

Service For The Lord’s Day

Good Shepherd Sunday/Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Eleven O’clock

Joys and Concerns

Karen Turner

Welcome Into God’s House (responsive)

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

“In the Garden”

arr. Gail Smith

Choral Introit

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

Hymn 239

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 410

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Faithful God, We have seen and experienced Your power, grace, and love countless times. Yet we still doubt Your goodness toward us. We have been changed by Your mercy. Yet we persist in sinful patterns. You call us to be bold in our faith. Yet we often shrink back and hide from the life you call us into. Forgive us for caring more about what the world thinks than what You have instructed. Give us boldness to step into the abundant life You invite us to have because of Jesus' victory over sin and death. In His Name we 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

“I Surrender All”

Mary McDonald

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if Thou will be my guide.

I surrender, Lord, to You; all I am, I owe to You.

O Jesus, I promise to surrender all to You!

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee,
that where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be.

And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end, the end;

O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend!

I surrender, Lord, to You; all I am, I owe to You.

O Jesus, I promise to surrender all, surrender all.

O Jesus, I promise to surrender all to You, surrender all to You,
surrender all to You. I surrender all to You.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2: 42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Scripture for Sermon

St. John 10: 1-10

¹Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Jesus the Gate

*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 “He Knows My Name” arr. Marianne Kim

*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 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song “The Strife Is O’er” (Hymn 236)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

arr. Bill Wolaver

*Those who are able, please stand

† Liturgist: Teresa Smith

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, May 3

5th Sunday of Easter

St. John 14:1-14; Acts 7:55-60

"Taking a Look Around: Peter's Vision"

Liturgist: Jane Grosse

Joys and Concerns:

Attendance & Offerings

Sunday, April 19

Sunday School Attendance - 20

Worship Attendance - 70

Offerings - \$4,890.00

Graduation Sunday

On **June 7th** the Christian Education committee will celebrate the graduation of high school and college students during the worship service. If you know of any children/grandchildren who would like to participate please contact the church office or Grady Cathey, grady-cathey@gmail.com

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!

♥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.

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

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The Session

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

Class of 2026

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Debbie McCord
Ken Scott
Debbie Taylor

Class of 2027

Peggy Harrington
Wesley Johnston
Danny McClure
Teresa Smith

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Grady Cathey
Karen Cathey
Larry Ramsey
Stephanie Sudderth

Committee Chairs

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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 26

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, April 27

6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

Tuesday, April 28

9:00am Exercise Class
3:00pm Reading Program
7:00pm Men's Basketball

Wednesday, April 29

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
1:00pm Spirituality Class
5:30pm CCC
7:00pm Spirituality Class

Thursday, April 30

7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Exercise Class
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 Exercise Class
3:00pm Reading Program
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class
7:00pm Men's Basketball

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 Exercise Class
6:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, May 8

10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, May 9

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

Sunday, May 10

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

Tuesday, May 12

9:00am Exercise Class
3:00pm Reading Program
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class
7:00pm Men's Basketball

Wednesday, May 13

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

Thursday, May 14

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

Friday, May 15

10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, May 16

9:00am Fight Your Core Class
10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, May 17

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Stated Session Meeting



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