

## Service For The Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Eleven O'clock

### Joys and Concerns

Susan Bandel

### Welcome into God's House

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

Leader: For despite our sins, despite the powers and principalities of this present age, despite death itself, Christ is alive and reigns over our world.

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

### Chimes of the Trinity

#### Prelude

"Crown Him Lord of All!

arr. Joseph Martin

Guest Musician: Suzanne Lowry

#### Choral Introit

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

Hymn 239

### Call to Worship (Psalm 16)

Come, bless the Lord, in whom we find our refuge and safety.

You are our God; all the good things come from You alone.

Come, bless the Lord, who gives us a rich inheritance, and surrounds us with abundance.

You are our God; our lives are in your hands.

Come, bless the Lord, who guides us on the path to eternal life, whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

You are our God; we will not be shaken.

### \*Hymn 363

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Heavenly Father, We are grateful to be counted as Your children and to worship and serve together as the body of Christ. We confess that there are times we stray from You and drift toward other things. Forgive us, dear God, and make us aware of any dangers or stumbling blocks that would inhibit our love for You. Keep us from developing an attitude of complacency. Keep us in full and utter dependence upon You. May we stand before Your throne one day and hear You say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." In Jesus' Name, we humbly pray. Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

### Assurance of Pardon

Response in Song: "Be Not Afraid" (Hymn 243)

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

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### Anthem

"How Firm a Foundation"

Paul E. Koch

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,

Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters, I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;

For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

I'll never, no, never, no, never, no, never forsake."

### Scripture Reading

**St. John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### \*Hymn 234

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

### Scripture for Sermon

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

<sup>2:14a</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

<sup>2:22</sup>"Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know- <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup>"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

<sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' <sup>32</sup>"This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise be to God.**

### Sermon

*Peter Raised His Voice, Part I*

### \*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

"Adagio Cantabile"

JS Bach

Guest Musician: Suzanne Lowry

\*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 (concluding with The Lord's Prayer, in unison)

### \*Hymn 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

### \*Charge and Benediction

\*Response in Song

"The Strife Is O'er" (Hymn 236)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### Postlude

"Fugue in G Minor"

Charpentier

Guest Musician: Suzanne Lowry

\*Those who are able, please stand

† Liturgist: Celia Gray

**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, April 19**

3rd Sunday of Easter  
St. Luke 24:13-35; Acts 2:14a-36-41  
"Peter Raised His Voice, Part II"  
*Liturgist: Donna Hall*  
*Joys and Concerns: Jan Chapman*

**Attendance & Offerings**

**Sunday, April 5**

**Sunday School Attendance** – n/a  
**Worship Attendance** - 115  
**Offerings** - \$7,266.00

**PCPC Annual Fish Fry & Bake Sale**

Saturday, **May 9, 2026**, 4:30 - 7:00 pm  
Adults - \$12, Kids - \$6  
Yummy Fish and Fixin's!  
Presbyterian Women will have a Bake Sale!  
Take-out will be available

**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.

**14 Week Class for Prayer & Spiritual Growth**

Based upon the book, *The Breath of the Soul: Reflections on Prayer*, by Joan Chittister.  
**Starting April 15**  
Wednesdays at 1:00pm (Class is Full) and Wednesdays at 7:00pm (2 seats left)  
Contact Fred to sign up for the class.

**♥ 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, Karen Cathey 704-650-2929 or the church office at 704-392-0329 to arrange support.

**Renovatus Church**

Renovatus will be offering up some of their "supplies" to Renovatus and Paw Creek congregants during a FREE SALE on **April 12<sup>th</sup>** in the CFC from 11am – 1pm.  
This could include a bit of decor, office supplies, and other miscellaneous items.  
Please feel free to stop by to visit.

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Transitional Minister ..... Rev. Dr. Fred Grosse  
Director of Music ..... Andrew Cumbow  
Pianist ..... Mark Burleson  
Office Manager ..... 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: Grady Cathey**  
Christian Education: Grady Cathey  
Congregational Care: Amy McGee / Karen Cathey  
Fellowship: Debbie McCord  
Outreach: Ken Scott / Stephanie Sudderth  
Worship: Larry Ramsey

**Resource Team: Debbie Taylor**  
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 Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey  
Historian: Dina Salvo Backpack Buddies: Teresa Painter, Belinda Springs, Jan & Carol Chapman  
Special Givings: Celia Gray

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, April 12**  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
12:00pm Called Session Meeting

**Monday, April 13**  
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

**Tuesday, April 14**  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
10:00am PW Grow & Go Circle  
3:00pm Reading Program  
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle

**Wednesday, April 15**  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, April 16**  
7:00am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Choir Practice

**Friday, April 17**  
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

**Saturday, April 18**  
9:00am Fight your Core Class  
10:30am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, April 19**  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, April 20**  
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline  
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

**Tuesday, April 21**  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
3:00pm Reading Program

**Wednesday, April 22**  
**\*Newsletter**  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, April 23**  
7:00am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Choir Practice

**Friday, April 24**  
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

**Saturday, April 25**  
9:00am Fight your Core Class

**Sunday, April 26**  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, April 27**  
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

**Tuesday, April 28**  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
3:00pm Reading Program

**Wednesday, April 29**  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

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

**Friday, May 1**  
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

**Saturday, May 2**  
9:00am PW Joint Circle Meeting

**Sunday, May 3**  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / Communion / 10¢ Hunger

**Tuesday, May 5**  
9:00am Fitness Class  
3:00pm Reading Program  
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class



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