



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 21, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Invocation

* Hymn # 302

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Call to Confession

2 Timothy 2:19

But God’s firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.”

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

2 Timothy 1:12

But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

* Hymn # 705

“I Know Whom I Have Believed”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Prophets: *Isaiah 26* (Perfect Peace)

Epistles: *1 Corinthians 7:12-16* (Called to Peace)

Apocalypse: *Revelation 22:14-15* (The Wicked Kept out of Heaven)

* **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 21 (Q & A 54-56)

Q. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Q. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

Q. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

A. I believe that God, because of Christ’s satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

Pastoral Prayer

*** Hymn # 691**

“It Is Well with My Soul”

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 12:1-7

*** 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: “Conflict & Code”

Pastor Michael Mock

Sermon Outline: Begins next page.

Prayer for Transformation

Lord’s Supper: Certainty of Peace & Unity

*** Eucharistic Hymn # 699**

“Like a River Glorious”

*** 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 12:1-7* “Conflict & Code”

A true judge removes all proud pretenders as he restores permanent peace to the Church.

1. Pride (vv. 1-3)

a. Enflamed Ephraimites...again!

i. Against Gideon (8:1)

ii. Against Jephthah (12:1)

b. **Applications:**

i. Pride demands.

ii. Pride ignores.

iii. Pride divides.

2. Peace (vv. 4-7)

a. Peace through Punishment

b. Punishment through Pronunciation

i. Shibboleth or Sibboleth?

ii. **Applications:**

1. All imposters will be found out.

2. Doctrinal nuance may mean life or death.

c. Peace through Purification

i. **Application:** All justice and peace will be carried out.

5-21-23	Nursery Schedule		5-28-23
Sunday School	Carling & Hannah	Sunday School	Carling & Jodie
Worship	Jodie, Samantha & Aliyah	Worship	Eleonore, Jacqui & Bethany

Today & Weekly

Today

Pre-Service Prayer Gathering: 9:00-9:15am

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, with the Lord's Supper

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.

CCPC Security System Upgrade

If you are a church keyholder, please be sure to check your inbox for important instructions and deadline regarding the assignment of personal alarm codes. Updated keypad instructions are included in it, and also posted above the keypad in the narthex.

Free Yard 'Sale'

The Free Yard 'Sale' is **Saturday, June 3rd**, with setup on Friday the 2nd. Please contact Shaunte M via email with any questions, or if you would like to help coordinate and set up this event.

Greeter Ministry

The Diaconate would like to expand the number of Sunday greeters. If you enjoy greeting the congregation with a warm smile, please contact Tim Teti or any of the Deacons to discuss this and other opportunities to serve.

Women's Ministry Team Freezer Meal Exchange

Ladies, please join us for an evening of fellowship, a devotion, and a Freezer Meal Exchange on **Friday, June 9th, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm**. Don't want to participate in the meal exchange? No problem! Please still come and fellowship with us! To participate in the Freezer Meal Exchange RSVP by **June 6th**. We will then contact you with how many participants are in your exchange group and instructions for the exchange. You can RSVP for this event by signing up on the sheet in the foyer. Refreshments and childcare will be provided.

Foundations Class

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).

2023 Vacation Bible School

Having been greatly blessed by VBS last year, we the informal VBS 2023 planning committee, would like to continue the tradition this year. Our tentative dates are July 24-28 (9:00am-noon), and our choice of curriculum focuses on the miracles of Christ, including the miracle of the regeneration of the human heart. We will need about 20 adult/teen participants and enough students to populate the classes. Therefore, if you or your older teen would be available to volunteer, or if you have children who would like to participate, please sign up on the sheet on the blue bulletin board across from the kitchen, or call/email the church office as soon as possible.

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