

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

Weekly Letter - May 7, 2020

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“What does the Lord require of us, but to do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God?”

Dear Paw Creek,

As we make our way firmly into May, we remain settled in our now-familiar routines, at church and at home. I hope everyone is finding some chance to get out and enjoy nice spring weather (when it's not blowing up a storm), and able to stay in touch with family and friends in safe ways. Even as we enter Phase 1 of Governor Cooper's reopening plan on Friday, we don't know yet when it will be safe to venture further out into the normal world, or what precautions we will need to be taking. But do let us keep in our prayers those who will be in greater circulation next week, along with all the essential workers who have been keeping us going, and especially our medical workers on the front line. And let us pray that the spread of the virus remains low, both to ease the burden on those who are sick and to allow more reopening as the weeks go on.

Last week we had a number of important announcements, and I want to recap some of them so that we don't forget:

- Special offering to support The Bulb, providing food weekly to fragile communities in Charlotte's North End. Contributions continue for another week, via mail to the church, marked "Food Support". As an update, the Outreach Committee is also looking at additional ways to help those who are food insecure here on the Westside - more information next week.
- Blood Drive - a week from Saturday, on May 16. Use the link on the church homepage to schedule an appointment.
- Graduation Sunday - will be in early June. Families of graduates (high school, college, grad school) please email information to Jan Chapman for the Christian Ed Committee.
- Worship Update - updating the update, the new switching equipment worked perfectly last week. I hope you noticed a smoother experience and better sound quality for Sunday's live stream worship.
- Online Giving - is now available. Please use the link on our church homepage.

As always, let us remember those with special needs for prayer and support from within our congregation.

1. Our condolences go out to Betty Field and her family on the death of her husband Raymond on Tuesday, May 5. We will forward information about arrangements for Raymond when they are complete.
2. Ken Smith is now in continuing care at Coutland Terrace in Gastonia after several days in the hospital. Vernie and the family were able to have several good visits with Ken over the weekend while he was in the hospital. He is now comfortable and being well cared for at Courtland.
3. Earnest Moore is in good spirits at home, being well cared for by his care-giver and his extended family.
4. Continued prayers are requested for Susan Kenley and her family. Amy reports Susan is having some great and busy days AND . . .
5. Prayers of rejoicing for Sarah and Colton Hansley at the birth of their son, Jax on Sunday afternoon. Jax is the grandson of Jon and Ashley Kenley and great-grandson of Susan Kenley.
6. Let us continue prayers for Virginia McGranahan and her family as they care for her at home.
7. On Sunday Debbie Taylor asked us to remember her neighbor Lisa Duncan, and Lisa's mother Charlotte Moore. Charlotte was hospitalized after a fall last week - as of Wednesday she is hospitalized and is not doing well.

For eyes to see the bounty of God's goodness this week and always, let us pray with thanksgiving to the Lord.

Blessings on us all,

Elliott

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • May 10, 2020
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and
the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.*

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly

arr. Craig Curry

Call to Worship

Psalm 31

Love the LORD, all you who are faithful
be strong and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD.
How great is your goodness, O LORD!
for those who put their trust in you.
Blessed be the LORD!
who has shown us the wonders of love.

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Brian Howell

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.

We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth
thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwells in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.

All praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Prayer of the Day

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted
on high. Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Je-
sus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 7: 51-60

Stephen continued: "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Hymn

When Peace Like a River

arr. Brian Howell

When peace like river attendees my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my
soul!
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.
O Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Homily

Even if it hurts

Offertory

In the beauty of music, let us turn our hearts to thanksgiving for all God's bounty
as we think of gifts of action, kindness and caring that we can offer to God in the coming week.

Prayers of God's People

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

Charge and Benediction

Let us now be active in the world in peace and be of good courage;
holding fast to what is good; rendering to no one evil for evil;
strengthening the fainthearted; supporting the weak,
helping the afflicted, honoring all people;
loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Postlude

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

arr. John Turner



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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 is Now Available

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)

GIVE+

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.

Wednesday Night Bible Study - 5:30 pm via Zoom

Easter Texts

May 13

Acts 17: 22-31