



Pentecost

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL PENTECOST CELEBRATION

WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOUNDED 1868

PAW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOUNDED 1809

May 23, 2021

Paw Creek, NC

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Woodland Presbyterian Church & Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

Eleven O'clock

Welcome to the **Thirteenth Annual** Pentecost celebration of the Woodland and Paw Creek Churches. On this day, as we give thanks for presence and power of the Holy Spirit, we also honor our shared history and the memory of ancestors who lead us towards God's kingdom.

Worship this morning takes place on the grounds of the Paw Creek cemetery, amid the graves of our common ancestors, and also via livestream. We are grateful for your presence in either fashion. For our outdoor service, we adhere to masking and distancing guidelines; with masks in place we can safely sing and pray aloud. In celebrating the Lord's Supper, we use individual pre-packaged communion cups. If you worship from home, please have some bread and juice available so that we may all share the meal together.

WELCOME

In the last days it will be, God declares, that "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

PRELUDE

"Down to the River to Pray"

arr. Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 104

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| Leader: | Bless the LORD, O my soul; |
| Congregation: | O LORD, how manifold are your works! |
| Leader: | In wisdom you have made them all; |
| Congregation: | the earth is full of your creatures. |
| Leader: | May your glory, O LORD, endure forever; |
| Congregation: | may you rejoice in all your works. |
| Leader: | I will sing to the LORD as long as I live |
| Congregation: | I will praise my God while I have my being. |

As worship begins, we bring forward a memorial wreath to remember the ancestors of Woodland and Paw Creek, and their legacy to us.

HYMN 408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit



1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord,
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here
with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we
lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have
been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit. Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the gospel; may it reach to the ends of the earth! Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 1: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Romans 8: 22-7

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

SERMON

“Groans and Sighs”

OFFERTORY

Offerings for God’s work through Woodland and Paw Creek Churches are gratefully received in the baskets as you enter our worship space; or by mail to the respective church offices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER AFTER THE SUPPER (in unison)

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples, reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 838

"Standing on the Promises"

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fail,
through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,
glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,
I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Hymn 66

66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my
heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the
Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the
mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this
to Refrain
fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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LUNCHEON ON THE GROUNDS

Please stay for lunch and continued fellowship! For safety this year, there are pre-made boxes lunches for everyone, and plenty of space to spread out and distance as you feel comfortable. The Scout Hut is open for availability of restrooms.

AFTER LUNCH - A WALK THROUGH HISTORY

Everyone is invited after lunch to walk together through the cemetery to the site of the graves of enslaved church members buried at Paw Creek prior to 1868. We will lay the memorial wreath at the monument erected by our two churches in 2009, in memory and in honor. There will be transportation available for those who prefer not to walk.

