



November 12, 2020

# Weekly News at Paw Creek

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

### From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek,

In this most extraordinary of times - virus raging, political turmoil - there is nevertheless a repetitiveness to our days that belies the fact that we are rapidly approaching what we always hope will be the busiest and most joyful time of the year. How do we envision a Thanksgiving table with fewer family members gathered around? Or an Advent and Christmas season when we can't sing the carols (and neither can our choir), when we avoid going to the malls, and we have to say "Merry Christmas" by text and not in person? Jan Edmiston, our General Presbyter in the Presbytery of Charlotte, has a wise blog entry this week in which she encourages us, as we look at the holidays ahead, to ask "what's the one non-negotiable thing I want from this celebration this year?" I suspect for most of us, if we can focus on the best answer to that question, we will choose what is meaningful over the things that are just nice. It makes sense to start thinking about it now, as Jan suggests, so that we don't get taken by surprise as the calendar rolls around. I recommend having a look at Jan's entire post, which you can find here:

<https://achurchforstarvingartists.blog/2020/11/12/holiday-priorities/>

Here at Paw Creek, I'm grateful to report that our plans for in-person worship are working out well. Currently we can welcome into the sanctuary on Sundays all of those who have asked to be included. You do not need to wait for a phone call. This includes our Veterans Day observance on this coming Sunday, November 15 (that's a change from the earlier plans). At the same time, we encourage everyone who has not signed up to do so when you feel that it is safe to come. As we add more people, we will continue to monitor and numbers and attendance, and make any changes to the plans if needed. You can sign up at [pawcreekpc.org](http://pawcreekpc.org), or by simply putting in a call to me or leaving a message at the church office.

In terms of our holiday plans (already following Jan's advice), the Worship Committee has been working on helping us claim the essentials. Our annual Thanksgiving morning service will take place as usual at 8:00 am in the sanctuary. Everyone who wishes to come is invited, whether you are on the list for Sundays or not. The service will be live-streamed as usual on Facebook and YouTube. We will not have a full breakfast in the CFC, but there will be doughnuts and coffee on the front porch after worship. We will also hold our traditional Christmas Eve service at 7:30 pm, open to all, concluding with carol-singing outdoors. Raising our voices in song for the first time in months will truly feel like "Joy to the World!"

Look for more information on all this as the weeks go on. In the meantime, do please continue to pray for God's intervention in our hurting world, to heal our divisions, comfort us in our losses, and care for us when illness rises. We have particular prayers this week for Miriam Childress, who is undergoing therapy for a thoracic fracture (injury to her upper spine). After several days in the hospital she was transferred to Huntersville Rehab on Tuesday. For Miriam and all those whom we hold dear, and for ourselves as well, may God's grace be abundant and sufficient.

Godspeed,  
Elliott

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**Sermon By Phone:**  
704-312-1343  
Available 11am Monday

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • November 15, 2020**  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Preparatory Music**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. Janice Faber

**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!*

**Vocal Prelude**

Fred Pratt Green/Charles Villiers Stanford  
*When In Our Music God is Glorified*

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 92

It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;  
To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;  
For you have made us glad by your acts, O LORD;  
and we shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

**Hymn 612**

*"We Praise You, O God"*

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.  
We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help. O Lord, our struggles we win.

**Prayer of the Day**

Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come, stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, steady our hearts in time of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the sun of justice dawns. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus said, "For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.'

## Scripture Reading (continued)

And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

## Hymn 693

*"Though I May Speak"*

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

## Sermon

*The Joy of the Master*

## Offertory

*Hymn to the Fallen*

John Williams

## Celebration and Thanks For Our Veterans

## Prayers of God's People

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

## Hymn 719

*"Come, Labor On"*

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain while all around us waves the golden grain  
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

Come, labor on. Cast off all gloomy doubt and faithless fear! No arm so weak but may do service here.  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky, till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

*Patriotic Medley*

*arr. Suzanne Arant*

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



### **List of Veterans at Paw Creek**

#### **U.S. Air Force**

Thomas F. Cashion; Robert Glenn Rudisill; Harold L. Staton; James (Jimmy) Woodrow Torrence, III; Gene Whisnant

#### **Air National Guard**

Steele Blankenship

#### **U.S. Army**

Bryon Richard Baker; William Gregory (Greg) Bethune; Tommy Caldwell; Dwayne Dorton; Frank Krebs; Boyd McIntosh; Tommy Miller; Bryce Moore; David Padgett; Melvin (Sonny) Ross; Richard Rumble; Oscar Sisk; Jimmy Ray Stogner; James Harold (Hal) Todd; Robert Joel (Skip) Todd; Robert (Bobby) Allen Tyler

#### **Army National Guard**

Ted Franklin Joy; Dennis McGinn; Charles Robert Simmons; Oscar Sisk

#### **U. S. Marine Corps**

Michael Brook; Jim Hall; Jeffery Alexander Neal

#### **U.S. Navy**

Marty A. Baker; Todd R. Baker; Alvin Richard (Dickie) Chapman; Edward Hobson Chapman, III; Susan Cook Guthrie; George Edwin (Eddie) Todd, Jr.; William (Bill) H. Tyler

## **In Memory**

### **U.S. Air Force**

Herman Byram; Quinton Holton; Robert Killian; James Bryce Love; James Williamson Love; John Ralph Love; Robert Brooks Love; Ernest L. Moore; Charles Meredith Overbeck; Kenneth (Ken) L. Smith; Marlene Adkins Thames

### **Air National Guard**

Larry Bradford; James Allen Wingate

### **U. S. Army**

Joe Adkins; Edna Alexander; Grady Sloan Alexander; Blair Cathey; Willis Cox; Grover Allen Elliot; James Ronald (Ronnie) Joy; James Price Kenley; Henry Linker; Paul Taylor McCord; Lewis McGinn; John J. Oates; Bob Patton; David Reames; Jack DeWitt Sisk; Fred Sparks; Charles Reginald Summerville; George Allen Todd; Nathaniel Macon Tomlinson; Joseph Moore White; Ralph Wingate; Ray Young

### **Army National Guard**

Douglas A. Cook; James McGranahan

### **U.S. Army Reserve**

Thomas (T.W.) Oates

### **U.S. Army Air Force**

Robert P. Lamb; Harry T. White

### **U.S. Coast Guard**

Jim Glasscock

### **U.S. Marine Corps**

Frank Dale; John Rankin Litaker; James Meldon Painter; Burch Mitchell Sutton

### **U.S. Merchant Marines**

Ernest Holthouser

### **U.S. Navy**

Charles Auten; George Bostian; Harold Caudill; Bobby Belton Childress; John Rankin Litaker; Jerry William Neal, Sr.; Charles Meredith Overbeck; Joe Reid; Frank Eugene Todd, Sr.; Harold Harvey Todd; John Marvin Tomlinson; Ralph Underwood; Morrison Yandle

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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](http://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 15

*Veterans Sunday*

Matthew 25: 14-30

“The Joy of the Master”

#### Sunday, November 22

Matthew 25: 31-46

“Lord, When Did We See You?”

#### Thursday, November 26

*Thanksgiving Day*

8:00 am

#### Sunday, November 29

*1st Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 64: 1-9

“Come Quickly, Lord”