

# Service For The Lord's Day

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 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** "How Great Is Our God" Tomlin, Reeves and Cash

**Choral Introit** "Seek Ye First" Hymn 175

## Call to Worship (Psalm 92)

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;  
To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;  
For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

**\*Hymn 377** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

## Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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** "We Are One in Christ" James Chepponis

As the bread of life is broken, the cup of love outpoured, We are one in Christ, our Savior, and sent to serve the Lord. (Refrain)

We, the many who are gathered, are united here as one. In this joyful celebration, recall what God has done.

In the word of God proclaimed here, the good news of truth is heard. In the telling of the stories, be open to God's word.

In the bread of life here given, we become what we receive. In the cup of love here offered, affirm what we believe.

Sent as blessing for God's people, to go forth in love and peace, In our witness to God's kingdom, may charity increase.

## Scripture Lesson

**New Testament Reading Luke 9: 28-43**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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

**\*Hymn 12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**Ten Cents a Meal Hunger Offering** - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

**Sermon** *Astounded at the Greatness of God*  
Rev. Betsy Williamson

## \*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 "I Stand Amazed" arr. Janice Faber

\*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.**

## Prayer Concerns and Joys

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table "Come to the Table of Grace" - Hymn 507  
**Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.**

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
Congregation: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
Congregation: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

When invited we sing: Hymn 595  
**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!**

## The Lord's Prayer

The Words of the Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Supper (in unison)

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

**\* Hymn 192** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

## \*Charge and Benediction

\*Response in Song "O Christ, Surround Me" (Hymn 543, verse 5)  
**Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**Postlude** "Great Is the Lord" Michael and Deborah Smith

\*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](http://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](http://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**

**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

**Sunday, March 16**

Second Sunday of Lent  
Rev. Fred Grosse  
"Answer the Question With Your Life"  
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

**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!

**Men of the Church**

The Paw Creek Men's Bible Study Group started by Ken Lowrance, has been meeting on Thursday mornings for over 16 years. We will now meet in the CFC at **7:00AM** for a one-hour lesson/fellowship gathering followed by a group breakfast at the Circle G Restaurant for those who can attend. As always, all are welcome to attend and if this time change permits that, we would like to have you join us. Any questions - call Jim Pinkston at 704-578-7067 or email [jpinkston@aol.com](mailto:jpinkston@aol.com).

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**Mission Team:** Amy McGee  
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Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo  
Special Givings: Celia Gray

**Church Calendar**

**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

**Thursday, March 6**

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

**Friday, March 7**

Room in the Inn

**Sunday, March 9**

\*Daylight Saving Time Begins  
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**

7:00am 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**

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

**Sunday, March 23**

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

**Monday, March 24**

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, March 25**

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

**Wednesday, March 26**

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

**Thursday, March 27**

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



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