



# 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 6, 2023

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Greeting

## Call to Worship

*Revelation 14:13*

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

## Invocation

### \* Hymn # 358

**"For All the Saints"**

## Call to Confession

*1 John 3:9*

No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

## Prayer of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*1 John 3:1*

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

### \* Hymn # 261

**"What Wondrous Love Is This"**

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

**Law:** *Deuteronomy 20* (Wartime Protocol)

**Gospels:** *Mark 4:21-25* (Measure Reciprocated)

**\* 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 32 (Q & A 86-87)***

**Q.** Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

**A.** Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

**Q.** Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and unrepentant ways?

**A.** By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like will inherit the kingdom of God.

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

## Pastoral Prayer

\* Hymn # 356

“How Beautiful the Sight”

## Tithes and Offerings

\* 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 Series: Judges

\* Sermon Text

*Judges 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: “United against Sin”**

Pastor Michael Mock

**Sermon Outline:** Next page

## Prayer for Transformation

**Lord’s Supper:** Costly Obedience

\* Eucharistic Hymn # 281

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives-Glory, Hallelujah!”

\* 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:** *Judges 20* “United against Sin”

**Despite the costliness of obedience, God’s people remain united with the Savior against sin.**

### 1. United in Sin (vv. 12-17)

- a. Benjamin’s Unity (vv. 12-17)
- b. **Application:** Unaddressed, unrepentant sin will certainly be addressed by the LORD.

### 2. United in Discipline (vv. 1, 8, 11, 29-48)

- a. Israel’s Unity (vv. 1, 8, 11)
- b. Poetic Justice (vv. 29-48)
- c. The LORD’s Doing (v. 35)
- d. **Application:** Church discipline is a gift from God for the purification of his Church.

### 3. United in Suffering (vv. 18-28)

- a. Costly Obedience (vv. 18, 23, 28)
  - i. Day 1 (v. 18)
  - ii. Day 2 (v. 23)
  - iii. Day 3 (v. 28)
- b. God’s Means of Grace (vv. 26-28)
  - i. Sacrifice
  - ii. Ark
  - iii. Phinehas

- c. **Application:** God's people must always seek the face of the LORD in the face of affliction.

8-6-23	Nursery Schedule		8-13-23
Sunday School	Carling & Alethea	Sunday School	Carling & Ari
Worship	Carling & Molly C	Worship	Jodie & Hannah

### 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

**Morning Worship:** 10:45am

**Fellowship Meal:** 5:30pm

**Evening Worship Service:** 6:30pm

#### 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 S

**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:** 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 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.

### **Congregational Meeting**

The Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Aug. 13, 2023 after the service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote whether to dissolve the pastoral relation with Pastor Mock.

### **Church-Wide BBQ**

A **Church-Wide BBQ** will be held on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 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](https://mealtrain.com/wd80o1). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lynne Johnson.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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.

### **Update from Chuck & Celia W**

Greetings Fellow Pastors and Saints,

Celia and I remain ever grateful to you for your prayers concerning the Lord's call for us to plant Christ the King Chapel (CTKC) here in Pasco County, Florida. We desire to provide you with an update of our progress and further prayer needs of CTKC. We also plan to send this kind of update on a bi-annual basis.

The Lord has blessed us much at CTKC since we held our inaugural worship service on New Year's Day 2023. We started with a core group of 2 in December 2022 and quickly grew to 8 at our

inaugural service. Since then we have grown to 13 regular attendees, and we've started to attract more visitors with a peak attendance at one service of 17. We have also taken note that from this same group of 13 regular attendees, our tithes and offerings have grown 300% from January to June 2023. We are humbled how this increase reflects a sure testimony of our congregation's faith and commitment of the Lord's work here at CTKC in Pasco County. Since we started our worship services, I have been preaching through the Gospel of John. After 7 months we have finally arrived at John Chapter 8.

We continue to have our worship services in our living room, and we had planned to do so until we have a sustained regular attendance between 20-25. But it has become evident that we need to find a place outside of our home to further grow numerically. Some of our previous guests have communicated that this was the reason why they felt uncomfortable to come again. Our challenge here for which we certainly need your prayers is two-fold: First, there are very few places to lease around here. Though the projected residential and commercial development around here is set in stone, much of it has yet to commence until early next year and once initiated will sustain for the next three to five years. We are endeavoring to keep on top of potential meeting places. Second, it is very expensive here. Whatever retail properties are available, they go for between \$18-\$30/SF per year. There is one building which has potential in nearby downtown San Antonio, FL, that we are pursuing. The new owners purchased the property last year with no intention of developing, just holding on to it for a future sale. We have sent a letter asking them for the option to rent. The building will need some renovation, but its interior size would be suitable for a congregation of approximately 60-80 people. Please do pray for this opportunity, if it is the Lord's will, and for the needed funds. We remain steadfast that the Lord will bring us to a facility He has already ordained for us.

Celia and I have started an outreach to our neighbors, and this includes hosting a bi-monthly cookout for several families at a time, seeking to build relationships and to share the Gospel with many of them who are unbelievers. We are also making use of social media and printed tracts to introduce Christ and to advertise our congregation locally. We have tried to make in-roads with local festivals and outdoor events, but there is a definite push-back on religious organizations. Please pray for evangelism opportunities and fruit borne of obedience to the Gospel.

Within CTKC we have also seen some exciting spiritual growth and have started to engage in ministry endeavors as extensions of our Sunday Morning services. We have purchased Trinity Psalter hymnals to assist us in our worship and liturgy, and we are expanding worship to include some biblically-faithful modern hymns. Our women have started a Wednesday evening Bible study on the Book of Romans, and in the near future I will begin hosting a monthly men's breakfast at a local establishment. If you visit us, we hope you will come when our congregation has its monthly fellowship meal. It is often a rich time of discussion of spiritual things, and we also have some very good cooks!

Lastly, I wanted to share with you one of the most impressionable stories of ministry success here at CTKC: We have two young brothers in our congregation, 8 yr.-old Gabe and 6 yr-old Gavin.

Gabe has autism, yet he is very social and often participates during parts of the Sunday service. One night about two months ago, the boys' mother woke up around midnight to get a drink of water from their kitchen. As she did so, she saw the flickering of a flashlight coming from the boys' bedroom. As she peaked in, she saw Gabe reading. She asked what he was doing up so late. He told her that "he wanted to start doing his spiritual disciplines like Pastor Chuck was encouraging us to do." Apparently, he had been doing this by himself for several weeks. When she asked him what he was reading, he told her he was reading through our weekly service liturgy (Call to Worship, Lord's Prayer, Prayer of Confession, Scripture and Confessional Readings, etc.). Mom told me she could not contain her tears. She videoed him doing this and sent me a copy. I could not contain my tears. She told Gabe to get her up when he woke up to do his spiritual disciplines so they could do it together. They are still doing it 2-3 nights a week.

Brothers and Sisters, that is pure heavenly gold! How can we not rejoice at the Holy Spirit's wonderful ministry through Christ the King Chapel, especially in this 8yr old autistic boy. I am grateful beyond words for the Lord's call to this great work here in Pasco County, Florida.

Thank you for your most generous partnership of what the Lord is doing here. We look forward to sharing more accounts of lives changed through this Gospel work of making known Jesus Christ and Him crucified for the sole Glory of our great Triune God.

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