



# Weekly News at Paw Creek

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Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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## From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek,

Such a joy to begin gathering again in God's house! Everything went smoothly on Sunday, even in the midst of sometimes heavy rain. Thanks to those who came and worked with the plan, and special thanks to Session's Task Force that made the plan and made it work.

Because the plan worked, this coming Sunday the 18th we have been able to plan for a larger congregation in the Sanctuary, and we will continue to monitor our progress and adapt as time goes on. Please remember: (1) when you decide you are ready to be on the list to come to worship, the sign-up sheet is still available on our church website – or you can call me or any of our elders to be included; and, (2) if you are still staying home for safety, we support your decision, and look forward to worshipping with you each week via live-stream.

Besides having more people in worship on Sunday, we are all looking forward to the big outdoor meeting and picnic after church. That event is open to everyone, no reservations needed. The weather report is very favorable, and we hope the outdoor setting, with masks and distancing, will be a safe place for us to gather as a family after so long apart.

The event **begins at 12:30** and you are welcome to gather in front of the CFC as soon as worship concludes. All are invited, members, non-members and friends. **Stay in your car or bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets. Everyone needs a mask - everything thing else is provided.** After the short meeting there will be box lunches compliments of the Congregational Care and Fellowship committees, and after that there's an ice cream truck. Stay for visiting and catching up as long as you want.

While we are together, please consider a generous donation to the Presbytery of Charlotte **Ten Cents a Meal** hunger offering. Their coffers have run low as churches have been unable to meet, yet the work of feeding the hungry goes on with even more urgency this year. Thank you!

The Congregational Meeting will take place before lunch, called by the Session with two items on the agenda. First is a recommendation to adopt the following amendment to the Manual of Operations:

Under Section III, Meetings of the Congregation, add paragraph F:

Electronic meetings - A congregational meeting may proceed with some or all members participating via electronic connection whenever Session determines that civic restrictions are in place to limit the size of non-worship gatherings. The method of electronic connection shall ensure full simultaneous participation by all members.

Second will be report of the Nominating Committee, which will place the names of the following members in nomination for election as elders in the class of 2023:

Celia Gray  
Sam McCord  
Peggy Harrington  
Barbara Ullem

After hearing the committee's report, the floor will be open for additional nominations - if you plan to make a nomination, please speak to your nominee in advance to ask if he or she is willing to serve. The entire meeting will be available for participation on a Zoom connection for those who are not present. I've printed the log-in information at the end of this letter.

Just as planning for in-person worship to resume was a big task, there has also been a lot of work that has gone into planning our picnic - please be sure to thank the Fellowship and Congregational Care committee members for all they have done to make this possible!

One more quick update - we found last Sunday that we need a bit more time to transition from our Zoom prayer meeting to worship. So beginning this week the **Prayer Meeting will start at 9:30** - same Zoom information as always.

In our prayers this week, please include:

- Jake Ross, grandson of Sonny and Angie Ross, who is hospitalized with complications of diabetes.
- Brandon Venable, grandson of Frances Lyerly, who is having surgery today in Colorado to repair damage to his foot from an earlier accident.
- George Lux, cousin of Barbara Ullem in St. Louis, who continues to be asymptomatic with Covid-19. He is happy to have been released from isolation and appreciative of all our prayers.

Looking forward to seeing so many of you on Sunday! Enjoy the rest of your week.

Blessings,

Elliott

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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • October 18, 2020**  
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Welcome**

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and  
the Communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst. Thanks be to God!*

**Prelude**

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

arr. Aaron Williams

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 147

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
how pleasant it is to honor the LORD with praise!  
The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem and gathers the exiles of Israel.  
Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion.

**Hymn 263**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

All hail the power of Jesus's name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred thong we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!

**Prayer of the Day**

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.

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 22: 15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

## Homily

*Jesus escapes a trap*

## Offertory

*God Will Make a Way*  
Larry Ramsey, soloist

arr. Mark Hayes

## Prayers of God's People

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

## Hymn 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

God of Grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

*Soon and Very Soon*

*Andre Crouch*



## Blood Drive with OneBlood

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church parking lot

**Nov 1st, 8 -11 am**

Contact: Tim Sudderth with questions 704-877-8498

An online sign up link will be provided.

Blood will be checked for virus anti-bodies and results can be retrieved on line in approximately 48 hours.

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## Thanksgiving Boxes

Anne Miller has asked anyone interested in helping out this year to go ahead and purchase the contents for your box and then call or text her at 704-574-1983 and she will meet you to pick them up. She will purchase the actual boxes and pack them like she did last year. She has already received some money from individuals, and she will go ahead and shop for those. Items were priced at Walmart for around \$15.00 for everything, (turkey is separate)

### [A Food Box should consist of the following \(photo attached\):](#)

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| 1. The Box                          | <b>(Anne will purchase these)</b>           |
| 2. Green beans                      | 1 - 38oz can                                |
| 3. Whole kernel corn                | 1 - 29oz can (jumbo can)                    |
| 4. Cut sweet yams                   | 1 - 40oz can                                |
| 5. Cranberry sauce                  | 1 - 14oz can                                |
| 6. Stove Top Stuffing Mix           | 1 - 6oz box (turkey or chicken flavored)    |
| 7. Turkey/Brown gravy mix, dry      | 1 package                                   |
| 8. Boil-n-Bag Rice, 4 count         | 1 - 14oz box                                |
| 9. Dry Pie Crust Mix                | 1 box - Betty Crocker (11oz) or Jiffy (9oz) |
| 10. Pie Filling, Apple/Cherry, etc. | 1 - 21oz can                                |
| 11. Round Baking Pan for Pie        | 1 - disposable                              |
| 12. Frozen Turkey (if possible)     | 12 – 15 pounds                              |



If you decide to include extra items, they must be **non-perishable** (i.e., no fresh produce or refrigerated items), and **no items with soft lids such as applesauce, pudding, jello, etc.**

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**Seek**..... Matthew 6:33  
**Serve** ..... 1 Samuel 12:24  
**Praise**..... Psalm 111:1  
**Love Christ!**.....1 John 4:12

*Lord, we thank you for...*

**Have a Prayer Request?** To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then call:  
Judy Smith (704) 392-2892  
-or-  
Ann Cashion (704) 301-0126

**Know someone Who Needs a Visit?** Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elliott Hipp (704) 392-0329

## Online Giving

Paw Creek has now implemented Online Giving for the convenience of church members and our friends who worship with us. Please go to our website at [www.pawcreekpc.org](http://www.pawcreekpc.org) and follow the link on the home page.



Once you click on this link, you will be directed to set up an account. You may make this gift as a one time transaction, or you can set up recurring payments. You may use your bank account information to create this payment, or you may use your debit or credit card. (If you use your debit or credit card, you will also be given the option to add the transaction fee to your payment if you choose to do so)



For those who like to use mobile apps, you can download the app: Give+ and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church. Once you have created an account, it will save Paw Creek as your default Church.

## Upcoming Sermon Titles

### Sunday, October 18

Matthew 22: 15-22  
“Jesus Escapes a Trap”

### Sunday, October 25

Matthew 22: 34-46  
“Jesus Passes a Test”

### Sunday, November 1

*ALL SAINTS DAY*  
Joshua 3: 7-17  
“The Verge of Jordan”

### Sunday, November 8

Matthew 25: 1-13  
“Waiting is Hard”