



Weekly News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek,

There's a chill in the air, the leaves have started to fall, and Thanksgiving is just three weeks away. I think we all continue to be kept off balance by the way that the normal turn of the seasons is proceeding alongside the limitations and frustrations of this most unusual year. I guess the first thing to remember right now is that the Covid virus is raging out of control again, especially in many other parts of the country and the world, but somewhat in our area as well. We must continue to protect ourselves and our families. But at the same time, we can be grateful that we are learning how to be smart and reclaim some of what we miss so much.

In our worship services, right now we have enough space to allow everyone who wants to attend on Sundays to do so. That means for this Sunday, November 8, everyone who has asked to attend is welcome to come. (Phone calls and emails went out last week, so you will not get an extra contact this week.) As others become comfortable, please add your name to the list by signing up at pawcreekpc.org, or just calling Kim or me in the office. As we add folks, we'll adjust the availability as needed.

As you know, we are also adapting the schedule to allow special access for important celebrations. Last Sunday it was a privilege to observe All Saints' Day with the families who have lost loved ones in the past year. Next Sunday, November 15, will be our annual observance of Veterans' Day. The Congregational Care committee is taking care of calling and inviting all of our active, resident members who are Veterans, to welcome them in worship. Unfortunately, we will not be able to host them at a luncheon this year, but that is a new tradition that worked well in 2019 and that we expect to reclaim in 2021.

Looking ahead to Thanksgiving, our annual Thursday morning worship service will take place at 8:00 am on November 26. This service will be open to everyone who wants to come, and we are working on offering it by live stream as well - stay tuned for details. Again, we will not be able to have breakfast together as usual in the CFC, but there will be some light refreshments after worship on the church porch.

Another big part of this season, as the weather turns colder and the needs of our brothers and sisters in the community become greater, are the special efforts we make to share God's love. Many of you have been working on preparing Thanksgiving gift boxes to allow neighbors in the community to have a hearty Thanksgiving meal. They are being collected tomorrow (Friday) for distribution at the Rescue Mission in a couple of weeks. Thanks to Anne Miller for spearheading this project again this year!

This is also the time of year when we look forward to welcoming neighbors into our church on Tuesday nights for a warm place to sleep through Room In The Inn. Having those neighbors join us as usual is another tradition that cannot take place as usual this year. However, the umbrella organization Roof Above has plans to offer housing in a larger facility where safe distancing will be possible. There are still many ways that we can keep up our commitment to this important program. Session has approved a motion from the Outreach Committee to donate the funds that we would normally spend for the season directly to Roof Above to help them with the cost of their alternative program. Church and community groups who are always so generous in providing meals for the neighbors can continue to help by signing up for dates to bring bag lunches and/or cookies. And for individuals and groups, there is a wish list of warm clothing and toiletries that we can donate. The links for more information are printed below - please have a look and consider a donation.

Our prayers this week are mainly focused on these things that affect us as a community, remembering that Jesus calls us to offer a hand to those most in need. Let us join in prayers for the growing numbers of people and families whose lives are being upended by Covid-19; for the homeless and needy during the cold winter ahead; and of course for us all across the country as we wait for the final results of Tuesday's voting. These are things that seem insurmountably hard, but we live with the sure knowledge that in God, nothing is impossible, and no problem is beyond his grace.

Godspeed,

Elliott

Here are the links to learn more about supporting Room In the Inn this year:

Winter Shelter Bag Lunches:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/43070DA07A1CBEEC24-winter>

Winter Shelter Cookies:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/43070DA07A1CBEEC24-winter1>

Amazon Wish List to donate items for neighbors:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TGAR7H8GVVFF?ref=wl_share

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • November 8, 2020
Thirty-second 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

Open the Eyes of My Heart

arr. Matt Hyzer

Call to Worship

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
Let us tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong and the LORD shall comfort our hearts.

Hymn 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia!
Eternal are thy mercies, Lord: eternal truth attends thy word. Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

O God, your blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure. When he comes again with power and great glory, may we be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Hymn 360

Christ is Coming!

*Christ is coming! Let creation from its groans and labor cease;
let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of peace.
Earth can now but tell the story of your bitter cross and pain;
we shall yet behold your glory, Lord, when you return to reign:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.*

Sermon

Waiting is Hard

Offertory

How Beautiful

arr. Carol Tornquist

Prayers of God's People

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

Hymn 349

"Sleepers, Wake!"

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us; the shout of rampart guard surrounds us:
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight's peace their cry has broken, their urgent summons clearly spoken:
"The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share."
Zion hears the watchmen singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing;
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, incarnate Word, Alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.

Charge and Benediction**Postlude**

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

arr. John Turner



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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 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, November 8

Matthew 25: 1-13
“Waiting is Hard”

Sunday, November 22

Matthew 25: 31-46
“Lord, When Did We See You?”

Sunday, November 15

Veterans Sunday
Matthew 25: 14-30
“The Joy of the Master”

Sunday, November 29

1st Sunday of Advent