

Service For The Lord’s Day

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

Eleven O’clock

Welcome into God’s House (responsive)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Congregation: **Who made heaven and earth.**
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
Congregation: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**
Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
Congregation: **Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Diane Bish
Guest Musician, Suzanne Lowry

Choral Introit

“Come All You People” Hymn 388

Call to Worship (Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all the benefits of the Lord,
Bless the Lord, all you works of God, in all places of God’s dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

*Hymn 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name. 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: “Glory to God” - Hymn 585
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever! Alleluia, Amen!**
. . . **glory to Christ Jesus!**
. . . **glory to the Spirit!**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

“Down By the Riverside” arr. John Rutter
I’m goin’ to lay down my heavy load, Down by the riverside . . .
I ain’t gonna study war no more . . .
I’m goin’ to lay down my sword and shield . . .
I’m goin’ to put on my trav’ln’ shoes . . .
I’m goin’ to put on my long white robe . . .
I’m goin’ to put on my starry crown . . .
Glory hallelujah . . .

Scripture Lessons

Reading from Prophecy

Isaiah 49: 1-13

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.” And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.” Zion’s Children to Be Brought Home Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, “Come out,” to those who are in darkness, “Show yourselves.” They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

Reading from the Gospels

Mark 10: 34-45

They will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.” The Request of James and John, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh. The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your

steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands – O prosper the work of our hands!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn 817

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Sermon

Servant Theology Rev. Betsy Williamson

*Apostles’ Creed

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” Traditional Spiritual
Guest Musician, Suzanne Lowry

*Doxology

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” (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 838

”Standing on the Promises”

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song: “You Shall Go Out with Joy” Hymn 80
**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands . . .
while you go out with joy.**

Postlude

“Festival Toccata” Percy Fletcher
Guest Musician, Suzanne Lowry

*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 27

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
"On the Way"
Mark 10: 46-52

Sunday, November 3

All Saints' Day
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"The Death of Death"
Isaiah 25: 6-9, Revelation 21: 1-6

Guest Minister

This morning we are happy to welcome back The Rev. Betsy Williamson to the pulpit. Betsy is an Honorably Retired Minister member of the Presbytery of Charlotte. Before retirement, she served as Associate Pastor of Quail Hollow Presbyterian and Pastor of Amity Presbyterian churches. A second career pastor, she is a retired educator, serving as a teacher and in the central office of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Union and Durham Schools. She is a native Charlottean, who grew up at Westminster Presbyterian.

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

News About Backpack Buddies

We are ready to start another partnership year for Backpack Buddies with River Oaks. The team is working hard to get the room stocked. First deliveries will be on 10/25.

We need your help with deliveries. Teresa Painter will be coming around to the Circles and will have a signup sheet after church for the next couple of Sundays. She will then post the listing on the door to the Backpack room so you can sign up there or check when you are to deliver.

Thank you so much for your help and donations to this mission against hunger!

"Feeding a child at school is such a simple thing – but it works miracles."

Prayer Garden

Honor your loved one in Paw Creek's Memorial Prayer Garden. Commemorate the life of someone special with a brick paver. You can personalize your message to honor or remember a loved one or celebrate a special anniversary, birthday or other life event. It will create a legacy that will last forever.

Each brick paver cost \$40.

Order forms available in the Narthex, Church Office, and website.

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

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

PastorElliott Hipp
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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	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Gene Hall	Donna Hall	Dickie Chapman
Jim Pinkston	Eddie McArver	Debbie McCord
Jim Stogner	Amy McGee	Ken Scott
David Turner	Joy Tyler	Debbie Taylor

Committee Chairs

Mission Team: Debbie Taylor	Resource Team: Jim Pinkston
Christian Education: Jim Pinkston	Administration: Eddie McArver
Congregational Care: Joy Tyler / Amy McGee	Finance: Gene Hall
Fellowship: Donna Hall / Debbie McCord	Property: Dickie Chapman
Outreach: Ken Scott	Cemetery Superintendent: Phillip McCord
Worship: David Turner / Debbie Taylor	

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, October 20
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship—Rev. Betsy Williamson

Monday, October 21
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, October 22
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Boy Scouts

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

Sunday, October 27
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, October 29
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Boy Scouts

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

Sunday, November 3
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am All Saints' / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

Tuesday, November 5
9:00am Cardio Fitness
10:00am PW Grow & Go Circle
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle

Wednesday, November 6
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, November 7
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, November 10
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship—Veterans' Recognition

Monday, November 11
***Church Office Closed—Veterans' Day**
6:30pm Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 12
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, November 13
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, November 14
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Choir Practice

Saturday, November 16
10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, November 17
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship



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