



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

JUNE 18, 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 # 644

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

Call to Confession

Psalm 51:3-5

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

* Hymn # 642

“Be Thou My Vision”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Law: *Exodus 19:1-19*

Writings: *Psalm 16*

Gospels: John 17:1-19

* **Minister:** 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 25 (Q & A 65-68)

Q. It is through faith alone that we share in Christ and all his benefits: where then does that faith come from?

A. The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel, and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments.

Q. What are sacraments?

A. Sacraments are visible, holy signs and seals. They were instituted by God so that by our use of them he might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel, and seal that promise. And this is God's gospel promise: to grant us forgiveness of sins and eternal life by grace because of Christ's one sacrifice accomplished on the cross.

Q. Are both the word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

A. Yes! In the gospel the Holy Spirit teaches us and by the holy sacraments confirms that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.

Q. How many sacraments did Christ institute in the New Testament?

A. Two: holy baptism and the holy supper.

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn # 470

"How Vast the Benefits Divine"

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

* Prayer for Illumination

* Sermon Text

Colossians 3:1-17

* **Minister:** 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: "Gazing Heavenward"

Rev. Chaplain Ben Hoemann

Sermon Outline: Next page

Prayer for Transformation

Lord's Supper: Renewed in Christ

* Eucharistic Hymn, Hymn Supplement pg. 20

"Behold the Lamb"

* 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: *Colossians 3:1-17* “Gazing Heavenward”

Christ conquered our sin, bestowing a new identity and orientation.

1. Set our Vision

- a. Seeking Heaven
- b. Set Identity
- c. **Application**
 - i. Singular Gaze
 - ii. Safe in Christ

2. Shed our Sin

- a. Slaying Sin
- b. Strength in Restoration
- c. **Application**
 - i. Seeing Sin
 - ii. Restored Image

3. Savor our Liberation

- a. Set Apart
- b. Hearts and Homes

c. **Application**

i. Strong Body

ii. Healthy Hearts



6-18-23	Nursery Schedule		6-25-23
Sunday School	Carling & Douah	Sunday School	Carling & Alethea
Worship	Conor & Carling & Stephanie V	Worship	Jacqui & Bethany & Eleonore

Today & Weekly

Today

Pre-Service Prayer Gathering: 9:00-9:15am in the Library

ABF: 9:30am – “The Law of God” in the ABF Room

Foundations Class: 9:30 in the sanctuary

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

Women’s Summer Bible Study: Tuesday evening meetings begin this Tuesday, June 20th at 6:30pm, and will be held at the home of Kathy Vogus, 7916 Ancon Dr, Fay. (no childcare)

Thursday morning meetings begin this Thursday, June 22nd at 10am, and will be at Cross Creek PCA. **Please see more info on next page. **

Senior Women’s Fellowship: Wednesdays, 10am, hosted by Linda Teague (7916 Ancon Dr.)

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.

Rescheduled: Women’s Ministry Team Freezer Meal Exchange

The Freezer Meal Exchange has been rescheduled to Friday, July 14th. 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 Tuesday, July 11th. 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 Nursery hallway. Refreshments and childcare will be provided. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lynne Johnson via email at educatinghiscreation@gmail.com, or call (910)751-3469.

Women's Summer Bible Study

This summer, Women's Ministry will host a Women's Bible Study in 1st Timothy using "Entrusted to be Invested," a study guide by Karen Hodge and Susan Hunt. You may choose to attend a study on Tuesday evenings or Thursday mornings and books will be provided. If you can't participate in-person, please contact Lynne Johnson so you can receive a study guide and weekly video lessons to follow along with us on your own.

* **Tuesday evening** meetings begin June 20th at 6:30pm, and will be held at the home of Kathy Vogus, 7916 Ancon Dr, Fayetteville (no childcare).

* **Thursday morning** meetings will begin June 22nd at 10am, and will be at Cross Creek PCA. Child care is available. If you are in need of childcare please contact Lynne Johnson with the name and ages of your kiddos.

NOTE: there will be NO Bible Study on July 4th or July 25th.

For more information, contact Lynne Johnson via email at crosscreekwbsc@gmail.com

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 easel in the narthex, or call/email the church office as soon as possible to be put in touch with a coordinator.

Moment For Missions

Garry & Anita Chambers, Caribbean Region

We have raised \$17,650.00 of the \$30,000.00 needed to complete the building of the storage building. Please be praying that the remainder of the funds will be realized by the end of June.

Dear Partners in Ministry,

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.

In His Service, Garry and Anita

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LOCAL MINISTRIES: AGAPE Pregnancy Center and Operation Inasmuch