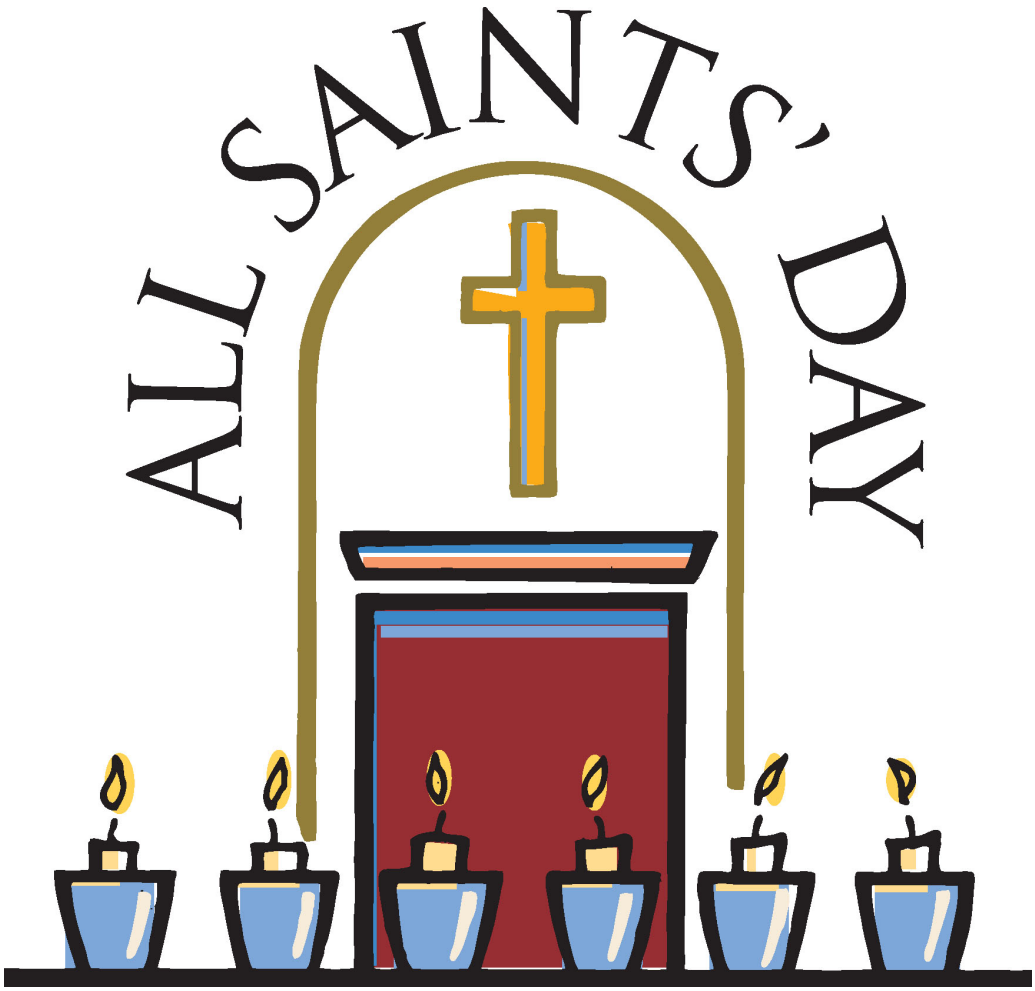

PAW CREEK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1, 2026

7400 Mount Holly Road
Charlotte, NC 28214

PO Box 64
Paw Creek, NC 28130

(704) 392-0329 • pawcreekpc.org

PAW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026 Eleven O'clock

Joys and Concerns Karen Cathey

Welcome into God's House (responsive)

Leader: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich foods.
People: **Lo, this is our God for whom we have waited and who will save us.**
Leader: The Lord will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples.
People: **Lo, this is our God for whom we have waited and who will save us.**
Leader: The Lord will swallow up death forever.
People: **Lo, this is our God for whom we have waited and who will save us.**
Leader: Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces.
People: **Lo, this is our God for whom we have waited and who will save us.**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude **"**How Great Thou Art" arr. Chris Rice

Choral Introit "I Will Rise" arr. Mary McDonald

Call to Worship (Psalm 107)

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
whose mercy endures forever.
Let us give thanks for the mercy of God,
for the wonders the Lord does for all people.
For God satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

***Hymn 326** "For All the Saints"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Response in Song: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Hymn 306, vs. 1)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Anthem "An Hour of Hallowed Peace" Steve Danyew

(In loving memory of long time choir member and dear friend, Vickie Joy)

There is an hour of hallowed peace, for those with cares oppressed,
when sighs and sorrows then shall cease, and all be hushed to rest.
'Tis then the soul is freed from fears and doubts, which here annoy;
then they, who oft have sown in tears, shall reap again in joy.
There is a home of sweet repose, where storms assail no more;
the stream of endless pleasure flows on that celestial shore;
there, purity with love appears and bliss without alloy;
there, they who oft have sown in tears shall reap again in joy.
There is an hour of hallowed peace, for those with cares oppressed,
when sighs and sorrows then shall cease, and all be hushed to rest.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson **St. Matthew 5:1-12**

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
2And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

*Hymn 215 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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

Scripture for Sermon **Revelation 7:9-17**

9After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm
branches in their hands. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on
the throne and to the Lamb!" 11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12singing, "Amen! Blessing
and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they
come from?" 14I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have
come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15For
this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who
is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike
them, nor any scorching heat, 17for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide
them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *With God's Help, We Will Stand*

*Nicene Creed (in unison) Hymnal Pg. 34

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "In the Sweet By and By" arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

* Doxology "Old Hundredth" Hymn 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Offertory Response

Leader: O most merciful and gracious God, from whose open hand we have received all things: We ask you to accept this offering of your people.

People: **Bless these gifts of our money, time, and hearts. Transform them so that they may bring healing, hope, and the light of Christ to our church, our community, and the world.**

Leader: We bring you our gifts in response to your graciousness and ask that you will watch over us as we go forth to serve you in thought, word, and deed.

People: **Use both these gifts and our very lives in the service of your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen**

The Remembrance of the Saints

We give thanks for those saints of the church who have died in the past twelve months:

Angeline J. Ross, December 2, 2025
Miriam McDonald Childress, December 18, 2025
William Gregory Bethune, February 7, 2026
Shelby Overcash Alexander, March 10, 2026
Linda Tyler Goodwin, May 14, 2026
Vickie Renee Joy, June 20, 2026
Suzette Johnston Barker, July 17, 2026
Lovelee Whited Steele, August 22, 2026

And for all the saints whose witness has graced our lives

Prayer for the Communion of Saints (in unison)

We give you thanks, O God, for all who have fought the good fight, finished their race, and kept the faith, and for those dear to us who are at rest with you. We remember them, for they have directed our steps in your way, opened our eyes to your truth, inspired our hearts by their witness, and strengthened our will by their devotion. We rejoice in their lives dedicated to your service. Grant us grace to follow them as they followed Christ. Let our hearts join them in loving you, that at last we may come to dwell with them in your eternity. In your name be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion - We welcome members of the Ruling Elder Class of 2025 to assist in the distribution of the Holy Communion elements today.

Invitation to the Lord's Table
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer
The Words of the Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Supper (in unison)

God of Pentecost 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 65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Charge and Benediction

Response in Song: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" (Hymn 542, vs. 1)

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude "O When the Saints Go Marchin' In" arr. Jim Lucas

*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.

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

Transitional Minister ..... Rev. Dr. Fred Grosse
Music Director ..... Mark Burleson
Office Manager ..... Kim Whittington
Videography Coordinator ..... Clint Shaw

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 1
All Saints' Day
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / Communion / 10¢ Hunger

Monday, November 2
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

Tuesday, November 3
9:00am Exercise Class
1:00pm Spirituality Class II
7:00pm Men's Basketball

Wednesday, November 4
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC
6:30pm Spirituality Class II

Thursday, November 5
7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Exercise Class
6:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, November 6
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, November 7
9:00am Fight Your Core Class

Sunday, November 8
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / Veterans' Sunday
12:00pm Veterans' Luncheon

Monday, November 9
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class
6:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday, November 10
9:00am Exercise Class
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
1:00pm Spirituality Class II
3:00pm Reading Program
7:00pm Men's Basketball

Wednesday, November 11
***Church Office Closed - Veterans' Day**
5:30pm CCC
6:30pm Spirituality Class II

Thursday, November 12
***Church Office Closed**
7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Exercise Class
6:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, November 13
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, November 14
9:00am Fight Your Core Class

Sunday, November 15
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:00pm Stated Session Meeting

Monday, November 16
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class

Tuesday, November 17
9:00am Exercise Class
1:00pm Spirituality Class II
3:00pm Reading Program
7:00pm Men's Basketball

Wednesday, November 18
***Newsletter**
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 11/22 & 11/29
5:30pm CCC
6:30pm Spirituality Class II

Thursday, November 19
7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Exercise Class
6:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, November 20
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, November 21
8:00am Christmas in Paw Creek

Sunday, November 22
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

All Saints' Day

We are honored to welcome the families of those who have been lost by the Paw Creek community during the past 12 months. During the time of remembrance, family members are invited to come forward and light a candle as your loved one's name is called. Afterwards, all of us will have the chance to light candles and speak the names of saints that we remember from every time and place.

Minister's Schedule

Fred will not be preaching next Sunday, **November 8**. He and Jane will be attending the 100th anniversary celebrations at their home church, Myers Park Presbyterian. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Sara Varnado. She is a PCUSA ordained minister who works at Roof Above.

Upcoming Sermon Title & Scriptures

Sunday, November 8

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Veterans Recognition

Guest Preacher: Rev. Sara Varnado

Psalm 78:1-7; St. Matthew 25:1-13

"Do We Know What Time It Is?"

Liturgist: Gene Hall

Joys and Concerns: Donna Hall

Room in the Inn

Hello! It's that time again! We are asking for volunteers for Room In the Inn. We will be hosting during the months of December - March. (12/4, 12/11, 1/1, 1/15, 2/5, 2/12, 3/12, 3/26)

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, you can contact Stephanie Sudderth at 704-877-8499 -or- suddetim@outlook.com

Thank you for your support!

Veterans Sunday

We will celebrate all of our Veterans on **Sunday, November 8**, during the Worship Service.

We invite you to a luncheon in our Christian Fellowship Center after worship on Sunday, **November 8**, to honor our veterans. We hope you will join us for this time of food and fellowship as we honor those who faithfully served our country. Please RSVP so we have a good count. If you have any questions, please contact Amy McGee or Karen Cathey.

-Tear off and drop in Offering Plate-

==========

Veterans' Luncheon

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Attendance & Offerings

Sunday, October 25

Sunday School Attendance - 19

Worship Attendance - 52

Offerings - $2,648.00

Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts Event: December Museum Tour & Lunch

Date: Wednesday, **December 2, 2026**

Meeting Time: 9:20 AM

(The bus departs from the church at 9:30 AM)

The only cost for this trip is your lunch and any museum donations. Any questions lease contact Vicki Ramsey at 704-281-2836. RSVP by Sunday, November 29th.

Thanksgiving Food Support

The Charlotte Rescue Mission has asked for our support with their annual Thanksgiving Food Box Drive. In lieu of putting together actual food boxes as we've done in the past, the Outreach Committee would like to request donations for the next 4 Sundays in November (**Nov 1, 8, 15 & 22**). The goal for this year is $1400, which should equate to approximately 30 of the food boxes based on available pricing. If writing a check, please put Rescue Mission in the memo line. If donating cash, please write Rescue Mission on the envelope. Thank You!

Social Media

If you have anything to advertise on social media, please contact Stephanie Sudderth at 704-877-8499 or suddetim@outlook.com.

Christmas In Paw Creek

Arts and Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 21, 2026

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Breakfast: 8-11; Lunch: 11:30-2