



**CROSS CREEK**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!*  
*for He is our God!*

*Psalm 95:6-7a*

**MARCH 19, 2023**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Greeting

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 45:1-2*

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.

## Invocation

### \* Hymn # 170

**“Fairest Lord Jesus”**

### Call to Confession

*Zechariah 7:8-12*

And the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.” But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts.

## Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*Zechariah 13:1*

“On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

### \* Hymn # 253

**“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”**

### \* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

**Law:** *Genesis 12:1-9* (Humble Beginnings)

**Prophets:** *1 Kings 22:29-40* (Small, Precise Arrow)

**Gospels:** *Matthew 13:31-32* (The Parable of the Mustard Seed)

**Apocalypse:** *Revelation 3:7-13* (Faithful Philadelphia)

\* **Pastor:** This is the Word of our God.

\* **Congregation:** The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.

## Affirmation of Faith

## Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 31-32

**Q.** Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

**A.** Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

**Q.** But why are you called a Christian?

**A.** Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

## Pastoral Prayer

\* Hymn # 275

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

## Tithes and Offerings

\* Hymn # 735

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end, amen, amen.

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon Series: Judges

\* Prayer for Illumination

\* Sermon Text

*Judges 7*

\* **Pastor:** Thus far the reading of God’s holy Word. And may God add His blessing to the reading of His Word.

\* **Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: “Torches & Trumpets”

Pastor Michael Mock

Sermon Outline: Below

## Prayer for Transformation

### Lord's Supper: "A Sacramental Trumpet"

#### \* Eucharistic Hymn # 281

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!"

#### \* Benediction

#### \* Departing Hymn # 731

"Doxology"

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Sermon Outline:

**Sermon Text:** *Judges 7* "Torches & Trumpets"

### The LORD insists on glorifying himself with little.

#### 1. God's Work

- a. Reduce (vv. 2-8)
- b. Reassure (vv. 9-18)
- c. Rattle (vv. 19-23)
- d. Remove (vv. 21, 24-25)
- a. Application

#### 2. Man's Work (vv. 15, 19-25)

- a. Worship (vv. 2, 15)
- b. Proclaim (vv. 19-25)
- c. Obey (vv. 19-25)
- d. Behold (v. 21)

Church, if you desire to supplement our study with reading, consider picking up these two books:

Dale Ralph Davis, *Judges: Such a Great Salvation*

Gordon J. Keddie, *Judges & Ruth: Even in Darkness*

### **Sermon Notes**

3-19-23	Nursery Schedule		3-26-23
Sunday School	Carling & Hannah	Sunday School	Carling & Marissa
Worship Service	Molly C & Jodie	Worship Service	Will & Leigh

### Today & Weekly

#### Today

**ABF:** 9:30am – "Conflict and Reconciliation"

**Sunday School:** 9:30am

**Morning Worship:** 10:45am

**Evening Worship:** 6:30pm, with the Lord's Supper

#### Weekly

**Men's Bible Study:** On break until 4-8-23 when a Study of 1 John will begin.

**Women's Bible Study:** *Knowing the Bible: Ephesians.*

Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm (no childcare)

Thursdays, 10am (with childcare)

**Choir Practice:** Wednesdays, 7:00pm (childcare provided)

**Evening Worship:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evenings (and 5<sup>th</sup> when applicable), 6:30pm. On the first Sunday monthly at 5:30pm, a Fellowship Meal will precede the service and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, the Lord's Supper will be served.

**Cross Creek Open Bible Fellowship:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 5-7pm. Please come to the Adams' home and share a meal, Bible Study and fellowship.

### Military Outreach Brunch

The Women's Ministry Team is hosting a Military Outreach Brunch for any ladies who are military spouses or are military themselves. Please join us on **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am** right here at Cross Creek for a time of fellowship and brunch. Childcare will be provided for those that need it.

### Women's Ministry Spring Meet and Greet Fellowship

A Women's Ministry Spring Meet and Greet Fellowship event will be held Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm, here at the church. This will be a time for all women to enjoy a time of fellowship and learn about Women's Ministry opportunities. Please sign up in the narthex to attend, and bring a light snack. Beverages will be provided. For more information please contact Shaunte M.

### **Churchwide Spring Clean-Up Day**

The Diaconate has scheduled a Churchwide Spring Clean-Up Day for **Saturday, April 1, from 9am – Noon**, with a pizza lunch afterwards. There will be a list of jobs that all ages can help out with, so grab the whole family and come out to help. If you have yard tools, a wheelbarrow, etc., please bring them along.

### **Ministry Opportunity**

God calls us to help our brothers and sisters in need, throughout His entire word. In Proverbs 3:27, God says, "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due when it is in your power to act." And in Galatians 6:2, our gracious God tells us to "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." The Diaconate is aware of certain needs among our church family and is asking for assistance in helping them. One example is a person who needs an occasional ride to and from Cary. Jesus says, "if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." So, if you are willing to serve God in serving others, maybe it's just a little time to spare, please reach out to a Deacon to help us serve those in need.