Service For The Lord's Day

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026 — Eleven O'clock

Joys and Concerns — Larry Ramsey

Blanket Sunday Invitation — Celia Gray

Welcome into God's House (responsive) — 1 Samuel 2

Leader: My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God.
People: **There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.**
Leader: For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them God has set the world.
People: **The Lord will guard the feet of the faithful ones and judge the ends of the earth. Let us worship God this day!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude — "Grace Alone" — arr. Jeff Nelson

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

Call to Worship (Psalm 86)

Our God is a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry,
and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.
So come, let's worship God together.
For great is His love toward us!

***Hymn 275** — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God "

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we often forget we represent You to the world. Our words and actions don't always reflect Your heart. We fail to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You. Forgive us, Lord. Fill us with Your Spirit so that we may be the lights of Christ— bringing the love of the Father, the hope of salvation, and the extension of Your grace to everyone we meet. May others experience Your heart through the way we care for them. We boldly ask for Your power and strength to live this faithful life. 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 — "Write Your Word Upon My Heart" — arr. John Parker III and Lloyd Larson

Ev'ry word that You have spoken, each command You give today,
holy vows that can't be broken;
Lord, please write upon my heart, write Your word upon my heart.
Ev'ry grace that You have granted, each small thing Your hand supplies,
ev'ry seed of faith You've planted;
Lord, please write upon my heart, write Your grace upon my heart.
Love the Lord with all your strength, cherish God with all your heart.
Bind His wisdom to your spirit, from God's Word do not depart.
Ev'ry love that You have given, each compassion You bestow,
ev'ry sin that You've forgiven;
Lord, please write upon my heart, write Your love upon my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, my heart, in my heart, my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, my heart, in my heart, my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Write Your word upon my heart.

Scripture Reading — **St. John 8:31-36**

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you
are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They
answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone.
What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.
35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there
forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

Scripture Reading — **Psalm 46**

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not
fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the
Most High. 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the
morning dawns. 6 The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the
earth melts. 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*
8 Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the
earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the
spear; he burns the shields with fire. 10 "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted
among the nations; I am exalted in the earth." 11 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

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

***Hymn 286** — "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Scripture for Sermon — **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the
house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with
their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a
covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the
covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put
my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall
be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the
LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for
I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Sermon — *The Lions of Faith Inside You!*

***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 - PW Blanket Sunday Offering

Offertory — "Just As I Am" — arr. Larry Shackley

*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: Ancient of Days, who sits enthroned in glory, to you all knees are bent, all voices pray;
People: **Your love has blessed the wide world's wondrous story with light and life since Eden's dawning day.**
Leader: We come before you, O God, beholding your glory, and offer these our offerings and gifts in praise of your name.
People: **May your light so shine that all creation discerns your dominion and may whatever we do bring you honor and praise. Amen.**

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

*** Hymn 69** — "Here I Am, Lord"

***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 — "In Christ Alone" — arr. Mark Hayes

† Liturgist: Barbara Ullem

***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, November 1
All Saints' Day / 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion
St. Matthew 5:1-12; Revelation 7:9-17
Liturgist: Jane Grosse
Joys and Concerns: Karen Cathey

Attendance & Offerings

Sunday, October 18
Sunday School Attendance - 20
Worship Attendance - 57
Offerings - $2,388.00

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

❤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.

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!

Stitches for Missions
Our next meeting will be on **Nov. 7** at 10:30am to finalize items for Christmas in Paw Creek.

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

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

Veterans' Luncheon
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-

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Veterans' Luncheon

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

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 | 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 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

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

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