



Weekly News at Paw Creek

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From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek,

I'm sure by now you have had a chance to see the communication from Session about plans to begin opening our worship on Sunday morning so that more of us can be together. I hope you are having good conversations with Session members as they call to check in, and that you are finding it easy to register your interest in being ready to return to the sanctuary. I also want to be part of that conversation, and I hope you will give me a call or email if you want to talk further.

In addition to the decision on reopening worship, Session had a full docket of business for its stated meeting last Thursday night. Here's a quick run-down of additional actions:

In the report of the clerk of session, approved the minutes of the July 9 stated meeting, and voted to transfer three church members from our active roll to the Church Triumphant: James Allen Wingate, Kenneth LaMoine Smith and Frank David Dale, Sr.

Received treasurers reports for July and August. Session is still grateful to report that financial gifts have covered expenses throughout this unusual year; as of August 31 there was a slight surplus for the year of just over \$3,000. We can all give thanks that God has blessed with resources to give, and for the faithful generosity of our congregation.

Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the afternoon of Sunday, October 18 for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and electing four elders to serve on the Session in the class of 2023. At Session's request the Congregational Care Committee is working on plans for an outdoor social event where we can all gather, share some refreshments and hold this meeting. We will also offer the option to participate in the meeting via Zoom teleconference, as well as a distanced indoor alternative if the weather does not cooperate. We will be back in touch with an exact time and more details as soon as those are ironed out, along with the advance report of the Nominating Committee.

In committee reports:

Congregational Care received approval to fund a plan to offer a catered meal to church families in their homes at the death of a loved one; this interim plan will allow us to minister to our families until we are again able to serve home-cooked meals. Also, the committee has developed the "Phone Buddies" program to help church members keep in touch while we are isolating - there was a descriptive flyer in the mailing earlier this week.

Outreach received approval to make an additional donation of \$1,000 from the Mission Fund to support the neighborhood food pantry at Mission City Church on Valleydale Road. The committee reported that Thrift United Methodist Church, which also received food pantry support from the Mission Fund in the spring, is set for resources for now; the committee will stay in touch and recommend additional support when needed.

Christian Education reported special outreach to college students and the children in the CCC weeknight program with gift bags, cards and other goodies.

Property reported a continuing list of projects to keep our buildings in good repair until we are able to be fully using them again.

There was a report on the August meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte from Karen Cathey and Debbie Taylor. Session elected Donna Hall and Debbie Taylor as commissioners to the next meeting in October.

We all look forward to reconnecting, as we are able, in the weeks ahead, but even now we are grateful to remain in communion with one another, and for the gift of prayer that allows us to bear burdens and celebrate joys as one church family. Please remember in prayers:

- The family of Ernest Moore, died early Monday at age 98; a funeral service is scheduled for Saturday at 11:00 at Raymer-Kepler Funeral Home in Huntersville with visitation the night before.
- We pray with Sarah Mullis and her family after a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis; Sarah is in Presbyterian Hospital for consultation and treatment with a team of medical experts in the field.
- Dina Salvo was in a wreck on Wednesday, badly shaken up but not injured.
- Dina also called to report that her friend Bob Brooks, for whom she had earlier requested our prayers as he struggled with cancer, has completed treatments and is now cancer-free - a time to rejoice!
- Don Joy is at home recovering from an infection.
- Dickie Chapman will have cataract surgery on Thursday.
- Jo and Johnny Small are happy to report that they have finalized a decision to move to a patio home in Gastonia near their son Jon, removing many physical barriers and giving them much more mobility.

We are always grateful to have one another, and our prayers, and God's good care to watch over us. May we feel God's presence drawing us together throughout this week ahead.

Blessings,
Elliott

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • September 27, 2020
Twenty-sixth 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

Great is the Lord Michael W. Smith and Deborah Smith

Call to Worship

Psalm 116

Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
And how shall we repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for us?
Let us lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the LORD.

Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodland, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Prayer of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21: 23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Homily

The Will of the Father

Offertory

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Janice Faber

Prayers of God's People

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

Hymn 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy,
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving,
Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient,
Lord, make us more patient, until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful,
Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name

arr. John Rippon



Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in October!

October 1
Luke Gaskins

October 5
Darryl Stogner
Barbara Lowrance
Carolyn Summerlin

October 10
Laura Gross
Barbara Rumpel

October 16
Kaylee Meier

October 17
Christian Muller

October 18
Hannah-Ashland McCord
Karen Turner

October 19
Eddie Todd

October 23
Andrea Timberman

October 24
Jill Shannon

October 25
Joseph Burns

October 26
Amelia Krebs
Clint Shaw

October 27
Jan Chapman

October 28
Andrew Whitlock

October 29
Alexis Tyler

October 31
Susan Guthrie

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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, September 27

Matthew 21: 23-32
“The Will of the Father”

Sunday, October 11

Matthew 22: 1-14
“Invitation to the Banquet”

Sunday, October 4

Matthew 21: 33-46
“Fruits of the Kingdom”

Sunday, October 18

Matthew 22: 15-22
“Jesus Escapes a Trap”