



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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1-4

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Invocation

* Hymn # 1

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Call to Confession

Isaiah 64:6-7

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

* Hymn # 489

“Lord, like the Publican I Stand”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Prophets: *Ezekiel 18:19-32* (Repentance & Righteousness)

Isaiah 6:1-7 (God's Holiness & Man's Sinfulness)

Epistles: *Romans 5:1-21* (Solus Christus)

* **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 39 (Q & A 104)

Q. What is God's will for you in the fifth commandment?

A. That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I submit myself with proper obedience to all their good teaching and discipline; and also that I be patient with their failings— for through them God chooses to rule us.

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn # 92

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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 Text

Luke 18:9-14

* **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: “A Tale of Two Men”

Rev. Chaplain Ben Hoemann

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Prayer for Transformation

Lord’s Supper: The Meal of Mercy

* Eucharistic Hymn # 524

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

* 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: *Luke 18:9-14* “A Tale of Two Men”

Jesus is the whole of our good, righteousness, and hope.

1. The Proud Pharisee (vv. 10-12)

- a. His Position
 - i. Before God
 - ii. Before Men
- b. His Pride
- c. **Application**
 - i. Measuring Merit
 - ii. Contemptuous Comparison

2. The Pleading Publican (v. 13)

- a. His Position
 - i. Before God
 - ii. Before Men
- b. His Plea

c. **Application**

i. Measuring Mercy

ii. Contrite Confession

3. Addendum (v. 14)

a. Christ's Comparison

b. Christ's Crown

9-24-23	Nursery Schedule		10-1-23
Sunday School	Carling & Jodie	Sunday School	Carling & Alethea
Worship	Jacqui & Bethany	Worship	Keith & Joan

Today & Weekly

Today

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

ABF: 9:30am – Ligonier Series: “Christianity and Liberalism”

Sunday School: 9:30am Today is Sunday School ‘Move-Up’ Day!

Worship: 10:45am

Cross Creek Open Bible Fellowship: 5pm. Please meet at the Adams’ home to share a meal, Bible Study and fellowship.

Weekly

Men’s Bible Study: On break

Women’s Fall Bible Study: Thursdays, 10am at Cross Creek PCA (with childcare). More info below.

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. (Please see below for an update for 9-17-23.)

Cross Creek Open Bible Fellowship: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 5-7pm. Please meet at the Adams’ home to share a meal, Bible Study and fellowship.

Women’s Fall Bible Study

The Fall Women’s Bible Study began **Thursday, September 21st, 10am**. The Study covers the Psalms using the *Knowing the Bible* series. The Study meets every Thursday morning at the church at 10am, from Sept. 21 – Dec. 14. Childcare will be offered. (NOTE there will be NO Bible study on Nov. 23rd.) You may still sign up by visiting forms.gle/MmV5jPkBuUvi6VaYA or on the Women’s Ministry bulletin board in the church’s Nursery Wing. For more information, contact Lynne J.

Reformation Month

Reformation Month begins next Sunday, Oct. 1. All our Covenant Children Preschool – 5th Grade will meet in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour, and there will be a Reformation Day Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 28, 1-4pm. For more information, 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.

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HOME MISSIONS: Harvest USA; REV. & Mrs. William (Suzanne) Scott: Atlanta

LOCAL MINISTRIES: AGAPE Pregnancy Center and Operation Inasmuch