

Currently Serving at Woodland Presbyterian Church:

Rev. Rhonda McClain Pastor
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Kristy H. Walker Treasurer
Mr. Kevin Homesley Minister of Music
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Currently Serving at Paw Creek Presbyterian Church:

Elliott Hipp Pastor
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Andy Cumbow Director of Music
Mark Burleson Pianist
Clint Shaw Videography Coordinator
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Announcements for Woodland

- **Upcoming Meetings and Events**
Saturday, May 25 Open House Registration for Summer Camp 10am-1pm
Sunday, May 26 PW Bible Study (following worship)
Sunday, June 23 Graduation Sunday
- **A Special Thank You!**
 A special heartfelt thank you to the women of Woodland for an extraordinary Mother's Day on last Sunday. Your participation made the service memorable. A special thank you goes out to the McClain Family for their generosity in hosting the Mother's Day Luncheon. The food was absolutely delicious, and we truly enjoyed the opportunity to converse. Also, we thank the Worship Ministry for their continuous efforts in leading and aiding members of the Body of Christ in corporate worship.
- **Open House Registration for Summer Camp 2024**
 Summer Camp at The Wood is coming back starting June 24th and ending on August 2nd, 2024 from 8 am until 4:30pm.
We will have an open house in-person registration on Saturday, May 25th from 10 am until 1pm.
 The cost is \$50 per child, per week with a \$35 registration fee which includes a camp tee shirt! Only 75 spots available!
 This year's highlighted field trip is a trip to Atlanta, GA to visit the Aquarium, the Coca-Cola Plant, and Legoland!!!
- **PW Bible Study Series: Lesson 7**
 Join the Presbyterian Women on Sunday, May 26th after morning worship for Sacred Encounters: Lesson Seven.
 An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Word of God is an essential tool for expanding the reign of God.
 Be a part of this wonderful bible study!
- **Graduation Sunday**
 "Listen to advice and accept instruction, so you might grow wise in the future. Many plans are in a person's mind, but the Lord's purpose will succeed." Proverbs 19:20-21
 Graduation Sunday is a celebration for all Woodland graduates of 2024. We will honor our graduates both high school and college on Sunday, **June 23** during morning worship with a procession. All graduates will wear their regalia for this occasion. If you are a baptized or active member of Woodland Presbyterian Church and would like to be recognized on Graduation Sunday, please submit your name to Diane Brodie or call 704-712-6011.

Announcements for Paw Creek

- **Upcoming Events at Paw Creek**
Monday, May 20 Newsletter Deadline (Noon)
Wednesday, May 22 Newsletter
Thursday, May 23 Happy Hearts
- **Upcoming Sermon Titles & Scriptures**
Sunday, May 26 "The Company We Keep" (Mark 2: 13-22)
Sunday, June 2 Graduation Sunday, "God is Patient" 1 Sam. 3: 1-10
- **Graduation Sunday**
 We will celebrate **Graduation Sunday on June 2, 2024** during the church service. We will be recognizing high school and college graduates who are in attendance. Cookies and lemonade to be served after service in the west wing.
- **Sunday School News**
 There will be no Sunday school classes during the month of June.
- **Happy Hearts**
 Thursday, **May 23, 2024**—Happy Hearts will have a private, guided tour at Wing Haven Garden & Bird Sanctuary, the home and garden of Eddie & Elizabeth Clarkson.
<https://winghavengardens.org/> Meet at the church @ 10:50, so we can leave @ 11:00. We will have lunch @ Jason's Deli off Woodlawn Rd, then onto Wing Haven for our 1:00 guided tour. Cost is \$12 for the tour, lunch is on your own. Return around 3:30. **Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey (704) 281-2836 by Monday, May 20th.**
- **Fellowship Breakfast**
 There will be a 5th Sunday Fellowship Breakfast on June 30 @ 9:15am
- **Exciting News**
 Our friends Joseph and Emily Jumper will worship with us for the last time next Sunday, **May 26**. Later in June they will be leaving so that Joseph can accept his new call. Details are under wraps right now, but will be shared as soon as they become public. On the 26th we will have punch and cookies after worship so that we can visit with them and send them with our best wishes. Please come!
- **Paw Creek's 215th Anniversary is this year !!!**
 For the month of May, the Mission Team will be selling 22 oz color changing stadium cups with a picture of the church on one side and the church information on the other.
 These cups are frosted to blue or frosted to red and will be \$5 each.
 Proceeds from the sale will help pay for the cups we will throw out from the church float during the Annual Coulwood 4th of July Parade.
 If you are unable to get your cups during May, please contact Amy McGee 704-578-3908 or the church office 704-392-0329



Pentecost

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL PENTECOST CELEBRATION

WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1868

PAW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1809

May 19, 2024
Paw Creek, NC

Service For The Lord's Day

The Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

Eleven O'clock

Welcome into God's House (responsive)

Leader: Enter our hearts, O Holy Spirit!
Congregation: **Come, in blessed mercy, and set us free!**
Leader: Fill this house with the rush of your mighty wind.
Rest your cleansing fire on our shoulders.
Give us the words with which to speak your Gospel truth.
And grant us your perfect freedom to serve you . . .
Congregation: **Today, tomorrow, and evermore.**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude

"Holy Spirit Rain Down"

Russell Fragar

Introit

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"
Paw Creek Choir

Hymn 280

Call to Worship (Joel 2)

The word of the Lord to the prophet:
"I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old shall dream dreams
and your young shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit."

*Hymn 408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit. Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the gospel; may it reach to the ends of the earth! Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Response in Song:

"Wa Emimimo" (Hymn 283)

**Come, O Holy Spirit, come;
Come, almighty Spirit, come;
Come, come, come.**

Welcome and Announcements from our Congregations

Choir Anthem

Woodland Choir

Scripture Lessons

The Story of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus

and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams . . .'

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1: 26-28

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Epistle Reading

Romans 10: 14-17

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Leader: This the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Sermon

Pentecost: Our Beginning - On Making Disciples

The Rev. Rhonda McClain

Choir Anthem

Woodland Choir

Litany for Pentecost

Leader: When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place.

Congregation: **Meet us in this place, Lord, and make us one.**

Leader: And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Congregation: **Fill our houses Lord: everything we do, make us your people; everywhere we go, stamp us as your own.**

Leader: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

Congregation: **Rest your fire on each of us, and on those whom we serve: the children, the neighbors, and saints of every kind.**

Leader: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Congregation: **Give us your Word to speak, a Word of hope to a troubled world.**

Leader: In the name of God, who sustains us through our days; and of the Christ, who leads us to salvation; and of the blessed Holy Spirit, our constant companion and friend.

Congregation: **Alleluia and Amen!**

Giving of Tithes And Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"
Paw Creek Choir

arr. K. Lee Scott

*Doxology

"Lasst uns erfreuen" (Hymn 609)

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.**

Prayer Concerns and Joys

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

When invited we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is our God,
God the Lord of earth and heaven. Holy, holy is our God.**

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is our God,.
God, the Lord of all of history. Holy, holy is our God.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of the Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Supper

Hymn 594

*Hymn 339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*Charge and Benediction

* Response in Song:

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (Hymn 291)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Postlude

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

arr. Jim Lucas

***Those who are able, please stand**

We remain seated during the Postlude so that all may enjoy the blessing of music, both in the sanctuary and on live-stream.

After the Postlude, please join us for lunch in the Christian Fellowship Center.