



# 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*

JULY 2, 2023

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Greeting

## Call to Worship

*Isaiah 48:12-13*

Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called! I am he; I am the first, and I am the last. My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together.

## Invocation

### \* Hymn # 580

**“Lead On, O King Eternal”**

## Call to Confession

*Isaiah 48:18*

Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.

## Prayer of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*Isaiah 48:17*

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.

### \* Hymn Supplement pg. 54

**“All Praise to Thee”**

### \* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

**Law:** *Genesis 17:9-14* (Covenant & Circumcision)

**Epistles:** *1 Corinthians 10:1-5* (Eating & Drinking the Spiritual)  
*1 Peter 3:18-22* (Now Baptism Saves You)

\* **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 27 (Q & A 72-74)***

**Q.** Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins?

**A.** No, only Jesus Christ’s blood and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.

**Q.** Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the water of rebirth and the washing away of sins?

**A.** God has good reason for these words. To begin with, God wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ take away our sins just as water removes dirt from the body. But more important, God wants to assure us, by this divine pledge and sign, that we are as truly washed of our sins spiritually as our bodies are washed with water physically.

**Q. Should infants also be baptized?**

**A.** Yes. Infants as well as adults are included in God's covenant and people, and they, no less than adults, are promised deliverance from sin through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith. Therefore, by baptism, the sign of the covenant, they too should be incorporated into the Christian church and distinguished from the children of unbelievers. This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision, which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.

## Pastoral Prayer

**\* Hymn # 689**

**“Be Still, My Soul”**

## 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 Series: Judges

**\* Sermon Text**

*Judges 16:1-22*

**\* 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: “The Sign & the Thing Signified”**

Pastor Michael Mock

**Sermon Outline:** [Next page](#)

## Prayer for Transformation

**Lord's Supper:** The Sign & the Thing Signified

**\* Eucharistic Hymn, Supplement pg. 78**

**“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”**

**\* 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 16:1-22* “The Sign & the Thing Signified”

**Our spiritual strength comes from the LORD, who joins the sign of his presence with the thing signified.**

### 1. Empowered with the Sign (vv. 1-3)

- a. Epilogue
- b. Coming to the Prostitute: Joshua 2 & Judges 16
  - i.
  - ii.
  - iii.
  - iv.
- c. **Application:** The LORD uses his given signs to exhibit his presence and power.

### 2. Playing with the Sign (vv. 4-22)

- a. Delilah: Philistine, or Israelite?
- b. Playful Delilah (vv. 6-14)
- c. Vexatious Delilah (vv. 15-21)
- d. Spiritless Samson (vv. 17, 20-21)
- e. **Application:** We must never presume upon the Spirit-presence of God.

7-2-23	Nursery Schedule		7-2-23
Sunday School	Carling & Jodie	Sunday School	Carling & Stephannie M
Worship	Joan, Douah & Abby	Worship	Conor & Carling & Stephanie V

### 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

**Fellowship Meal:** 5:30pm

**Evening Worship:** 6:30pm

#### Weekly

**Men’s Bible Study:** On break

**Women’s Summer Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 6:30pm at the home of Kathy V  
Thursdays, 10am at Cross Creek PCA (with childcare)

**Senior Women’s Fellowship:** Wednesdays, 10am, hosted by Linda T

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

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

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

**The Church Office will be closed on Tues. July 4**

### **Women’s Trail Walk and Brunch - Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 8am**

Women are invited to an early morning trail walk and brunch Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Meet us at Clark Park parking lot (631 Sherman Drive) to participate. This is an easy paved hike. Following the walk, we will meet at Panera Bread on Ramsey Street. This is a great opportunity to include our older daughters. Babies in strollers are also welcome to attend.

### **Women's Ministry Team Freezer Meal Exchange**

The Freezer Meal Exchange is on **Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### **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 to be put in touch with a coordinator.

**Regarding announcement submissions: Please submit any information you wish to have printed in the worship folder  
No Later Than noon on Wednesdays.**