



Weekly News at Paw Creek

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From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek,

Even in this topsy-turvy time, August offers a slower pace, and the hint of things to come as the fall approaches. Schools will be "open" soon, as families and teachers navigate another semester of distance learning. Please keep all of our church and neighborhood families in your prayers - especially the families and children at River Oaks Academy. We cannot wait for the day soon when our Backpack Buddies program will be able to again work with them. On Sunday, August 16 during worship (the day before school begins) the Christian Education committee will sponsor a time of prayer and recognition in lieu of our traditional "Blessing of the Backpacks".

In other worship news, this coming Sunday, August 9, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the live worship stream. As always, please have some bread and juice ready when you join the live stream so that you can participate with us. Beginning in September, the Worship Committee will have us back on a regular schedule for celebrating communion on the first Sunday of every month.

Also from the Worship Committee, they are looking to involve more folks in worship by inviting anyone interested to participate as liturgist, leading the Prayer of the Day and reading the scripture lesson. If you sign up to help in this way, members of your immediate household are welcome to worship in the sanctuary that day as well. Please contact Debbie Taylor to schedule a Sunday. As I mentioned last week, Session's task force is hard at work looking at safe protocols for more opportunities to be present in worship. Session will keep everyone informed as that work moves ahead.

Another important committee has begun its work this week. The Nominating Committee met by Zoom on Wednesday to seek God's calling for four new elders to join the Session in January. Committee members are Tim Gray (chair), Eddie McArver, Celia Gray, Sam McCord and Linda Riggins. Please keep them in your prayers, and feel free to share with any of them thoughts you have about elder nominees for their consideration.

Also in prayers this week, let us especially remember the Small/Griffin and Smith families. On Tuesday Jo Small and her family held a private graveside service for her son Jimmy Griffin, who died last Saturday. And on Friday Vernie Smith and family will hold a private service at the Paw Creek cemetery for Ken, with full military honors. During this time when we cannot be together, prayers and cards are very meaningful.

Please also remember Johnny Small, who had a fall on Tuesday and was not able to attend the service for Jimmy.

In other concerns:

- Celia Gray will travel next week to Denver, CO. to be with her sister Cindy as Cindy receives medical reports and treatment options for her reoccurrence of cancer.
- Remember Frank and Victoria Krebs - Frank's mother Sharon Krebs is now in hospice care in New York State.
- Vickie Joy has had two falls in recent days - we pray for some medical answers and treatments so that she can remain safe.
- Reid Wingate, son of Burr and Mary Wingate, died on July 29th. Reid, a lifelong Presbyterian, lived in Douglasville, Georgia and his funeral was August 5th. Please keep Reid's family in your prayers.

Blessings to everyone - have a good week and stay safe!

Elliott

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • August 9, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

During this worship service we are invited to receive the elements of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together. To participate with us, please have available a bit of bread or crackers, and some kind of juice or beverage.

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

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Psalm 107

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good,
whose mercy endures forever.
Let us give thanks for the mercy of God,
for the wonders the LORD does for all people.
For God satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

Hymn 720

Jesus Call Us

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet noise soundeth saying "Christian, follow me."
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."
In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasure, "Christian, love me more than these."
Jesus calls us; by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7: 24-27

Jesus said: “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

Homily

Faith or fear?

Offertory

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Jason Tonioli

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Including the *Lord’s Prayer*, the Words of the Institution, and the sharing of the elements

Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!

What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;

I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;

for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter



To Our Paw Creek Church Family,

I cannot begin to express how much all the cards, calls and visits have meant to Allen and me during his illness. I cannot count the number of time Gary Bryant sat with me when the doctors gave Allen little chance to pull through. I can only say thank you for being there for us.

I know Allen is now with the Lord and when it is safe (after Covid-19) we plan to celebrate his life.

May God Bless Each of You and Keep you safe

Laura Wingate

Thank You

To my Church Family, a BIG Thank You for supporting me.

You have supported me with phone calls, cards, food, visitations and prayer.

The last four months were very stressful. God took care of that by giving me my Church Family. Thank you all, I know you were there for me.

Love & Blessings

Betty Field

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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 9

Matthew 7: 24-29
"Faith of Fear?"

Sunday, August 23

Matthew 14: 22-33
"Lord Save Me!"

Sunday, August 16

Matthew 14: 13-21
"The Broken Pieces"

Sunday, August 30

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