



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

APRIL 30, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:10-13

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

Invocation

* Hymn # 115

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Call to Confession

Psalm 145:17

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 145:18

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

* Hymn # 257

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Law: *Exodus 6:1-13* (Promise yet Unbelief)

Prophets: *1 Kings 21:17-29* (Ahab's "Repentance")

Epistles: *2 Corinthians 7* (Real Repentance)

* **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, Lord's Day 18 (Q & A 46-49)

Q. What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?

A. That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

Q. But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

A. Christ is true human and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

Q. If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?

A. Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity that has been taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.

Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn # 296

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn # 585 (v. 1)

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon Series: Judges

* Prayer for Illumination

* Sermon Text

Judges 10:1-11:1

* **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: "Divine Impatience"

Pastor Michael Mock

Sermon Outline: Begins next page

Prayer for Transformation

Lord's Supper: Meal of Compassion

* Eucharistic Hymn, Hymn Supplement pg. 36

"My Heart is Filled"

* Benediction

* Departing Hymn # 55 (v. 1)

“To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Text: *Judges 10:1-11:1* “Divine Impatience”

Salvation comes not from the Church’s contrition but from the Christ’s compassion.

1. Divine Deliverance (vv. 1-5)

- a. Protection-Tola (vv. 1-2)
- b. Provision-Jair (vv. 3-5)
- c. **Application:** Lasting protection and provision from the everlasting Lord

2. Divine Discipline (vv. 6-17)

- a. Gods Galore (vv. 6-9)
 - i. **Application:** Where is the LORD in your life?
 - ii. **Application:** False worship leads to soulish distress.

b. God's Anger (vv. 7, 11-12)

i. **Application:** Glory-thieves meet God's anger.

ii. **Application:** Never presume on God's grace.

c. God's Dereliction (v. 13)

d. God's Sarcasm (v. 14)

e. **Application:** God will give us over to our sin for a time and for our good.

3. Divine Impatience (10:16-11:1)

a. Human Repentance (10:10, 16)

i. False Repentance

ii. Real Repentance

b. Divine Impatience (10:16-11:1)

c. **Application:** Where our hope truly lies

4-30-23	Nursery Schedule		5-7-23
Sunday School	Carling & Stephanie M	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Samantha & Aliyah	Worship	Keith & Joan & Abby

Today & Weekly

Today

ABF: 9:30am – 2021 Ligonier series “ALIVE: How the Resurrection of Christ Changes Everything.”

Sunday School: 9:30am

Morning Worship: 10:45am

Evening Worship: 6:30pm New Evening Series: we will go through the Book of Ruth in the evening as we keep working our way through the Book of Judges in the morning. All are welcome to attend. Come and invite your friends or family to come and worship our God in the evening.

Weekly

Men's Bible Study: Saturdays, 8am Study of 1 John

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

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

Thursdays, 10am (with childcare)

Senior Women's Fellowship: Wednesdays, 10am Hosted by Linda T

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

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

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

Free Yard 'Sale'

Free Yard 'Sale' this coming **Saturday, May 6th**, with setup on Friday the 5th. Please contact Shaunte Macarages via email with any questions, or if you would like to help coordinate and set up this event.

Farewell for Several Families

Next **Sunday, May 7th**, following the morning worship service there will be a farewell for several families who will be departing from the church over the next few months. Light refreshments will be served in the main hallway. Please take the opportunity to say farewell to several families, as they each embark on the next chapter of God's plan for their families.

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.