

Weekly News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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704-312-1343 Available 11am Monday From the Pastor...



Reminder: Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday
Turn clock back one hour

Dear Paw Creek,

This coming Sunday, November 1, will be our annual celebration of All Saints Day. During worship we will remember twelve saints of Paw Creek who have died over the past year, lighting candles as we call their names and bless their memory. It will be our honor to welcome in worship the families of many of those saints, and to invite them forward to light each candle.

In order to accommodate those family members safely in the sanctuary, the in-person congregation for Sunday will be limited to them. The rest of the congregation is invited, as always, to worship via our live-stream connections on Facebook and YouTube. We will not be able to invite you forward to light candles remembering saints from years past, as we usually do. But we will pause so that each of us can remember those sacred names. If you like, you may wish to have a candle ready to light at home. And we will also celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, giving thanks for the communion of God's saints that binds us always with those who have gone before us - you will also want to have bread and juice ready at home when the time comes to share the elements.

As life goes forward in these extraordinary times, I am delighted to report that our church Session held a called meeting last week to meet with Jordan Loud and receive him under our care as he prepares for the Gospel ministry. Before voting, we had a long and wonderful talk with Jordan. We remembered his years growing up at Paw Creek and joined him in giving thanks for the teachers and mentors that raised him in the faith - with a special thanks for youth pastor Chris Lee and for his influence. And we also learned about Jordan's growing study of theology, philosophy, scripture and Biblical languages - begun during his college years and continuing now in his first semester of study at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia (although classes for this fall are proceeding on-line.)

Session's action is the first step in the process (defined in the Book of Order) that will proceed in parallel to Jordan's academic training and lead to his ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). That process is primarily under the direction of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) of the Presbytery of Charlotte. With Session's endorsement, CPM will now have the chance to meet Jordan and bring him to the whole Presbytery to enroll him as an "Inquirer". Later, he will be examined by the Presbytery to become a "Candidate". Still later, after classes, examinations, internships and mountains of prayer (by Jordan, by CPM, by Session and by our congregation), he will be presented to be examined for ordination. It's a long and thorough process, and our Session is excited by Jordan's obvious enthusiasm and qualifications for the journey.

I'm sure you know that among our historical materials in the hallways of the East Wing there is a plaque that lists members of Paw Creek who have entered the Gospel Ministry - our church has a long history going well back into the 19th century of preparing and supporting those called by God. We are grateful for their history of service to the church. Please join with the Session in encouraging Jordan, sharing your excitement about his plans, and most of all including him in your prayers.

Among other prayers this week, we pray God's comfort for Hoyt Johnston and his family at the death of his wife Jean last Friday evening. Jean's funeral service was held outdoors at the Paw Creek cemetery on Tuesday.

At Wednesday Bible Study we also had a request to pray for Rob Simmons and his family. His sister Sarah Kiser died on Sunday - there will be a graveside service tomorrow (Friday), 1:30 at Forest Lawn.

God's blessings on you and on us, and on our country as we cherish the great gift of democratic decision making in these days ahead.

Godspeed,

Elliott

Thanksgiving Boxes

Those of you who are donating a box and/or turkey for Anne Miller, please meet her at the church on Friday morning, November 6th. at 10:00am or take them to the church and leave them in the hallway outside the church office, before then, so she can pick them up. If you have questions, please call Anne at 704-574-1983. If you have a turkey, please call Anne and coordinate getting it to her. You may bring everything to her house if that would suit you better.. Thank you very much for all of your donations. Anne will let you know the total number when we are finished.

Service for the Lord's Day Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • November 1, 2020

All Saints' Day

During this worship service we are invited to receive the elements of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together. To participate with us at home, please have available a bit of bread or crackers, and some kind of juice or beverage. In the sanctuary, individual pre-packaged elements will be available.

Preparatory Music

I Will Rise

Chris Tomlin

Welcome

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord,
"those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." - John 11

Prelude

I Can Only Imagine

Bard Millard

Call to Worship

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord shall preserve our going out and our coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more . . .

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee . . .

Prayer of the Day

Readings from Scripture

Psalm 46: 1-7, 10-11, Joshua 3: 7-17

Hymn 65

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see coming for to carry me home? A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home.

If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home, tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home.

Sermon

The Verge of Jordan

Offertory

Going Home/God Be With You Till We Meet Again

arr. Jason Tonioli

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Remembrance of the Saints

RACHEL WHITNER WINGATE - NOVEMBER 21, 2019 VIRGINIA HARRIS MCGRANAHAN - JUNE 8, 2020

FLORA MAE LOVE - JANUARY 22, 2020

HERBERT ERSKINE FOARD - MARCH 19, 2020

JOHN RANKIN LITAKER - MARCH 25, 2020

RAYMOND FIELD - MAY 5, 2020

SUSAN WILLIAMS KENLEY - JUNE 3, 2020

JAMES ALLEN WINGATE - JULY 16, 2020

KENNETH LAMOINE SMITH - JULY 23, 2020

JAMES WILSON GRIFFIN III - AUGUST 1, 2020

FRANK DAVID DALE, SR. - SEPTEMBER 10. 2020

ERNEST LEE MOORE - SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Including the Lord's Prayer, the Words of the Institution, and the sharing of the elements

Hymn 326

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coat, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Charge and Benediction

Musical Benediction

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

The flowers in the sanctuary for All Saints Day are given by Becki Friend, Sharon Lamb and their families in loving memory of Bobbie and Erskine Foard.

Elliott Hipp • Pastor; Mark Burleson • Pianist; Patrick McCarthy • Director of Music/Soloist Clint Shaw • Video and Streaming Members of the Task Force for In-person Worship



Sunday, November 1, 2020 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

All donors will receive a Free OneBlood Fleece Blanket and a 10 dollar eGift Card! Plus, a wellness checkup including COVID-19 antibody test, blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

> Appointments are encouraged, please visit www.oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code #44855

Do not present to donate if you have a fever. You must wait at least 14 days before donating if you have been exposed to someone who has or may have COVID-19, have recently been tested and are pending test results for COVID-19 or if you have a confirmed active case of COVID-19.

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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 www.pawcreekpc.org 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, November 1

ALL SAINTS DAY
Joshua 3: 7-17
"The Verge of Jordan"

Sunday, November 8

Matthew 25: 1-13 "Waiting is Hard"

Sunday, November 15

Matthew 25: 14-30 "The Joy of the Master"

Sunday, November 22

Matthew 25: 31-46 "Lord, When Did We See You?"