



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 4, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 48:1-3

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.

Invocation

* Hymn # 649

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Call to Confession

Judges 17:6

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 48:9-10

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

* Hymn # 647

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Law: *Deuteronomy 29:29* (Secret & Revealed Things)

Gospels: *John 16:16-33* (Sorrow then Joy)

Apocalypse: *Revelation 20:11-15* (All Said & Done)

* **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 23 (Q & A 59-61)

Q. What good does it do you, however, to believe all this?

A. In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting.

Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

Q. Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?

A. Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith. It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me righteous before God, and because I can accept this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than through faith.

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn # 481

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

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 14:1-20

* **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: “Riddle Me This!”

Pastor Michael Mock

Sermon Outline: Next page

Prayer for Transformation

Lord's Supper: Mystery Revealed

* Eucharistic Hymn # 648

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

* 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 14:1-20* “Riddle Me This!”

The LORD uses his weak servants’ sins and sufferings to reveal his secret of salvation.

1. The judge’s secrets (vv. 5-18)

- a. Stubborn Disobedience
 - i. **Application:** Parents don’t need to know everything but the One who does.
- b. Vow Violation
 - i. **Application:** We all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
- c. Riddle Interpretation
 - i. **Application:** Even the best of men are men at best.

2. The Judge’s Secret (vv. 4, 14, 19-20)

- a. The LORD Was Seeking (v. 4)
- b. The LORD Was Working (vv. 14, 19-20)
 - i. Othniel (3:10)
 - ii. Gideon (6:34)
 - iii. Jephthah (11:29)
 - iv. Samson (14:6, 19; 15:14)
- c. **Application:** The LORD uses our weaknesses for his glory.

6-4-23	Nursery Schedule		6-11-23
Sunday School	Carling & Stephannie M	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Keith, Joan & Abby	Worship	Jodie, Molly C & Aliyah

Today & Weekly

Today

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

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

* A new ABF class begins next Sunday and runs through Sept. 3 on “The Law of God.”

* A Foundations Class also begins next Sunday and runs through July 16 in the sanctuary (please see more info on the next page).

Sunday School: 9:30am

Morning Worship: 10:45am

Fellowship Meal: 5:30pm

Evening Worship: 6:30pm

Weekly

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

Women’s Summer Bible Study: Tuesday evening meetings begin June 20th at 6:30pm, and will be held at the home of Kathy V.

Thursday morning meetings begin 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 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.

J. W. Memorial Service

There will be a Memorial Service for _____ at Cross Creek PCA **this Sat., June 10**, at 11am, followed by a Covered Dish Lunch at noon.

Women's Ministry Team Freezer Meal Exchange

Ladies, please join us for an evening of fellowship, a devotion, and a Freezer Meal Exchange **this 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 **Tuesday, 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. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lynne Johnson via email at educatinghiscreation@gmail.com, or call (910)751-3469.

Foundations Class

The Elders will lead a 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).

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 V.

* **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.

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

_____, 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