

# Service For The Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Eleven O'clock

## Joys and Concerns

Jan Chapman

## 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

"Your Name"

arr. Larry Shackley

### Choral Introit

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

Hymn 239

## Call to Worship (Psalm 116)

Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.

And how shall we repay the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for us?

Let us lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord.

## \*Hymn 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Eternal and Loving God: You are forgiving and kind. We need Your grace and mercy because it is far too easy for us to exchange Your convictions for our convenience, Your standards for our status, and Your absolutes for our ambition. We think we are full of life, but in reality we are asleep to Your presence in the world and Your work in our lives. Without You, we are dead. Revive and restore us, O Lord. Fill us with Your life and hope. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

"As the Deer"

arr. Keith Christopher

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

You alone are my strength and shield, to You, alone, may my spirit yield;

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

You're my friend and You are my brother, even tho' You are a King.

I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy giver, and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength and shield; to You, alone, may my spirit yield;

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

I long to worship You.

## Scripture Reading

**St. Luke 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## \*Hymn 526

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

## Scripture for Sermon

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

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

<sup>2:36</sup>"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

<sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Peter Raised His Voice, Part II*

## \*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

"O God Beyond All Praising"

arr. Lloyd Larson

\*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 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

## \*Charge and Benediction

\*Response in Song

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Postlude

"Mighty Is Our God"

arr. Lloyd Larson

\*Those who are able, please stand

† Liturgist: 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](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 26**

Good Shepherd Sunday/4th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:42-47; St. John 10:1-10  
"Jesus the Gate"  
*Liturgist: Teresa Smith*  
*Joys and Concerns: Karen Turner*

**Attendance & Offerings**

**Sunday, April 12**

**Sunday School Attendance** – 22  
**Worship Attendance** - 68  
**Offerings** - \$4,872.00

**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

Moderator: Fred Grosse      **The Session** 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

**Committee Chairs**

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

**Church Calendar**

**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

**Wednesday, May 6**

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
1:00pm Spirituality Class  
7:00pm Spirituality Class

**Thursday, May 7**

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

**Friday, May 8**

10:00am Pickle Ball Game

**Saturday, May 9**

9:00am Fight Your Core Class  
4:30pm Fish Fry & Bake Sale

**Sunday, May 10**

**Mother's Day**  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / PW Women's Sunday



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**Paw Creek Elementary School**

Proudly Presents  
Spring Gospel Concert  
**April 23, 2026**  
5:30pm – 6:30pm

This special evening will be filled with uplifting music and joyful singing, and we know it will be an unforgettable experience for all who attend. Our students have been working hard, and we would love for you to be there to support and celebrate them.

**We look forward to seeing you!**

**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

