

Service For The Lord's Day

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 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 "Here I Am to Worship" arr. Carol Tornquist

Choral Introit "God Welcomes All" Hymn 399

Call to Worship (Psalm 146)

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Let us praise the Lord as long as we live;
let us sing praises to our God while we have being.
The Lord shall reign forever,
our God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

***Hymn 263** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Direct and help us, O Lord, in our every deed, so that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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

"Pilgrims' Hymn" Michael Dennis Browne

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer; Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with the darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and for ever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Reading from the Epistles

James 2: 1-9

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Reading from the Gospel

Mark 7: 24-30

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

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

***Hymn 754** "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Sermon *The Power of Repentance*

Prayers of Blessing for a New Season of Christian Learning.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "He Leadeth Me" arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

*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 300** "We Are One in the Spirit"

*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 "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" arr. Carol Tornquist

*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, September 15

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

Sunday, September 22

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

**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

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

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 Church Staff:

PastorElliott Hipp
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The Session

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Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

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**

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

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

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

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



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