

# Service For The Lord's Day

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

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: Within the gates of God's holy city, we gather this day to claim the joy, the peace and the safe rest of the children of the Most High. Let us rejoice in God's holy gifts..  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

## Chimes of the Trinity

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

**Choral Introit** "God Welcomes All" Hymn 399

## Call to Worship (Psalm 22)

Praise the Lord, you that fear God;  
stand in awe of the Lord, O offspring of Israel;  
For the Lord's face is not hidden from us;  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before the Lord.

**\*Hymn 450** "Be Thou My Vision"

## Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true faith; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Response in Song: "Rain Down" - Hymn 48  
**Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.**

## Welcome and Announcements

**Anthem** "Holy Ground" Geron Davis/arr. Lloyd Larson

When I walked through the door I sensed his presence,  
and I knew this was a place where love abounds;  
for this is a temple, Jehovah God abides here,  
and we are standing in the presence on holy ground.

We are standing on Holy Ground, and I know that there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

In his presence there is joy beyond all measure,  
and at his feet peace of mind can still be found.  
If you have a need I know he has the answer  
Just reach out and claim it, for you are standing on holy ground.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity.  
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

## Scripture Lessons

### Reading from the Books of Moses Deuteronomy 4: 1-2

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

### Reading from the Gospel Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*Hymn 778** "As Pants the Deer for Living Streams"

**Ten Cents a Meal Hunger Offering** - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

**Sermon** *What Comes from the Heart*

## \*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 "Holy Is the Lord" Chris Tomlin

\*Doxology "Glory to God" (Hymn 582)  
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## 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

Invitation to the Lord's Table "Come to the Table of Grace" - Hymn 507  
**Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.**

## 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: Hymn 595  
**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!**

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Words of the Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Supper (in unison)  
**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 693** "Though I May Speak"

## \*Charge and Benediction

\*Response in Song "Guide My Feet" - Hymn 741  
**Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

**Postlude** "Revive Us Again" arr. Mary McDonald

\*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, September 8**

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
"The Power of Repentance"  
Mark 7: 24-37

**Sunday, September 15**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
"Are You Sure You Want the Truth?"  
Mark 8: 27-38

**Christmas in Paw Creek  
Arts and Crafts Fair**

*Sponsored by Troop 70*

Saturday, **November 23, 2024,**  
8:00 am—2:00 pm

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church—CFC

Breakfast / Barbeque sold by Scout Troop 70

If interested in a booth, Please call Jan  
McClure at (704) 394-8481

**Happy Hearts**

**Happy Hearts** are touring **WDAV** in Davidson, NC, Monday **Sept 23rd**. WDAV is a non-commercial public radio station. The station airs classical music and fine arts programming 24 hours a day. Afterwards we will have lunch at **Brickhouse Tavern**. The only cost will be your lunch, the tour at WDAV is free! If we have time, we might even check out a few of the local shops on Main Street.

Meet at the church at **9:25 AM** so we can leave by **9:35 AM**. We should return to the church before 1:30 PM.

**Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey (704) 281-2836 by Thursday, Sept. 19th.**

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Women  
Circle Meetings**

September is fast approaching and so is a new year for Paw Creek Presbyterian Women. We have two active Circles at Paw Creek that meet on the first Tuesday of each month from September through May. If you are not currently in a Circle, we encourage you to join us! We enjoy wonderful fellowship and Bible study in a small group setting. This year's Bible study is "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation," by Patricia K. Tull.

This year, we will begin our meetings in our regular Circle groups on September 3, 2024. They are:

Go and Grow Circle - Tuesday morning at 10:00AM in the Parlor

Life Seekers Circle - Tuesday evening at 7:00PM in the Parlor

We look forward to seeing you as we continue to enjoy Christian fellowship while we study God's word.

With Love, Karen

**Congregational Care**

If you or a family member would like to be added to our Special Friends list for visitations, cards, calls or any combination of these, please contact Amy McGee 704-578-3908 or the Church Office 704-392-0329

**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

**Class of 2024**

Gene Hall  
Jim Pinkston  
Jim Stogner  
David Turner

**Class of 2025**

Donna Hall  
Eddie McArver  
Amy McGee  
Joy Tyler

**Class of 2026**

Dickie Chapman  
Debbie McCord  
Ken Scott  
Debbie Taylor

**Committee Chairs**

**Mission Team:** Debbie Taylor  
Christian Education: Jim Pinkston  
Congregational Care: Joy Tyler / Amy McGee  
Fellowship: Donna Hall / Debbie McCord  
Outreach: Ken Scott  
Worship: David Turner / Debbie Taylor

**Resource Team:** Jim Pinkston  
Administration: Eddie McArver  
Finance: Gene Hall  
Property: Dickie Chapman  
Cemetery Superintendent: Phillip McCord

**Strategic Planning Team:** Paul Bradley

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

**Presbyterian Women**

Moderator: Karen Turner

Secretary: Donna Hall Treasurer: Vicki Ramsey  
Historian: Dina Salvo Backpack Buddies: Teresa Painter, Belinda Springs, Jan & Carol Chapman  
Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo  
Special Givings: Celia Gray

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, September 1**

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

**Monday, September 2**

\*Church Office Closed—Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 3**

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
10:00am PW Go and Grow Circle Meeting  
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle Meeting

**Wednesday, September 4**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, September 5**

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

**Sunday, September 8**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, September 9**

6:30pm Stated Session Meeting

**Tuesday, September 10**

9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Wednesday, September 11**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 9/15 & 9/22  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, September 12**

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

**Sunday, September 15**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, September 16**

\*Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 17**

\*Church Office Closed  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Wednesday, September 18**

\*Church Office Closed  
10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

**Thursday, September 19**

\*Church Office Closed  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Choir Practice

**Saturday, September 21**

10:30am Stitches for Missions

**Sunday, September 22**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, September 23**

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, September 24**

9:00am Cardio Fitness



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