

# Service For The Lord's Day

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" arr. Molly Ijames

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

## Call to Worship (Psalm 19)

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.  
One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts  
be acceptable in the sight of God, our strength and our redeemer.

**\*Hymn 451** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

## Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**God of mercy: Help us to forgive, as you have forgiven us. Help us to trust you, even when hope is failing. Help us to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

"God Be in My Head" Colin Brumby  
God be in my head, And in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, And in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, And in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, And in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and at my departing.

## Scripture Lessons

### Responsive Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.  
Congregation: **One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**  
Leader: Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.  
Congregation: **The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**  
Leader: The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.  
Congregation: **The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**  
Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,  
Congregation: **O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.**

## Reading from the Gospel

### Mark 8: 27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

## \*Hymn 720

"Jesus Calls Us"

## Sermon

*Are You Sure You Want the Truth?*

## \*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 "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.**

## Prayers of God's People

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

## \*Hymn 729

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

## \*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

"A Gaelic Blessing" John Rutter

\*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 22**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
"They Did Not Understand"  
Mark 9: 30-37

**Sunday, September 29**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
**Blanket Sunday**  
"Us and Them"  
Mark 9: 38-50

**Flowers**

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are in Honor of Hoyt Johnston's 93rd Birthday. Hoyt is the oldest male member of Paw Creek Presbyterian Church.

**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

**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.**

**Blanket Sunday**

For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Please join other generous donors and provide comfort and warmth to our neighbors in need as we participate in this amazing program on **September 29 2024** at Paw Creek Church.

**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Pastor .....Elliott Hipp  
Director of Music.....Andrew Cumbow  
Pianist.....Mark Burleson  
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**The Session**

Moderator: Elliott Hipp Clerk: Donna Hall General Treasurer: Danny McClure

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Jim Stogner  
David Turner

**Class of 2025**

Donna Hall  
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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 15**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, September 16**

\*Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 17**

\*Church Office Closed  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, September 18**

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

**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  
6:30pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, September 25**

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

**Thursday, September 26**

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

**Sunday, September 29**

9:30am 5th Sunday Fellowship  
9:45am Regular Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / Blanket Sunday

**Tuesday, October 1**

9:00am Cardio Fitness

**Wednesday, October 2**

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

**Thursday, October 3**

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

**Sunday, October 6**

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

**Tuesday, October 8**

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

**Wednesday, October 9**

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

**Thursday, October 10**

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



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