

Service For The Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Eleven O'clock

Joys and Concerns

Larry Ramsey

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

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

arr. Don Wyrzten

Choral Introit

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

Hymn 239

Call to Worship (Psalm 31)

Praise the Lord, who has shown us the wonders of his unending love; and who, for the sake of his name, leads us and guides us.

In you, O Lord, we put our trust. You are our God, and our lives are in your hands. Lord, let the light of your face shine on us as we celebrate together in your presence. Amen.

*Hymn 427

"Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, patient and full of goodness. We confess to You with our whole hearts our neglect and forgetfulness of Your commandments, our wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts we have done to others, and the good we have left undone. O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against You; and raise us to newness of life 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!

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

Anthem

"In Remembrance"

Buryl Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted, Drink, and remember, too,

that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart. Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me. Do this in remembrance of me. In remembrance of me.

Scripture Reading

St. John 14: 1-14

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Hymn 829

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Ten Cents a Meal Hunger Offering - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

Scripture for Sermon

Acts 7: 55-60

⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Taking a Look Around: Stephen's Vision

*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 "I'd Rather Have Jesus" arr. Don Wyrzten

*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 634

"To God Be the Glory"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

"10,000 Reasons"

arr. Lorie Line

*Those who are able, please stand

† Liturgist: Jane Grosse

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 10

6th Sunday of Easter

PW Women's Sunday

Speakers: Emily Adkins, Joan Wilson,
Karen Cathey

Liturgist: Teresa Smith

Joys and Concerns: Jan Chapman

Attendance & Offerings

Sunday, April 26

Sunday School Attendance - 27

Worship Attendance - 63

Offerings - \$2,776.00

Combined Sunday School

Sunday **May 31**, Christian Education will offer a combined Sunday School class in the CFC.

9:00am Breakfast

9:30am Prayer time

9:40am Jan Chapman will present the first lesson of The Chosen, Season 5.

No Sunday School classes will be offered in month of June and weekend of July 4th.

July 12th thru August 25th we will continue our study of The Chosen, Season 5.

Medical Equipment Donations

Sharon Presbyterian sponsors a program that collects used medical equipment such as wheel-chairs, scooter with working battery, shower chairs, crutches, toilet seat chairs, walkers, hospital beds, lift chairs and donates to Assist M.E. This is an organization that collects gently used medical equipment and gifts it to uninsured and underinsured people in Charlotte. They don't want walking boots or items with elastic. Every Sunday in May we will be collecting any that you have to donate. Please bring your donations downstairs to the East Wing before Sunday School or after church service. If you have an item that is too large to easily bring to church, please contact me and we can make other arrangements. After the collection period, Sharon Presbyterian will arrange a pickup. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you, Stephanie Sudderth

Annual Fish Fry and Bake Sale

Saturday, May 9, 2026

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Adults - \$12, Kids - \$6
Yummy Fish and Fixin's!

Presbyterian Women will have a Bake Sale!

Take-out will be available

♥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.

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 Presbyterian Church Staff:

Transitional Minister Rev. Dr. Fred Grosse
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The Session

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

Class of 2026

Dickie Chapman
Debbie McCord
Ken Scott
Debbie Taylor

Class of 2027

Peggy Harrington
Wesley Johnston
Danny McClure
Teresa Smith

Class of 2028

Grady Cathey
Karen Cathey
Larry Ramsey
Stephanie Sudderth

Committee Chairs

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
Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey
Backpack Buddies: Teresa Painter, Belinda Springs, Jan & Carol Chapman

Secretary: Donna Hall
Historian: Dina Salvo
Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

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

Tuesday, May 19

9:00am Exercise Class
3:00pm Reading Program
5:00pm Reading Program EOY Dinner

Wednesday, May 20

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

Thursday, May 21

7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Exercise Class
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
6:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, May 22

10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, May 23

9:00am Fight Your Core Class

Sunday, May 24

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship



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