in our lives. We know, we must lay everything at Your feet to truly be set free from the sin that entangles us. As we lay down our own burdens, for Your lighter load, yoke us, gently, to You. You are all-powerful and almighty, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. In loving awe, we celebrate You as the Alpha and Omega. 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** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" JS Bach  
Jesu joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright;  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God our flesh that fashioned, With the fore of life impassioned,  
Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring dying round Thy throne.  
Through the way where hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings,  
Where the flock in Thee confiding, Drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead Thine own, In the love of joys unknown.

### Scripture Reading Exodus 17: 1-7

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn 215** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

### Scripture for Sermon Romans 5: 1-11

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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**Sermon** *Week 3, 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 "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"  
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 223** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**\*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** "Above All" Paul Baloche/Lenny LeBlanc  
  
\*Those who are able, please stand

† Liturgist: Gene 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](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 15**

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 16: 1-13  
"Week 4, Walking with Jesus"  
*Liturgist: Jan Chapman*

**Attendance & Offerings**

**Sunday, March 1**

**Sunday School Attendance** - 19  
**Worship Attendance** - 61  
**Offerings** - \$6,257.00

**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	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:	Resource Team:
Christian Education: Grady Cathey	Administration: Peggy Harrington / Debbie Taylor
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Worship: Larry Ramsey	

**Sunday School Officers:** Sarah Kendrick / Jim Stogner  
**Children's Ministry:** Jan Chapman / Celia Gray / Barbara Ullem

**Presbyterian Women**  
Moderator: Karen Turner  
Secretary: Donna Hall Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey  
Historian: Dina Salvo Backpack Buddies: Teresa Painter, Belinda Springs, Jan & Carol Chapman  
Special Givings: Celia Gray

**Church Calendar**

- 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
- Monday, March 23**  
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline  
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class
- Tuesday, March 24**  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
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 Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Choir Practice
- Friday, March 27**  
10:00am Pickle Ball Game
- Saturday, March 28**  
9:00am Fight your Core Class



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**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.

**♥ 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.



The **Scala Sancta** (Holy Stairs), **28 white marble steps**, near the Archbasilica of Saint John in Laterano, Rome.

