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Weekly News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek,

In these waning days of summer, the church news is light, but there are still so many needs for our prayers throughout God's world. As I write on Thursday morning, the dawn is barely beginning to reveal the destruction from Hurricane Laura, but as we learn more, this will surely become a major catastrophe. Let us join in prayers for those still in the path of the storm, and those left behind. And of course we continue to remember as well those in danger from the massive fires in California, and the places of civic unrest around the country. So much to lift in supplication to God - such strong arms he has to embrace our aching world.

Closer to home, these prayer concerns have been brought to us from our congregation and community:

- We continue to remember Nathan Tomlinson, whose cardiac surgery last week was unable to be completed; he will be treated with medications going forward.
- We pray with the family of community member Jason Miller after his death last weekend in a wreck.
- Vernie Smith asks our prayers for her family on death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Lloyd Yelland in Pennsylvania.
- Please remember the loved ones of Mr. Freddy Leger, well known in our community as the former principal at both Coulwood Middle School and West Mecklenburg High School, who died last week.
- Celia Gray is in Denver, CO with her sister Cindy - Cindy's cancer has spread extensively. Let us pray that her medical team can offer helpful therapies.
- Lexi Torrence will have gall bladder surgery today in Savannah; Toni is with her and will bring her back home for recovery. Prayer for successful surgery and safe travels for them both.

Prayer Concerns Continued:

- Please remember Lacey Pruitt, a niece of Beth Joy's, who is in ICU after complications from giving birth. May her recovery be swift, and may God bring strength to her family in this difficult time.
- Sam McCord asks us to celebrate with Charlie and his family. Charlie is the grandson of Jeff and Kathy McDowell (former church members who now live in Louisiana) - he has spinal muscular atrophy and we rejoice that he recently celebrated his second birthday.
- There is a good report from Frances Lyerly that her son Tommy is over his bout with Covid-19 and has returned to work. Prayers of praise!
- Please continue to pray for Bob & Marie Love.

For all these, and so many other places of need, let us offer our prayers without ceasing. May the Lord keep us all safe in the week ahead.

Blessings,
Elliott

Please note that Christmas in Paw Creek has been cancelled for 2020

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • August 30, 2020
Twenty-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

Breathe

arr. Jeff Nelson

Call to Worship

Psalm 81

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, and the lyre.
Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,
for this is a law of the God of Jacob.

Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of
God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
O, Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the crucified for victory.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can order unruly wills and affections. Help us to love what you command, and desire what you promise. In the midst of this changing world, may our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16: 21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Homily

What will you give up?

Offertory

Ordinary Miracles
Rebecca Cook-Carter, vocalist

Bergman and Hamlisch

Prayers of God's People

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

Hymn 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
 be thou forever with me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
 nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
 above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
 O speak, and make me listen, though guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
 that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
 O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Grace Alone

arr. Jeff Nelson



To My Paw Creek Presbyterian Church family,
Thank you for the Bible, the Cross, and the care
package. It meant a lot to me to know that I am loved
by my church family!

Always,
Jolee Longshore

Dear Church Family,
It meant so much to me to feel your concerns and prayers
that covered us during Ken's illness and passing. Thank
you for the many ways you showed love during that time.

Blessings and love,
Vernie Smith and Family

June 2020

Dear Paw Creek Presbyterian Church,
I wanted to thank you for partnering with us at
Mission City Church Food Pantry. Your generous
contribution is helping to feed families in our
community. So far we have fed close to 1200 families
in 11 weeks. We are also handing our Bibles in both
Spanish and English. Again, Thank you for your
compassionate support as we strive to serve by being
the hands & feet of Jesus to our neighbors.

Have a Blessed Day
Margaret Bridges & Mission City Church

July 2020

Dear Paw Creek Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your recent gift to Alexander Youth
Network. We are truly grateful for the amazing support
from our community. Thank you for building hope for the
children and families of Alexander Youth Network!

Sincerely,
Crissy Humble

June 2020

Dear Paw Creek:

Thank you for your generous donation to the
Thrift United Methodist Church Food Pantry. It is
through your generosity and support that we are able
to help those people who are in need every week.
Without your help and the help of others, we would
not be able to give out the amount of food that we do.

May the Lord Bless you, as you have similarly
blessed us, by sharing your bounty with others.

With much appreciation,
Ann Williamson
Food Pantry Coordinator / Thrift UMC

August 2020

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,
The North End Community Coalition is extremely
grateful to have you as a partner in kingdom building work
in the City of Charlotte and more specifically in the North
End.

We appreciate people like you, who help us to
provide fresh produce to some of Charlotte's most
underserved neighborhoods.

It is our prayer that God will continue to bless the
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church immensely. We Look
forward to working with you, as we together continue our
efforts of doing justice, love mercy and walking humbly
with God.

Grow in Grace -
Darryl & Melissa Gaston
Co-founders of NECC / Smallwood PCUSA

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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

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, August 30

Matthew 16: 21-28
“What Will You Give Up?”

Sunday, September 13

Matthew 18: 21-35
“Life Together: The Forgiving”

Sunday, September 6

Matthew 18: 15-20
“Life Together: The Gathering”

Sunday, September 20

Matthew 20: 1-16
“Life Together: The Rejoicing”