

Service For The Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

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: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever. To this place where God gives us light and welcome, let us bring our cares and joys so that we may be cleansed and nourished.

Congregation: **Alleluia!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude

"Blessed Be Your Name"

arr. Phillip Keveren

Choral Introit

"Seek Ye First"

Hymn 175

Call to Worship (Psalm 78)

Hear God's teaching, O people of God;
incline your ears to the words which God speaks.

That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told us,
we will not hide from our children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the
power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works God has done.

*Hymn 234

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Holy God, you challenge the powers that rule this world and show favor to the oppressed. Instill in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and strive for right to prevail for the sake of 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 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Hymn 469

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

"A Song of Paul"

Bell/Fedak

Should I rehearse with human voice the words which angels make their choice,
devoid of love, my song resounds magnificent but empty.

And should I preach with earnest tone and know whatever can be known and
move the hills by faith alone if I lack love I'm nothing.

In love is patience always found, for love kind hearts make common ground, from
love, conceit and pride take flight and jealousy is banished.

Love keeps no score of what's gone wrong nor sings a pessimistic song nor lets
regret or guilt prolong, for love expects tomorrow.

Let strange and startling language cease, let tongues their ecstasy release, Let
knowledge come and go in peace these things are not eternal.

For all the thought and skill we show are but a stage through which we grow till,
face to face with God, we'll know that love which lasts forever.

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path
that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day
and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its
season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the
congregation of the righteous,

for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked
will perish.

New Testament Reading

St. Luke 6: 17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his
disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the
coast of Tyre and Sidon.

They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who
were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from
him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you
who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile
you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven,
for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing
now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the
false prophets."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Hymn 172

"Blest Are They"

Sermon

Feeding the Right Wolf, Pt. 1

Rev. Fred Grosse

*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

"Just As I Am"

arr. Larry Shackley

*Doxology

"Old Hundredth" (Hymn 606)

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 203

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song

"O Christ, Surround Me" (Hymn 543, verse 3)

**Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

Postlude

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

Traditional Spiritual

*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 Debbie Taylor with questions or prayer concerns at 704-651-3524. 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, February 23

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Fred Grosse
"Feeding the Right Wolf, Pt. 2"
Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40; St. Luke 6: 27-38

Sunday, March 2

Transfiguration Sunday
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Rev. Betsy Williamson

Pastoral Concerns

At this time, the pastoral needs of the congregation will be in the care of our Church Session. For the next several weeks, please direct any concerns or news about members of the congregation to a member of the Session, as listed on the back page of the bulletin.

Disaster Relief

A part of the Presbytery that helps victims of natural disasters is called the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA). This program has been on the ground helping people in the Western NC mountains since shortly after Hurricane Helene struck. The PDA is now on the ground in California, helping those people affected by the wildfires.

Please consider a donation to the PDA; it will help support those in need. When writing a check, please make it out to Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, and write Presbyterian Disaster Assistance on the memo line.

In 2024, Paw Creek collected and donated \$11,279.00 to PDA. Thank you for your continued support.

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

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.

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Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 16

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Rev. Fred Grosse

Monday, February 17

*Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 20

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

Friday, February 21

Room in the Inn

Sunday, February 23

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Rev. Fred Grosse

Monday, February 24

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

*Newsletter
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 27

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

Sunday, March 2

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Rev. Betsy Williamson/
Communion/10¢ Hunger

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, March 6

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

Friday, March 7

Room in the Inn

Sunday, March 9

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Scout Sunday

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC



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