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Weekly News at Paw Creek

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From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek,

Mid-summer greetings to you all! Thank you for all the well-wishings during the time Nell and I were away. Vacation was both relaxing and productive. We had a week in the mountains near Hendersonville (it's almost as hot there as it is here!) and a week getting daughter Amanda settled in her new apartment in Indian Land, where she'll be teaching fifth grade in Lancaster County during the coming school year.

As you saw from the Session notes that went out a couple of weeks ago, Session has revisited the question of "what next?" during this time of disruption by asking a task force to explore our options and advise Session on how we as a church can creatively and safely find options for spending more time together in person. Given the mountains of information that will need to be gathered, and the detailed planning that will be required, along with the reality that Mecklenburg County continues to be a serious "hot spot" for Covid-19, we can expect that this will be a deliberate process. However, I'm happy to report that the task force held its first meeting this week and is already hard at work. There are representatives from the Property, Worship and Christian Education committees (bringing our adult and children's classes back will be an important second stage of coming back together.) The group has defined the questions, divvied up the research, is seeking help from some other knowledgeable people in the congregation, and will continue to Zoom-meet regularly. Session will continue to report regularly and keep all of us in the loop.

In the meantime, of course, worship and Bible Study continue on-line, and the informal ways that we stay in touch together are the very essence of what it means to be a church. Let's keep up the good work, and pray God's protection for this day and the days ahead.

In our prayers this week, please continue to keep Vernie Smith and her family surrounded by God's love. As you know, Ken Smith died last week. His obituary was not in the *Observer*, but can be read on-line <https://www.woodlawfuneral.org/obituary/Kenneth-Smith> I encourage you to have a look and learn more about his remarkable career as a fighter pilot and Lt. Colonel in the US Air Force. Ken will be buried in our church cemetery next week in a private family service with full military honors.

Additional prayer concerns that were gathered last Sunday and updated during Bible Study on Wednesday:

- Ginny Haas was hospitalized last week with heart issues, and is now recovering at home.
- Steve Hord was in ICU after surgery - latest report on Wednesday is that he is being to improve.
- The Cashions ask us to remember their friends Bobbie and Bill Helms - Bill suffered a broken back in a fall and his condition continues to be critical.
- Emily Atkins asks prayers for her cousin Bobby Ford, who has been paralyzed and is currently in the hospital but in good spirits.
- Barbara Ullem asks us to prayer for her next door neighbor and family - her grandson and his girl friend have tested positive for Covid-19.
- Eddie McArver continues to recover from the virus and pneumonia and is thankful for having showed very few symptoms of illness.
- Karen Cathey has passed along a prayer request from her sister Gail Duncan. Please remember Ivy Berrier and her family - Ivy is the 4 month old daughter of Gail's pastor. She was born with Down's Syndrome and will have surgery this week to repair a severe heart defect.
- Please remember our church administrator, Kim Whittington, who has been suffering with back pain in recent weeks. She is consulting with doctors and therapists and hopes to begin seeing some relief soon.

Blessings to everyone - please stay in touch!

Elliott

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • August 2, 2020
Eighteenth 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

Lord, I Want to be a Christian in My Heart

arr. Jim Lucas

Call to Worship

Psalm 50

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken
and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.
Our God will come and will not keep silence;
God calls the heavens and the earth from above

Hymn 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness; hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever, with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

Prayer of the Day

O God, giver of life and health, your Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst to see right prevail. Refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing. For the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7: 21-23

Jesus said: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?' Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.'

Homily

Speak softly and carry a big heart

Offertory

He Knows My Name

arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

Prayers of God's People

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

Hymn 828

More Love to Thee, O Christ

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I see; give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise.
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

God of Wonders

arr. Carol Tornquist



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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 is Now Available

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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)



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Upcoming Sermon Titles

Sunday, August 2

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

Sunday, August 16

Matthew 14: 13-21
“The Broken Pieces”

Sunday, August 9

Matthew 7: 24-29
“Faith of Fear?”

Sunday, August 23

Matthew 14: 22-33
“Lord Save Me!”