

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

Eleven O'clock

**Welcome Into God's House** (responsive)

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me,  
Congregation: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**  
Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever. To this place where God gives us light and welcome, let us bring our cares and joys so that we may be cleansed and nourished.  
Congregation: **Alleluia!**

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Prelude** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Paul Baloche

**Choral Introit** "You Shall Go Out with Joy" Hymn 80

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 116)

Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.  
And how shall we repay the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for us?  
Let us lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord.

**\*Hymn 410** "God Is Calling through the Whisper"

**Prayer of the Day** (in unison)

**Almighty and ever-living God, your Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life. Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Response in Song, Hymn 616 "Awesome God"

**Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Anthem** "He is the Everlasting God" Joseph Martin

**Scripture Lessons**

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 5: 43-48  
Jesus said: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**Old Testament Lesson** Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn 834** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

**Sermon** *The Only Choice That Matters*

**\*Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory "Give Me Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes

\*Doxology, Hymn 609 "Lasst uns erfreuen"  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Offertory Response  
Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation.  
Congregation: **Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.**  
Leader: Accept and use our offerings for your glory.  
Congregation: **And for the service of your kingdom.**  
All: **Amen.**

**Prayers of God's People**

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with The Lord's Prayer, in unison

**\* Hymn 65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Leader: Today, your abundant gifts have been ours, O God.  
Congregation: **You have enlightened us with your Word, called us to your service.**  
Leader: So now we go into God's world . . .  
Congregation: **Until we return to God's house.**

Response in Song - Hymn 625 "How Great Thou Art"  
**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
How great thou art! How great thou art! (2x)**

**Postlude** "Lord I Want To Be A Christian In My Heart" arr. Jim Lucas

\*Those who are able, please stand

**Welcome to Paw Creek Presbyterian Church!**

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), two centuries young and committed to living out the Gospel today as we Seek, Serve, Praise and Love Christ. If you are a visitor today, we are especially glad that you are here. We hope that you will leave us a record of your visit by completing a visitor card and placing it in the offering plate. Feel free to contact our pastor, Elliott Hipp, with questions or prayer concerns: [deh46@columbia.edu](mailto:deh46@columbia.edu) or 704-502-2143. Please come again soon.

**Worshipping On-Line**

Our worship service is also streamed live each week, and is available to watch later in the week as well. For Facebook and YouTube links, please visit [pawcreekpc.org](http://pawcreekpc.org). When you worship with us from home, you can use an on-line version of our *Glory to God* hymnal so that you can sing along or follow the words to the hymns. For phone or tablet, search "Glory to God" in your app store. For computer, go to [hymnary.org/hymnal/GG2013](http://hymnary.org/hymnal/GG2013) and click on the hymn number. Most hymns are available, although there are a few that cannot be displayed due to copyright restriction.

**Upcoming Sermon Titles & Scriptures**

**Sunday, February 19**

*Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*

Matthew 6: 25-34

"A Covenant of Abundance"

**Wednesday, February 22**

*Ash Wednesday—6:30pm*

Psalm 1 (Delight in the Law of the Lord)

**Sunday, February 26**

*First Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

"Where It All Began"

**Stitches for Missions**

**Open Call for Homemade Preemie Baby Goods**

Stitches for Missions will be working on making preemie baby items such as blankets, hats, and booties for the next few months. We will be providing these goods to Preemies of the Carolinas, which is a nonprofit group located in Fort Mill. Preemies of the Carolinas provides handmade goods to neonatal departments at hospitals or directly to mothers of preemies in the local areas of NC and SC. They need sown, quilted, crocheted, or knitted goods for preemies of various sizes. (Blankets must be at least a minimum of 20"X 20".) We hope to have a shipment ready for them by May. If you can help to provide such goods and have any questions, please contact Teresa Painter or Dina Salvo.

You may also attend the next Stitches meeting on **Saturday, February 18th, at 10:30am in the Parlor** for more information. (You can also check their website on the internet...the link is the same as their name with no spaces.)

**Ecumenical Luncheon**

The Women of Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Invite You to Attend the

31st Ecumenical Luncheon

On Saturday, **February 25, 2023**

Registration from 10:30-11:00

Salad Luncheon from 11:00-12:00

**Speaker: Kristan Seaford**

Please bring a salad, \$1.00 & canned good for a local food pantry.

We hope you can join us in fellowship, prayer, and celebration of women on this special day.

[knoturner@gmail.com](mailto:knoturner@gmail.com)

**Loaves & Fishes Priority Needs**

- Canned Meat: Tuna, Chicken, etc...
- Pastas - Dry Boxed or Canned
- Rice in 1 pound bags
- Canned Fruit: low sugar or in juice
- Cereal- low sugar
- Low Sodium Canned Vegetables

**No Glass Please**

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor .....Elliott Hipp  
 Director of Music.....Andrew Cumbow  
 Pianist.....Mark Burleson  
 Administrative Assistant / Webmaster ..... Kim Whittington  
 Videography Coordinator.....Clint Shaw

**The Session**  
 Moderator: Elliott Hipp Clerk: Donna Hall General Treasurer: Danny McClure

<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>
Celia Gray	Gene Hall	Donna Hall
Sam McCord	Jim Pinkston	Eddie McArver
Debbie Taylor	David Turner	Amy McGee
Barbara Ullem		Joy Tyler

**Committee Chairs**

<b>Mission Team:</b> Debbie Taylor	<b>Resource Team:</b> Jim Pinkston
Christian Education: Barbara Ullem	Administration: Eddie McArver
Congregational Care: Joy Tyler	Finance: Gene Hall
Fellowship: Sam McCord / Donna Hall	Property: Sam McCord
Outreach: Celia Gray / Amy McGee	Cemetery Superintendent: Phillip McCord
Worship: David Turner / Debbie Taylor	

**Strategic Planning Team:** Paul Bradley

**Sunday School Officers:** Sarah Kendrick / Jim Stogner  
**Children's Ministry:** Joseph Jumper / Jan Chapman / Celia Gray / Barbara Ullem

**Presbyterian Women**

Moderator: Karen Turner

Secretary: Donna Hall	Treasurer: Melissa Mullis
Historian: Dina Salvo	Backpack Buddies: Jane McArver, Belinda Springs & Teresa Painter
Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw	Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo
Special Givings: Celia Gray	

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, February 12**

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, February 13**

6:30pm Mission Team Meeting

**Tuesday, February 14**

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, February 15**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

**Thursday, February 16**

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Saturday, February 18**

10:30am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, February 19**

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, February 20**

**\*Church Office Closed—Presidents Day**  
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, February 21**

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, February 22**

**\*Newsletter**  
10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)  
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

**Thursday, February 23**

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Saturday, February 25**

10:30am Women's Ecumenical Luncheon

**Sunday, February 26**

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship

**Tuesday, February 28**

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, March 1**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

**Thursday, March 2**

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Sunday, March 5**

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger



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