



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

AUGUST 13, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

Invocation

* Hymn # 115

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Call to Confession

James 4:1-3, 8

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions... Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 145:8-9

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

* Hymn # 470

“How Vast the Benefits Divine”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Law: *Deuteronomy 6:1-9* (The Greatest Commandment)

Writings: *Psalm 119:33-48* (A Petition to Obedience and Love)

Gospels: *Matthew 22:34-40* (Rightly Ordered Love)

Epistles: *Ephesians 4:17-24* (Prayer for Strength and Love)

* **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 33 (Q & A 88-91)

Q. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

A. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

Q. What is the dying-away of the old self?

A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

Q. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.

Q. What are good works?

A. Only those which are done out of true faith, conform to God's law, and are done for God's glory; and not those based on our own opinion or human tradition.

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn # 529

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Tithes and Offerings

Special Music (Choir)

"Before the Throne of God Above"

* 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.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Prayer for Illumination

* Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

* **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: **"Love's Preeminence"**

Rev. Chaplain Ben Hoemann

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Prayer for Transformation

Lord's Supper: The Radiance of Love

* Eucharistic Hymn # 535

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

* Benediction

* Departing Hymn (tune of # 304)

"Nunc Dimittis"

Lord, let your servant now depart in everlasting peace;
mine eyes have seen salvation's hope; my heart is now at ease.
For you've prepared a radiant light, the darkness to dispel;
to lead your people in your ways, and shine on Israel.

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Text: *1 Corinthians 13:1-13* “Love’s Preeminence”

The love of Christ defines, regulates, and empowers our love.

1. The Supremacy of Love (vv. 1-3)

- a. Orientation of Love: Self v. Selfless
- b. Origin of Love
- c. **Application**
 - i. Lens of Love
 - ii. Learning the Cross

2. The Breadth of Love (vv. 4-7)

- a. Dynamic of Love
- b. Power of Love
- c. **Application**
 - i. Duped motives
 - ii. Donning Christ

3. The Telos of Love (vv. 8-13)

- a. Rehearsing Eternity

b. Face of Love

c. **Application**

i. Economy of love

ii. Bound in love

8-13-23	Nursery Schedule		8-20-23
Sunday School	Carling & Ari	Sunday School	Carling & Jodie
Worship	Jodie & Hannah	Worship	Jacqui & Bethany

Today & Weekly

Today

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

ABF: 9:30am – “The Law of God”

Sunday School: 9:30am

Worship: 10:45am

Congregational Meeting: 12:30pm The purpose of the meeting is to vote whether to dissolve the pastoral relation with Pastor Mock.

Cross Creek Open Bible Fellowship: 5-7pm

Weekly

Summer Play Day: Mondays, 10am Families are invited to come for a time of play and fellowship through the month of August. Yard games will be provided. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Eleonore Surles.

Men’s Bible Study: On break

Women’s Summer Bible Study: Tuesdays, 6:30pm at the home of Kathy V. (no childcare)
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: 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 meet at the Adams’ home to share a meal, Bible Study and fellowship.

Church Security Codes

For everyone who turned in a personal security code for the church security system – the codes are now active. Please use your personal code when you deactivate/activate the system from now on.



Church-Wide BBQ

A **Church-Wide BBQ** will be held on Saturday August 19th @ 5pm. Join us for food and fellowship. Yard games, burgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Please sign up for a side dish at the Women's Ministry bulletin board in the nursery hallway or by visiting mealtrain.com/wd80o1. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lynne J.

It is helpful to sign up for this BBQ, so that we can purchase the proper number of burgers and hot dogs. We will need to know how many adults, how many teens and how many children will be attending.

Military Spouses Brunch, Friday, August 25th at 10am

The Women's Ministry team invites all military spouses to join us for brunch and time of fellowship. Childcare will be provided at the church and the brunch will be held at the Surles home a few miles away. Please RSVP to attend by visiting tinyurl.com/MilitarySpousesBrunch or at the sign-up sheet on the Women's Ministry Bulletin board, in the nursery hallway. If you have any questions or concerns contact Eleonore S.

Make, Bake and Grow Silent Auction

SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday, September 9th, the Women's Ministry will host Make, Bake and Grow: a silent auction of donated goods and services to benefit Agape Pregnancy Support Services. Start preparing your donations of hand-made, baked, or grown goods. Services (babysitting or yard work for example) may also be offered. Please drop off items at the associate pastor's office before Thursday, September 8th @ 3 pm. More details will follow in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lynne J.

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