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Weekly News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek,

For two Sundays now, we have rejoiced in being together, especially this past Sunday both in worship and at our picnic afterwards. It was a great time and a beautiful day! Although the dangers from Covid-19 are far from over, we are grateful to have learned so much about being together safely, and to have these opportunities for renewing the "ties that bind".

For those who are not ready to venture to a group gathering: we understand and honor your decision; we miss having you here; we look forward to staying bound through live-streaming and telephone; and we join with you praying for the swift return of a safe environment for us all.

During the next few weeks, the Worship Committee will continue to monitor attendance in worship, and to let you know each week who is able to attend worship in person. By keeping close watch for now, we will be able to ensure that space is available for our bereaved families on All Saints Day (November 1) and for our veterans on Veterans' Day (November 15). Thank you for understanding and joining us by live stream on those days. The Worship Committee is also beginning to gather creative ideas for celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas - more news on that as plans fall into place.

As you know, we held a Congregational Meeting on Sunday before the picnic. Following the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, four church members were elected to serve as elders on Session in the Class of 2023: Celia Gray, Sam McCord, Peggy Harrington and Barbara Ullem. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin officer training classes in preparation for beginning their terms in early January with the service of Ordination and Installation.

Also in our prayers, please remember our church administrator, Kim Whittington, who will be out of the office on Wednesday and Thursday for a scheduled medical procedure. With Kim's absence this letter is coming to you a bit early this week. We continue to raise prayers for those mentioned in church on Sunday; additional concerns that come in during the week will be announced next Sunday in worship. For now:

- Jean Johnston is being treated for Covid-19 at her nursing facility in Stanly; please pray for her care, and for Hoyt and the family, who are unable to be with her due to safety restrictions.
- Also in the Johnston family, Hoyt, Emily and Angie's cousin Bobby Ford died Sunday morning after a number of weeks in hospice care; please pray for peace for his family.
- Several folks for whom we have been praying have had good reports in recent days: Jake Ross (Angie and Sonny's grandson) is home from the hospital; Brandon Venable (Frances Lyerly's grandson) is recovering from foot surgery at home in Colorado; George Lux (Barbara Ullem's cousin) is out of isolation with asymptomatic Covid-19; Dan Jacobs (friend of Dickie Chapman) is having good tolerance of his new chemo treatment and appreciates our prayers.

Those are our prayers for now - don't forget that prayer meeting on Sunday mornings via Zoom now starts at 9:30 am. Please enjoy a good week, stay in touch, and see you Sunday - live or on the screen!

Blessings,

Elliott

Blood Drive with OneBlood

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church parking lot Nov 1st, 8 -11 am Contact: Tim Sudderth with questions 704-877-8498 Blood will be checked for virus anti-bodies and results can be retrieved on line in approximately 48 hours.

 $\underline{https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1009834}$

Thanksgiving Boxes

If you are interested in helping out this year with the Thanksgiving Boxes for The Charlotte Rescue Mission, please contact Anne Miller at 704-574-1983.

Service for the Lord's Day Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome	The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst. Thanks be to God!		
Prelude	O, How I Love Jesus	arr. Mark Hayes	
Call to Worship	Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithful For I am persuaded that your love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. Blessed be the LORD forevermore! Amen, I say, Amen.	Psalm 89	
Hymn 267	 Come, Christians, Join to Sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen! Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen! Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen! 		

Prayer of the Day

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God, to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth. Being steadfast in the faith, may we increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22: 34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Jesus	Passes	a Test

Offertory

Homily

The Gift of Love

arr. Jerry Goldsmith

Prayers of God's People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 175

Seek ye First

See ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Love Lifted Me

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram



Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in November!

November 1 Carol Chapman

November 3 Ron Mathews Charles Reel Rob Simmons

November 4 Caitlin Deaton Amy McGee Bobby Tyler

November 6 Jolee Longshore

November 9 Margo Scott

November 10 Jenna Cashion November 12 Chloe Fortier Jake Cashion Josh Cashion

November 13 Heather Caudill Kim Whittington

November 14 Teresa Scott

November 15 Kristen Turner

November 16 Grace Kenley Charlie Killian, Jr. November 22 Bill Tyler

November 23 Rudy Kenley

November 24 Quinn Normand

November 25 Shannon Gaskins

November 26 Gail Bryant Bishop Kincaid

November 27 Zoe Mathews

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 Seek
 Matthew 6:33

 Serve
 1 Samuel 12:24

 Praise
 Psalm 111:1

 Love Christ!
 1 John 4:12

Lord, we thank you for...

Have a Prayer Request? To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then call: Judy Smith (704) 392-2892 -or-Ann Cashion (704) 301-0126

Know someone Who Needs a Visit? Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elliott Hipp (704) 392-0329

Online Giving

Paw Creek has now implemented Online Giving for the convenience of church members and our friends who worship with us. Please go to our website at <u>www.pawcreekpc.org</u> and follow the link on the home page.

Once you click on this link, you will be directed to set up an account. You may make this gift as a one time transaction, or you can set up recurring payments. You may use your bank account information to create this payment, or you may use your debit or credit card. (If you use your debit or credit card, you will also be given the option to add the transaction fee to your payment if you choose to do so)

For those who like to use mobile apps, you can download the app: Give+ and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church. Once you have created an account, it will save Paw Creek as your default Church.

Upcoming Sermon Titles

Sunday, October 25 Matthew 22: 34-46 "Jesus Passes a Test"

Sunday, November 1

ALL SAINTS DAY Joshua 3: 7-17 "The Verge of Jordan" Sunday, November 8 Matthew 25: 1-13 "Waiting is Hard" **GIVE NOW**

Sunday, November 15 Matthew 25: 14-30 "The Joy of the Master"