

Service For The Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 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 "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" arr. Chris Rice

Choral Introit "Seek Ye First" Hymn 175

Call to Worship (Psalm 107)

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
whose mercy endures forever.
Let us give thanks for the mercy of God,
for the wonders the Lord does for all people.
For God satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

***Hymn 401** "Gather Us In"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 "He Is the Everlasting God" Joseph M. Martin

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He has measured the heavens, held the seas in His hands. He has held the mountains counted each grain of sand. The kings of earth all tremble, they bow before His throne. Who is His adviser? For He is God alone.

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Come join the celebration, break forth in jubilation. Come, praise the God of Abraham. The nations glorify His name, all His majesty proclaim. He is the everlasting, Rejoice with cymbals crashing. He is the everlasting God!

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament Reading **Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40**

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble. The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn 475** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

New Testament Reading **St. Luke 6: 27-38**

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who ask of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the

ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *Feeding the Right Wolf, Pt. 2* 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 "Prayer for Peace" Jan Mulder

*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 693** "The Gift of Love"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song "O Christ, Surround Me" (Hymn 543, verse 4)
**Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

Postlude "10,000 Reasons" arr. Lorie Line

*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, March 2

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

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday Service—12:30pm
Rev. Rhonda McClain

Sunday, March 9

First Sunday of Lent
Scout Sunday
"Would You? Could You?"
Ezekiel 37:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-20

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.

Directory Update

We are in the process of cleaning up our Church Directory and need to make sure we have updated photos and Contact Information for all of our members and regular attendees. If you or your child has moved in the last 18 months please send the correct address to Kim in the office. (even if you have updated the Online Directory yourself, please send the updated info to Kim for the Office records) If you need help updating your photo, please reach out to Debbie Taylor or Tim Gray. Thank you!

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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Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo
Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

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
12:30pm Ash Wednesday —Rev. Rhonda McClain
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

Thursday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 15

10:30am Stiches for Missions

Sunday, March 16

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Rev. Fred Grosse
12:30pm Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 18

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

Wednesday, March 19

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, March 20

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



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