

Service For The Lord's Day

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 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

"This Is the Day"

Les Garrett

Choral Introit

"God Welcomes All"

Hymn 399

Call to Worship (Psalm 121)

We lift our eyes unto the hills;
from whence cometh our help?
Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
The Lord shall watch over our going out and our coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

*Hymn 619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Grant, O merciful God, that your church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name. 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

Scripture Lessons

Reading from the Epistles

James 5: 13-18

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

Reading from the Gospel

Mark 9: 38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

*Hymn 756

"O God of Every Nation"

Sermon

Us and Them

Anthem

"Friends in the Lord" Tom Long & Allen Pote

I'll stand with you. You'll stand with me.
We'll stand for God for all to see.

Stand straight and tall when others bend, and in the Lord, we'll stand as friends.

One is lost. The other finds the road.

One is weak. The other takes the load.

One is harmed. The other one defends.

One's as strong as two when they are friends.

I'll stand with you. You'll stand with me.

We'll stand for God for all to see.

Stand straight and tall when others bend, and in the Lord, we'll stand as friends.

One will go where the other leads.

One feels pain when the others bleeds.

One will cheer when the other wins. Two can be like one when they are friends.

Have you seen when two or three who love the Lord,

gather close, they have their hope restored.

Each on each is learning to depend.

The Lord's a little closer when you're friends.

I'll stand with you. You'll stand with me.

We'll stand for God for all to see.

Stand straight and tall when others bend, and in the Lord, we'll stand as friends,

And in the Lord, we'll stand as friends.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings—Blanket Sunday

Offertory

"Children's Medley"

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 765

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

Choral Benediction

Postlude

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

arr. Jason Tonioli

*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 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. 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 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, October 6

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 "A Little Lower Than the Angels"
 Psalm 8

Sunday, October 13

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
215th Homecoming
 "The Work of Our Hands"
 Psalm 90

The Church Triumphant

Bob Rudisill - entered into Eternal Rest on September 19, 2024

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

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

Homecoming Sunday

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

October 13th

Join us for Worship at 11:00
All Friends and Family are invited!

Potluck Luncheon after worship service
 Chicken, Ham and Drinks will be provided
 Please bring a dish and a memory to share.

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

Children Connecting with Christ (CCC)

Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Recreation in Gym 5:30-6:00
- Supper 6:00-6:30
- Bible lessons, crafts and projects 6:30-7:30
- Parent pick-up at 7:30 from the West Wing

We're excited about Chris Boswell, our Youth Ministries Leader, returning to lead our Children Connecting with Christ (CCC) group for the 2024-25 year.

How you can help:

- Prayers for the success of the CCC program are always welcome!
 - Spread the word about CCC to family and friends in the community.
 - Many volunteers are needed to work with teaching (for the younger children), classroom support and providing simple meals each week. Please consider offering the CCC Outreach program the gift of your time and talents
- ~Thank you, CCC Leadership

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

PastorElliott 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

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 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 29

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

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

Sunday, October 13

9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship / Homecoming
 12:00pm Homecoming Luncheon

Monday, October 14

*Church Office Closed
 6:30pm Mission Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 15

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

Wednesday, October 16

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

Thursday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 19

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, October 20

9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship

Monday, October 21

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, October 22

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 24

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



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 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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