

# Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

## Weekly Letter - July 16, 2020

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Report from the Stated Session Meeting on July 9, 2020:

The session has formed a Task Force for Covid-19. The Task Force was charged with developing a phased in plan of the process and timing to open our buildings and property. The Task Force will then present their findings and plan to the session for approval. We realize that there are many complex issues to cover and think about during these increasingly dangerous times and we want to make sure we find the best way forward to safely get everyone back together as quickly as feasible. The session will keep the congregation informed as we progress through this process.

Because of the recent spike in cases of Covid-19 and out of respect for those that need to be in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, going forward, we will not be able to allow any visitors in the sanctuary other than those actually working to facilitate the live stream. We realize that there is a great longing by everyone to be back in the sanctuary, so beginning the first Sunday in August we will again be scheduling a liturgist to assist each Sunday. If you wish to sign up and be part of the team, please let Debbie Taylor know so she can get you on the schedule.

The Property Committee reported that they have used this time to complete many maintenance projects on their list while the buildings have been closed. We are very thankful that we had the funds given by you to the building fund to do these projects.

The Christian Education Committee reported that the Children Connecting with Christ program has started back up using Zoom Video Conferencing. The children are excited about being back together in this way. The added benefit of being together by video conferencing is that Victoria Krebs and her family can participate from Virginia and Tim and Celia's son's children have been able to join, as well. Thanks to all the CCC teachers for making this happen.

The Worship Committee reports that our number of views on the live streaming has been somewhere around 250 – 300 each week! Some Sundays we have even had more than 600! We also want to make sure that you know that you can watch the services at any time that is convenient to you and you do not even need a Facebook account to go back and watch it. So even though this “new way” of worshipping together while apart is not as great as being there in person we are reaching a whole lot of people! The church is not CLOSED, only the buildings are closed. We are again blessed to have people among us who understand how to make this happen and are working hard to make it better and better each week.

The Finance Committee reported that our giving has kept up with our expenses with a little in reserve as of the end of June. We are thankful for a giving congregation even in these hard times.

Debbie Taylor  
Clerk of Session

A Memorial Service for John Litaker will be held outdoors on Saturday, July 25 at 11 am

More details will be sent out next week.

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • July 19, 2020**  
Sixteenth 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**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

arr. Brian Howell

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all the benefits of the LORD,  
Bless the LORD, all you works of God,  
in all places of God's dominion; bless the LORD, O my soul.

**Hymn 10**

*Sing Glory to the Name of God*

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, Three-in-One:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Prayer of the Day**

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

I Thessalonians 5: 1-10

**Homily**

“Wake-Up Call”

The Rev. George Slaton

**Offertory**

*Blessed Be Your Name / All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* arr. Carol Tornquist

**Prayers of God’s People**

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

**Hymn 738**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.  
Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, nearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.  
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broadening way;  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

arr. Mark Hayes

**Guest Preacher**

This morning we are pleased to welcome Rev. George Slaton to the pulpit.

George Slaton, a Charlotte native, 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.

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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

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## Upcoming Sermon Titles

### Sunday, July 19

*Guest Preacher*  
Rev. George Slaton

### Sunday, August 2

Matthew 7: 21-23  
“Speak Softly and Carry a Big Heart”

### Sunday, July 26

*Guest Preacher*  
Rev. Betsy Williamson

### Sunday, August 9

Matthew 7: 24-29  
“Faith of Fear?”