

**Service for the Lord's Day  
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • May 9, 2021**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Sunday Worship at Paw Creek Presbyterian Church! We worship together each week both in our sanctuary and online (see [pawcreekpc.org](http://pawcreekpc.org) for links to Facebook and YouTube). Whichever is best for you, we are glad you are with us. If you are a visitor, please let us know you were here. You can fill out a card in the pew rack, or the visitor information form on our website.

For safety, when we worship in the sanctuary we adhere to masking and distancing guidelines; the ushers are here to help you find a safely distanced seat. The congregation does not sing the hymns or speak the prayers. Hymnbooks are available in the pew racks so you can follow along with the words as they are sung.

**Preparatory Music**

“Spirit Song”

arr. Mark Zeeman

**Welcome** Jesus told his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love . . . I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

**Prelude**

“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place”

Lanny Wolfe

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 98

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD all the earth.  
Sing to the LORD and bless God's name;  
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.  
For great is the LORD,  
and greatly to be praised!

**Hymn 327**

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”  
verses 1 - 3

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts great love for you; loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises and exceed all that we can desire. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

I John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

**Hymn 661**

“Why Should I Feel Discouraged?”  
verses 1 & 2

**Sermon**

*What Did Your Mother Always Tell You?*

**Minute for Mission** - The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering

Celia Gray

**Offertory**

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr. Sherrill Kelsey

Offerings for God's work through Paw Creek Church are gratefully received in the baskets by the entrance and exits to the sanctuary, or by mail to the church office.

**Honorary Life Membership**

Presented by the Presbyterian Women of Paw Creek Church

Frances Lyerly

**Prayers of God's People**

**Hymn 837**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”  
verses 1 & 2

**Charge and Benediction**

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

**Postlude**

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

arr. Cindy Berry

# 2021 BIRTHDAY OFFERING of Presbyterian Women



Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
For the LORD has comforted the people,  
and will have compassion on suffering ones.  
Isaiah 49:13\*



## 2021 Birthday Offering Recipients

### **Garden Gate Ranch, Inc. Education Center Renovation**

[www.gardengateranch.com](http://www.gardengateranch.com)  
Des Moines, Iowa  
\$150,000

**Garden Gate Ranch** is a Christian organization that provides safe housing and restorative and transitional services for sexually-exploited women and their children. In the spring of 2020, Garden Gate Ranch opened a newly reconditioned home that was expected to reach full capacity within a few months. Garden Gate Ranch inhabits a large area and plans are in place to fully utilize this area to support women and their children. The Birthday Offering will assist Garden Gate Ranch in their mission by providing a separate education center for programming, therapeutic services and vocational rehabilitation.

### **Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc. Gymnasium Capital Improvements**

<https://mdmatl.org>  
Stone Mountain, Georgia  
\$77,061

Located in the most diverse square mile in North America, **Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc.**, a partnership between the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and six other churches, provides a welcoming environment for the vibrant ministries that call the Memorial Drive campus home. The Birthday Offering grant will provide a desperately needed roof to replace one that leaks onto the gymnasium floor where sewing, karate, dance, frisbee, badminton, basketball and other after-school activities take place. This costly but necessary fix will ensure that Memorial Drive Ministries can continue to provide a place of welcome to diverse worshipping communities and innovative community services.

### **Nkhoma Mission Hospital Women's Health Center/OBGYN Theatre**

[www.nkhomahospital.com](http://www.nkhomahospital.com)  
Nkhoma, Malawi  
\$129,145

**The Nkhoma Mission Hospital** in Nkhoma, Malawi (located in southeastern Africa) offers affordable, accessible healthcare services for all, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ. The Birthday Offering grant will provide funds to build an obstetrics and gynecology-specific operating room next to the existing prenatal and maternity wards. This new theater will help decrease delays and reduce maternal deaths caused by having to move patients a significant distance across the hospital's grounds. This theater expansion will aid in the hospital's goals of becoming more self-sustainable by expanding the surgical services that are offered and living into its vision of being a leader in quality, Christian healthcare and training in Malawi.

**Learn more about the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women  
by visiting [www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday).**

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