



Paw Creek

Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

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Service For The Lord's Day

The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

April 5, 2026

Eleven O'clock

We Enter in Darkness

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude

"Christ Arose"

arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Congregation: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

***Processional Hymn**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Hymn 232

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Risen Lord,

You have conquered sin and death, yet we confess that we still live in the shadows. You call us to walk in the light of your resurrection, but we cling to old ways that lead to fear and doubt. You offer us peace, yet we are quick to speak words that wound.

You send us to proclaim good news, yet we remain silent when we should speak.

Forgive us, Lord. Raise us from the tombs of our complacency. Breathe your Spirit into us, so that we may live as Easter people —people of hope, joy, and unshakable faith in your redeeming love. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: The tomb is empty, Christ is risen, and God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven — set free to live in the light of resurrection.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response in Song:

"Be Not Afraid" (Hymn 243)

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen alleluia!

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Joys and Concerns

Larry Ramsey

Easter Anthem

“He Is Alive!”

Joel Raney

What are you crying? Why do you weep? Who are you searching for?
What do you seek? The tomb is empty, the stone is rolled away.
Your Lord, once crucified, the one who bled and died,
with arms stretched open wide is standing by your side.
Open your eyes and see, open your heart and know Jesus is risen, he is alive.
And he is with you now, and forever will keep you safely by his side,
in endless love abide. Why do you weep?
I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.
Our Lord, once crucified, the one who bled and died,
has opened heaven’s door, Christ Jesus lives! He lives forever more!
Open your eyes and see, open your heart and know Jesus is risen, he is alive!
And he is with you now and forever will keep you safely by his side, in endless love abide.
Why do you weep? He’ll keep you in endless love abide. Why do you weep?

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.
²Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest,
³the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.
⁵Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit.
⁶For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: “Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Easter Anthem

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

arr. W.D. Spurlock

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world good news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord of life is ris’n this day; death’s mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

New Testament Reading

St. John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”
³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
 Congregation: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Sermon

Don't Give Up, Add On

13 Historic Christian Spiritual Disciplines

1. Prayer
2. Worship
3. Christian service
4. Solitude to be alone with Jesus
5. Silence to listen only for Jesus
6. Fasting to honor God's generosity
7. Sacrifice to place others above self
8. Confession/forgiveness with God of our sinfulness
9. Study of God's Holy Word
10. Fellowship with other followers
11. Simplicity in spiritual discipleship
12. Financial commitment to the church
13. Body self-care

Suggested readings for spiritual growth with the 13 Christian spiritual disciplines

- Draw the Circle: 40 Day Prayer Challenge: Mark Batterson, Zondervan Press, 2012
- The Breath of the Soul, Reflection on Prayer: Sr. Joan Chittister, Twenty-Third Publications, 2013.
- Daily Office: Remembering God's Presence Throughout the Day: Peter Scazzero, Willow Books, 2008.
- Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth: Richard Foster, Harper and Row, 1988.
- Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World: Fr. Henri J.M. Nouwen, Crossroads Publishing, 1992.
- Revelations of Divine Love: Julian of Norwich (b.1342) Christian Classics, SKU: 1011627
- The Interior Castle: St. Teresa of Avila, TAN Publishing House, 2011.
- New Seeds of Contemplation: Fr. Thomas Merton, New Directions, 2007.

*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 (includes Ten Cent Hunger & One Great Hour of Sharing)

Offertory

"I Will Rise/The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference"

arr. Mary McDonald and Mark Burleson

*Doxology

"Lasst uns erfreuen" (Hymn 609)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 (in unison)

God of Easter hope, you prepared a table before us and nourished us with your resurrection love. Send us forth from this Sacrament to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. AMEN

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

***Hymn 826**

“Lift High the Cross”

***Easter Dismissal and Blessing of St. Gregory the Great** (responsive)

Leader: It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father, and Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: **Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy.**

Leader: We pray You, Lord, to preserve Your servants in the peaceful enjoyment of this Easter happiness.

Congregation: **We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with God The Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

*Response in Song

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“The Strife Is O’er” (Hymn 236)

Postlude

“He Is Risen!”

Alexander and Neander

*Those who are able, please stand

† **Liturgist:** Susan Bandel



Easter Flower Garden Donations

Given in Memory of:

Joe Adkins
Shelby & Grady Alexander
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Our Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandson

By:

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Andrea Timberman
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Gene & Donna Hall

By:

Joy Tyler
Nana
Eddie, Michael & Cathy
Nana
Joy Tyler
Joy Tyler
The Turner Family
The Turner Family
Gene & Donna 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. 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.

Currently Serving at Paw Creek Presbyterian Church:

Transitional MinisterRev. Dr. Fred Grosse
Clerk of SessionKaren Cathey
Music DirectorAndrew Cumbow
PianistMark Burleson
Office ManagerKim Whittington
Videography CoordinatorClint Shaw

Upcoming Sermon Titles & Scriptures

Sunday, April 12

Second Sunday of Easter
St. John 20:19-31; Acts 2:14a-22-32
"Peter Raised His Voice, Part I"
Liturgist: Celia Gray
Joys and Concerns: Susan Bandel

Attendance & Offerings

Sunday, March 29
Sunday School Attendance - 12
Worship Attendance - 77
Offerings - \$4,477.00

Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts next adventure is visiting Sullenberger Aviation Museum **Thursday, April 16th.**

Cost is \$20 for the tour. We will stop for lunch afterwards.

Meet at the church at 9:55, we will depart at 10:00.

RSVP to Vicki Ramsey (704)281-2836 by Monday, April 13th along with payment.

Renovatus Church

Renovatus will be offering up some of their "supplies" to Renovatus and Paw Creek congregants during a FREE SALE on **April 12th** in the CFC from 11am – 1pm.

Please feel free to stop by to visit.

14 Week Class for Prayer & Spiritual Growth

Based upon the book, *The Breath of the Soul: Reflections on Prayer*, by Joan Chittister.

Wednesdays at 1:00pm, starting April 15

Contact Fred to sign up for the class.

Calendar

Sunday, April 5

11:00am Easter Worship / Communion / 10¢ Hunger / One Great Hour of Sharing

Monday, April 6

6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

Tuesday, April 7

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

Wednesday, April 8

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, April 9

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

Friday, April 10

10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, April 11

9:00am Fight your Core Class

Sunday, April 12

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, April 13

6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

Tuesday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 15

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
1:00pm Spirituality Class
5:30pm CCC