Service For The Lord's Day

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026 Eleven O'clock

Joys and Concerns Linda Riggins

Welcome into God's House (responsive) Psalm 127

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
People: **Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.**
Leader: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest.
People: **We shall put our trust in the Lord who gives rest to God's beloved.**
Let us worship God

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus" arr. Larry Shackley

Choral Introit "Christ Be Beside Me" arr. Tom Fettke

Call to Worship (Psalm 96)

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Let the whole earth tremble in awe.

***Hymn 2** "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, You alone are sovereign — above all, in all, over all. And yet, how quickly we are to take credit unto ourselves for successes achieved, decisions made, ministry offered, goods shared, gifts given. Forgive us for our self-sufficiency. Remind us that any competence comes from You alone. Help us to properly surrender to you as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. By Your Spirit, set us free to see and to share Your glory, through Christ our Lord, 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 "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to Him Who was and is and shall be evermore.
There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, one God and Father of all,
one God and Father of all, Who is in you all.
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to Him Who was and is and shall be evermore.
Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to Him Who was and is and shall be evermore.
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God!

Scripture Reading **Exodus 33:12-23**

12 Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you
have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by
name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' 13 Now if I have found favor in your
sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight.
Consider, too, that this nation is your people." 14 He said, "My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest." 15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us
up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your
people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from
every people on the face of the earth."
17 The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have
found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." 18 Moses said, "Please show me your
glory" 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim
before you the name, 'The LORD,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and
will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for
no one shall see me and live." 21 And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me
where you shall stand on the rock, 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft
of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; 23 then I will take
away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

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

***Hymn 722** "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

Scripture for Sermon **I Thessalonians 1:1-10**

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love
and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters
beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to
you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just
as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you
became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word
with joy inspired from the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers
in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not
only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so
that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For they report about us what kind of welcome
we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God,
10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who
rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

Sermon *Feed the Winds, not the Crocodiles*

***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 "Trust and Obey" arr. Lloyd Larson

*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: God of grace and glory, all that we have is a gift of your mercy.
People: **You shower blessings upon us out of your goodness.**
Leader: You redeem us from the evil one, and rescue us from the pit of our own selfishness.
People: **We come before you, seeking to be faithful to Christ's call to stewardship. Accept what we offer as signs of our yearning to be better caretakers of your creation. AMEN**

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

*** Hymn 839** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

***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 "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" arr. John Turner

† **Liturgist:** Jan Chapman

***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 25
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 46; St. John 8:31-36; Jeremiah 31:*31-34*
"The Lions of Faith Inside You!"
Liturgist: Barbara Ullem
Joys and Concerns: Larry Ramsey

Attendance & Offerings

Sunday, October 11
Sunday School Attendance - 20
Worship Attendance - 83
Offerings - $4,084.00

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.

Congregational Meeting
There will be a called meeting of the congregation **TODAY**, 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

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
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)

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

Church Calendar

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

Tuesday, October 27
9:00am Exercise Class
1:00pm Spirituality Class II
3:00pm Reading Program
7:00pm Men's Basketball

Wednesday, October 28
***Newsletter**
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC
6:30pm Spirituality Class II

Thursday, October 29
7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Exercise Class
6:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, October 30
10:00am Pickle Ball Game

Saturday, October 31
9:00am Fight Your Core Class

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

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