



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

OCTOBER 29, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Invocation

* Hymn # 3

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

Call to Confession

Exodus 20:18-21

Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Exodus 20:2

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

* Hymn # 693

“Blessed Assurance”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Law: *Exodus 19* (Israel at Sinai)

Prophets: *Haggai 2:1-9* (Coming Glory of the Temple)

Gospels: *John 4:7-26* (Spiritual Worship on the Holy Mountain)

* **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 44 (Q & A 113-115)

Q. What is the aim of the tenth commandment?

A. That not even the slightest desire or thought contrary to any one of God’s commandments should ever arise in our hearts. Rather, with all our hearts we should always hate sin and take pleasure in whatever is right.

Q. But can those converted to God obey these commandments perfectly?

- A.** No. In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience. Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God’s commandments.
- Q.** Since no one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly, why does God want them preached so pointedly?
- A.** First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that we may never stop striving, and never stop praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, to be renewed more and more after God’s image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.

Pastoral Prayer

- * Hymn # 605**
- “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”**

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: Reformation-ologies

- * Sermon Text**
- Hebrews 12:18-29*
- * 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: “Reformed Doxology”

Pastor Michael Mock

Sermon Outline: Next page

Prayer for Transformation

Lord’s Supper: The Supper as Act of Worship

- * Eucharistic Hymn # 616**
- “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**
- * Benediction**



* Departing Hymn # 55

“To God Be the Glory!”

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Text: *Hebrews 12:18-29* “Reformed Doxology”

Christians glorify God and enjoy him forever as their fundamental act of worship.

1. Scary Sinai (vv. 18-21)

a. Terror

b. **Application:** We cry out not in terror but in praise to God.

2. Heavenly Zion (vv. 22-24)

a. What We Have Come to Now

i. Mount Zion

ii. Innumerable Angels

iii. Assembly of Firstborn

iv. God as Judge

v. Spirits of the Righteous

vi. Jesus!

vii. Sprinkled Blood

- b. **Application:** Corporate, heavenly worship is Gospel-only worship.

3. Refuse Not but Revere God (vv. 25-29)

- a. Refuse Not to Hear God
 - i. Faith (vv. 25-27)
 - ii. Gratitude (v. 28a)
- b. Revere God (v. 28b)

Sermon Notes



10-29-23	Nursery Schedule		11-5-23
Sunday School	Carling & Jodie	Sunday School	Carling & Alethea
Worship	Jacqui & Bethany	Worship	Carling & Molly

Today & Weekly

Today

Pre-Service Prayer Gathering: 9:00-9:15am in the Library (please see next page)

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

Sunday School: 9:30am

Morning Worship: 10:45am

5th Sunday Evening Worship: 6:30pm

Weekly

Men’s Bible Study: On break

Women’s Fall Bible Study:

Tuesdays, 6:30pm at Kathy Vogus’s home, 7916 Ancon Dr. (no childcare) Info on next pg.

Thursdays, 10am at Cross Creek PCA (with childcare)

Senior Women’s Fellowship: Wednesdays, 10am hosted by Linda Teague (7916 Ancon Dr.)

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. Meet at the Adams’ home to share a meal, Bible Study and fellowship.

Farewell Picture for the Reeves

Please sign or initial the mat in the picture frame on the credenza in the narthex even if you are not in the picture!

Called Congregational Meeting, Nov. 5, 2023

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting immediately following the morning service for the purpose of voting on the dissolution of the relationship between CCPC and Pastor Michael Mock.

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

Come and Pray!

A Message from Joseph Westendorf

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As you know, we have a pre-service prayer-time in the church library every Sunday at 9am. Particularly with everything going on in the church right now, I encourage you to come join us in praying for each other and our church these next couple of weeks! After all, we can do nothing without our Lord's help (John 15:5), but he is faithful and hears us when we call on His name (1 John 5:14-15). So as we prayerfully consider the future of our church, I encourage you to join us so we can pray for one another and for our church, that our love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment. And as a reminder, if you can't attend, but have prayer requests you want prayed for, you can always share with the Elders or me, and we'll pray for you when we meet. It is truly a delight to pray for you all!

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

The Women's Ministry is adding a time slot to our current study of the Psalms. We want to make Bible Study available to as many women as we can. If you want to participate and are unable to meet on Thursday mornings, you can join in on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 at the home of Kathy Vogus, 7916 Ancon Dr. Please contact Kathy Vogus at georgiabluebliss@gmail.com, 910-303-0139 or Lynne Johnson at educatinghiscreation@gmail.com or (910) 751-3469 for more details and to get a book. We are underway, so please don't hesitate; we'd love you to jump right in!

Trail Walk and Brunch – Saturday, November 4th at 8:30am

Women are invited to a morning Trail Walk & Brunch. Meet us at the Clark Park parking lot 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. You are also welcome to skip the walk and just meet us at Panera Bread around 10 am. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Lynne Jonson at educatinghiscreation@gmail.com, or (910) 751-3469.

Joint Baby Shower for Ariana Fuller and Lisa Getty – Saturday, November 11th, 10am

Women are invited to attend a joint baby shower to honor two of our own, Ariana Fuller and Lisa Getty, as they prepare for new editions to their families. RSVP to attend at the Women's Ministry Bulletin Board in the nursery hallway or via the Facebook group. Daughters are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Ariana's registry can be found at: amzn.to/46RDEGO and Lisa's registry can be found at: amzn.to/46YKpa1. If you would like to combine your efforts with another guest toward a special gift or if you would like to assist in hosting, please contact Lynne Johnson at (910) 751-3469 or via email, educatinghiscreation@gmail.com.

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LOCAL MINISTRIES: AGAPE Pregnancy Center and Operation Inasmuch