



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

MAY 14, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 138:1-3

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

Invocation

* Hymn # 660

“O God beyond All Praising”

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:1

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

* Hymn Supplement pg. 59

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Law: *Deuteronomy 10:12-22* (The Swearing of Circumcised Hearts)

Prophets: *1 Samuel 14:24-30* (Saul's Rash Vow)

Writings: *Psalm 15* (Swearing to One's Hurt)

Gospels: *Matthew 5:33-37* (Don't Swear on the Creation)

Epistles: *James 5:12* (Yes Is Yes)

* **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 20 (Q & A 53)

Q. What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

A. First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

Pastoral Prayer

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

* Hymn # 335

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn # 715 (vv. 1-2)

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon Series: Judges

* Prayer for Illumination

* Sermon Text

Judges 11:29-40

* **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: “Tragedy in the Making?”

Pastor Michael Mock

Sermon Outline: Begins next page.

Prayer for Transformation

Lord's Supper: An Oath Sealed with His Blood

* Eucharistic Hymn # 585

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

* Benediction

* Departing Hymn # 386 (v. 1)

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Text: *Judges 11:29-40* “Tragedy in the Making?”

A true judge swears to his own hurt in service to God.

1. Spirit-Led (vv. 29-31)

- a. Past Faithfulness
- b. Present Vow of Faith
 - i. Jacob (Gen. 28)
 - ii. Jephthah
 - 1. Godly Object
 - 2. Godly Request
 - 3. Godly Faith
 - 4. Godly Sacrifice

2. Spirit-Success (vv. 32-33)

- a. Victory from the LORD
- b. Two Ways of Understanding
 - i. Either
 - ii. Or

3. Spirit-Seed (vv. 34-40)

- a. Earthly Seed
 - i. Faithful Daughter
 - ii. Mourning/Rending Garment
 - iii. Godly Devotion

- b. Spiritual Seed
- c. The Son & His Seed

4. **Application:** Godly men and women make and keep godly vows despite temporary hurt.

5-14-23	Nursery Schedule		5-21-23
Sunday School	Carling & Douah	Sunday School	Carling & Alethea
Worship	Conor & Carling & Stephanie V	Worship	Jodie, Molly C & Aliyah

Today & Weekly

Today

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

Sunday School: 9:30am

Worship: 10:45am

Weekly

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

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.



Baby Shower

On **Saturday May 20th from 10am – Noon**, the Women's Ministry of CCPC will host a Baby Shower. You can find her registry at: _____. She uses disposable diapers and does not have a nursery theme picked out yet. RSVP by signing up in the narthex or by visiting the event page at facebook.com/groups/womenofccpca. Daughters are welcome! If you would like to assist in hosting or if you would like to combine your efforts with another guest toward a special gift for her, please contact Lynne J via email.

Pre-Service Prayer Gathering

The Church is a praying people. The prayers are one aspect of ministry to which the early Christians devoted themselves each Lord's Day (Acts 2:42). The Elders have provided a weekly, pre-service prayer gathering led by Joseph Westendorf. It will go from 9 to 9:15am each Lord's Day, and will be held in one of the Sunday School rooms. The first prayer time will be 5-21-23. Please see Pastor Mock or Joseph for more information; or simply come and pray!

Free Yard 'Sale' Rescheduled

Due to rain, the Free Yard 'Sale' has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 3rd, with setup on Friday the 2nd. Please contact Shaunte M with any questions, or if you would like to help coordinate and set up this event.

Foundations Class Offered

The Elders will lead another Foundations Class for people interested in church membership, for members who weren't able to attend the previous one, and for all who are interested in hearing a review of the history of the church, along with its commitments to truth, worship, and government. The class goes from **6-11 to 7-16**, and will meet in the sanctuary during the Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship hour (9:30-10:30).

Moment For Missions

_____, Caribbean Region

Dear Partners in Ministry,

Anita and I arrived home last night from separate trips to the Dominican Republic. Anita left on Saturday April 22 to serve with an MTW short-term medical team led by Betsy Aeschliman. Anita will share more about the trip below.

I flew to the Dominican Republic on Tuesday 25th to teach a class on The Mission of the Church to 24 Haitian church leaders living and ministering in the Dom. Republic. The class went very well with good discussion and dialog throughout the 12 hours of class over four nights of teaching.

Anita writes, "What a privilege it was to work alongside 11 other medical brother and sisters in Christ to care for the poorer population of western Santo Domingo and two days more west in the

Haitian/Dominican settlements. I was humbled that God helped me remember my Creole from years ago and at the end of the day sang the doxology with both Spanish and Creole speaking patients. We saw people cared for medically and shared the gospel with those who were seeking spiritual care.”

Anita and I were able to travel home together. I also, gave a missions message at Harbor Community Church of Bradenton (PCA) for their missions conference on April 23rd and had a great day of fellowship at the church. In May we have two trips planned, the first to Nassau, Bahamas to visit the church plant by MTW missionaries, Julian and Christiana Russell. We hope to meet with leaders, planning, encouraging, and ministering to the church.

The second trip is to Grenada May 24-30 with Jeffery and Ruth Ann Knight. This trip will finalize plans to start the new youth ministry training program at the Grenada Institute for Theological Education, led by Grenadian Pastor John Lewis. Please pray for the final preparations setting up the curriculum and finding teachers for the classes.

I have a special request for funding. It's not a glamorous project but it is of vital importance. Mission to the World (MTW) has a shipping container we use for storing our tools and supplies needed for short-term teams. It is rusting away and our supplies are being destroyed. The Presbyterian Medical Clinic's maintenance shed is also rusting away. We desperately need to replace these buildings. The cost to build a three-room storage building for the clinic and MTW is \$30,000 USD. We have raised \$5,000 and we need to quickly raise the additional \$25,000 to start construction by June first. Would you consider giving to this urgent need? To give on-line: <https://www.mtw.org/projects/belize-medical-clinic-pmc> By check, mail to: Mission to the World, MTW, P.O. Box 744165, Atlanta, GA 30374-4165. Please note Project #90603 in the memo line.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support! To assist you praying for the ministry in Belize, please find the Belize May prayer calendar on your Missions Wall.

- Please pray for our upcoming travels to Nassau and Grenada
- Pray for Garry as he writes a course on church planting for the Haitian church leaders in the Dominican Republic. He will teach this course in August.
- Ask God to raise missionaries to serve in the Caribbean Region
- Pray for Haiti as the gang violence and atrocities have reached unimaginable depths. Pray that God will supply people with enough means to survive.

In His Service,
Garry and Anita

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.