



Weekly News at Paw Creek

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in January!

January 2

Jeremy Chapman
Patrick McCarthy
Mark Muller

January 11

Phillip McCord

January 19

Tori Caudill

January 13

Todd Miller
Donna Timberman
Tucker Torrence

January 24

Cameron Fortier

January 4

Debbie McCord

January 16

Tim Boysworth

January 25

Eddie McArver
Toni Torrence

January 5

Eric Cathey
Todd Joy
Mary Frances Lail

January 17

Brian Gross

January 26

Savannah Reel

January 6

Vickie Joy
Jon Kenley

January 18

Joyce Joy
Jessica Kincaid
Kaitlyn Revalee

January 27

Scott Brenner

January 8

Bob Love

January 31

Stephanie Sudderth

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • December 27, 2020

First Sunday of Christmas



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Preparatory Music

Mary Had a Baby

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to us all!

Vocal Prelude

A Strange Way to Save the World

Mark Lowry

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!
Great is our LORD and mighty in power,
whose wisdom is beyond limit.
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp.

Hymn 119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

Prayer of the Day

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word. In all things, may we think and act according to your good will and live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60: 19-22

The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night;
but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.
Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself;
for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.
Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever.
They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands, so that I might be glorified.
The least of them shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation;
I am the LORD; in its time I will accomplish it quickly.

Scripture Readings (continued)

Mark 1: 9-14

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

Hymn 121

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sins and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels their great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide in us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

Sermon

Breaking and Entering

Offertory Solo

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

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Prayers of God's People

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

Hymn 136

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Joy to the World

arr. Dan Forest and Douglas E. Wagner

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Clint Shaw, Video and Streaming • Members of the Task Force for In-person Worship, Arrangements
Soloist • Hannah Hyatt*

Please welcome to the pulpit this morning our guest preacher, the Reverend George Slaton. George is a Charlotte native who grew up in nearby Concord. He attended Union Theological Seminary in Richmond VA and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary in Louisville KY. He served churches in Florida and Tennessee. George completed a residency in pastoral psychotherapy at Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta GA. He served as therapist and Executive Director at Presbyterian Counseling Center in Wilmington NC from 1980 until 2010. An honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Charlotte, George serves on its Conciliation Team.

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • January 3, 2021
Second Sunday of Christmas



Preparatory Music *The First Noel* arr. Jim Brickman

Welcome *The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to us all!*

Prelude *He is Born* arr. Michael Scott

Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.
We hear the news of the boundless riches of Christ and our hearts sing for joy.
God reveals the mysteries of the ages for those who wait.
The light of Christ illumines our way. Come let us walk in the light of God!

Hymn 132

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ is born for this! Christ is born for this!
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

Scripture Reading (continued)

John 1: 1-18

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Hymn 127

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - Jesus the Light of the World"

Hark! The herald angels sing. Jesus the light of the world.

Glory to the newborn king, Jesus the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light. Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

O, shine all around us by day and by night. Jesus the light of the world.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus the light of the world.

Hail, the Sun of righteousness! Jesus the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light. Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

O, shine all around us by day and by night. Jesus the light of the world.

Sermon

Standing in the light

Offertory

I Wonder as I Wander

arr. Mark Hayes

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Prayers of God's People

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Hymn 666

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

O Splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light;

O Light of Light, light's living spring, true Day, all days illumining.

Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, rain down your radiance from above,

and to our inward hearts convey the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

O Lord, with each returning morn, your image to our heart is born;

O may we ever clearly view our Savior and our God in you.

Charge and Benediction

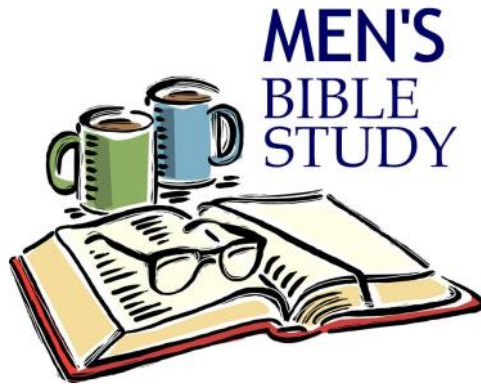
Postlude

Worship the King

arr. Bernadine W. Johnson

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Please welcome to the pulpit this morning our guest preacher, the Reverend Betsy Williamson. Betsy is an Honorably Retired Minister member of the Presbytery of Charlotte. Before retirement, she served as Associate Pastor of Quail Hollow Presbyterian and Pastor of Amity Presbyterian churches. A second career pastor, she is a retired educator, serving as a teacher and in the central office of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Union and Durham Schools. She is a native Charlottean, who grew up at Westminster Presbyterian.



Men's Bible Study is not meeting on December 22nd and 29th.
We will resume January 5th

A NOTE OF



Thanks everyone for the prayers, cards & phone calls during my illness. I am home recuperating.

Thank and Bless you!
Jean Todd

Thank you so much for your donation! It is greatly appreciated 😊 and will be put to good use.

Happy holidays,
Ashley Brown
Room In The Inn & Community Engagement Manager

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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

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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

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve, 7:30pm

Candlelight Service & Communion
Outdoor Carols

Sunday, January 3

Guest Preacher - Rev. Betsy Williamson

John 1: 1-18
“Standing in the Light”

Sunday, December 27

Guest Preacher - Rev. George Slaton

Isaiah 60:19-22, Mark 1:9-14
“Breaking and Entering”

Sunday, January 10

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12
“The King Has Arrived”