# Service For The Lord's Day

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
**Homecoming Sunday**

October 11, 2026 Eleven O'clock

**Joys and Concerns** Donna Hall

**Welcome into God's House** (responsive) (Psalm 91: 1-4)

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
People: **We will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**
Leader: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;
People: **he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and a buckler.**

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Prelude** "Shall We Gather at the River?" arr. Craig Curry

**Choral Introit** "Ten Thousand Years" arr. Speck, Goss and Zaloudik

**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 408** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**Gracious God, You have called us to look upon the light of Christ in a world that often feels dark. We confess that our faith sometimes falters and we live in darkness. When the world confuses us, we turn to fear instead of faith. When we feel overwhelmed or confused, we forget that Your power is made perfect in our weakness. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hope and strengthen our faith. Help us to see Your light shining through darkness, so that others may see Jesus in us and give glory to You alone. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

**Assurance of Pardon**

Response in Song: "We Are One in the Spirit" (Hymn 300, vs. 1)

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**Anthem** "Let Us Walk in God's Light" Sherry Blevins

How does one church stand the test of time?
How do we pave the way for future generations?
Is it with stone and mortar laid by mortal hands?
Or with overflowing sanctuaries grand?
How does one church share the love of God?
How do we comfort strangers lost in a troubled world?
Is it by holding off 'rings made in isolation?
Or by judging those just holding out their hands?
We will pray God's mercy flow, and all justice be kind,
let us walk in God's light and shine it over the world.
Let God's mercy flow, let all justice be kind,
let us walk in God's light and shine it over the world.
What is church if not where we are taught to show God's love
with our hearts and through our hands?
And though our hands have laid these stones, this church is not for us alone.
We are called to make a diff'rence where we stand.
In a century we will know we did God's will.
We will multiply the blessings we're given and still,
We will see God's mercy flow, and all justice be kind,
let us walk in God's light and shine it over the world.
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let us walk in God's light and shine it over the world.
Let God's mercy flow, Let all justice be kind,
Let us walk in God's light and shine it over the world.
Walk in God's light!

**Scripture Reading** **St. Matthew 22:1-14**

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those
who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other
slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen
and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding
banquet.' 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business,
6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He
sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his slaves,
'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets,
and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 10 Those slaves went out into the streets
and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with
guests.
11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not
wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a
wedding robe?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand
and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

***Hymn 634** "To God Be the Glory"

**Reflections** John Riggins, Dusty Counts, Larry Ramsey

***Apostles' Creed (in unison)** Hymnal Pg. 35

**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 "Written in Red" arr. Camp Kirkland

*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: The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
People: **All who take refuge in the Lord will be glad, let them sing for joy.**
Leader: The Lord is the King of Homecoming, the blessed Holy One who welcomes us home into his loving arms.
People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to the Lord and bless his name, for the Lord is Good.**

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

*** Hymn 306** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

***Charge and Benediction**

*Response in Song "We Are Marching in the Light of God" (Hymn 853, vs.1)

**We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.**

**Postlude** "Wade in the Water" arr. Gary Norian

**† Liturgist:** Susan Bandel

***Those who are able, please stand**

**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, October 18**
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 33:12-23; I Thessalonians 1:1-10
*"Feed the Winds, not the Crocodiles"*
*Liturgist: Jan Chapman*
*Joys and Concerns: Linda Riggins*

**Special Guest**
Please welcome back to Paw Creek, Sherry Blevins. Sherry was Music Director at Paw Creek for many years, and now has gone on to become a renowned Choral Clinician, Composer and Conductor.

**Christmas In Paw Creek**
**Arts and Crafts Fair**
**Saturday, November 21, 2026**
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Christian Fellowship Center
Breakfast 8-11; Lunch 11:30-2

**Revised Common Lectionary**
Looking to deepen your spiritual direction by attending to daily or weekly readings of Holy Scripture? The Revised Common Lectionary is a three-year cycle of weekly lections used to varying degrees by the vast majority of mainline Protestant churches. The RCL is built around the seasons of the Church Year, and includes four lections for each Sunday, as well as additional readings for major feast days. Follow this link for the RCL-
Presbyterian Mission Agency Revised Common Lectionary | Presbyterian Mission Agency

**❤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.

**Attendance & Offerings**
**Sunday, October 4**
**Sunday School Attendance** - 21
**Worship Attendance** - 55
**Offerings** - $6,986.00

**Congregational Meeting**
There will be a called meeting of the congregation on **October 18**, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing the following slate of candidates for the Session Class of 2029:
Patty Burns, Donna Hall & Jimmy Torrence

**Blanket Sunday**
Because you cared and donated generously, Church World Services, with the help of so many, has reached out to 93,187 people during times of crisis in the last 6 months.
They have provided Blankets, Hygiene Kits, Kids' Kits, Clean Up Buckets, and Dignity Packs.
**October 25, 2026** will be Blanket Sunday at Paw Creek this year. This organization, with your help, provides Blankets and much more. Thank you so much for your contribution and for letting so many people in crisis know they are not alone.
Thank you,
Paw Creek Presbyterian Women

**Prayer Garden**
Honor your loved one in Paw Creek's Memorial Prayer Garden. Commemorate the life of someone special with a brick paver. You can personalize your message to honor or remember a loved one or celebrate a special anniversary, birthday or other life event. It will create a legacy that will last forever.
Each brick paver cost $40.
Order forms available in the Narthex, Church Office, and website.

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

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**
Transitional Minister ..... Rev. Dr. Fred Grosse
Music Director ..... 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 |
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| Dickie Chapman | Peggy Harrington | Grady Cathey |
| Debbie McCord | Wesley Johnston | Karen Cathey |
| Ken Scott | Danny McClure | Larry Ramsey |
| Debbie Taylor | Teresa Smith | 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

**Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)**

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| Grady Cathey | 704-650-2533 |
| Peggy Harrington | 704-968-9733 |
| Wesley Johnston | 704-930-1360 |
| Danny McClure | 704-451-7469 |
| Stephanie Sudderth | 704-877-8499 |

**Sunday School Officers:** Sarah Kendrick / Jim Stogner
Sunday School Classes: Missions & New Covenant
**Children's Outreach 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, Jan & Carol Chapman, Teresa Smith | Special Givings: Celia Gray

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, October 11**
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / Homecoming
12:00pm Homecoming Luncheon

**Monday, October 12**
***Church Office Closed**
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class
6:30pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday, October 13**
9:00am Exercise Class
1:00pm Spirituality Class II
3:00pm Reading Program
7:00pm Men's Basketball

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**Wednesday, October 14**
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC
6:30pm Spirituality Class II

**Thursday, October 15**
7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Exercise Class
6:30pm Choir Practice

**Friday, October 16**
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

**Saturday, October 17**
9:00am Fight Your Core Class
10:30am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, October 18**
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:00pm Congregational Meeting

**Tuesday, October 20**
9:00am Exercise Class
1:00pm Spirituality Class II
3:00pm Reading Program
7:00pm Men's Basketball

**Wednesday, October 21**
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC
6:30pm Spirituality Class II

**Thursday, October 22**
7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Exercise Class
6:30pm Choir Practice

**Friday, October 23**
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

**Saturday, October 24**
9:00am Fight Your Core Class

**Sunday, October 25**
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

**Monday, October 26**
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
6:15pm Cardio Fight Class
6:45pm Girl Scouts

# PAW CREEK
## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
## HOMECOMING SUNDAY

October 11, 2026

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