



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

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Invocation

* Hymn # 457

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Call to Confession

Ephesians 4:1-3

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

* Hymn # 455

“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”

The Living Church: Reception of New Members by Letter of Transfer

Philip & Laura Troxel and Lindsay & Nathanael (non-Communing)

* Hymn # 308

“Jesus Paid It All”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Law: *Deuteronomy 7:6-11* (Identity-informed Obedience)

Gospels: *John 15:12-17* (Love, Identity, Service)

* **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 45 (Q & A 116-119)

Q. Why do Christians need to pray?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

Q. What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

A. First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.

Q. What did God command us to pray for?

A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

Q. What is this prayer?

A. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

*** Hymn # 660**

“O God beyond All Praising”

Tithes and Offerings

*** Hymn # 715**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*** Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Series: Philemon

*** Sermon Text**

Philemon 1-7

*** 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: “Identity & Mediation”

Pastor Michael Mock

Sermon Outline: Next page

Prayer for Transformation



Lord's Supper: The Meal that Marks our Identity

* Eucharistic Hymn, Hymn Supplement pg. 73

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

* Benediction

* Departing Hymn, Hymn Supplement pg. 34

“May the Peace”

May the peace of God our Heavenly Father and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love.

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign, from the depths of earth to the heights of Heaven;
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain – Christ eternal the King of Kings.

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Text: *Philemon 1-7* “Identity & Mediation”

Remembering whose we are, we can move out in mediation in service to Christ.

1. Identity (vv. 1-3)

- a. Prisoners (v. 1a)
- b. Workers (v. 1b)
- c. Soldiers (v. 2)
- d. Brothers (v. 7)
- e. Blessed (v. 3)
- f. **Application:** When we submit to the Lordship of our common Christ, reconciliation is possible.

2. Mediation (vv. 4-7)

- a. The Heart of the Problem
 - i. Estrangement

1. Physical

2. Relational

ii. Offense/Grievance

iii. **Application:** Whenever you're in a conflict, humbly open yourself to conviction.

b. The Heart of Paul

i. Gratitude (v. 4)

ii. Love (v. 5)

iii. Faith (v. 5)

iv. Investment (v. 6)

c. **Application:** Love and appreciation for one another opens the door to reconciliation.

Sermon Notes



11-5-23	Nursery Schedule		11-12-23
Sunday School	Carling & Alethea	Sunday School	Carling & Stephannie
Worship	Carling & Molly	Worship	Jodie & Hannah

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

Called Congregational Meeting: for the purpose of voting on the dissolution of the relationship between CCPC and Pastor Michael Mock

Fellowship Meal: 5:30pm

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!

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!

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](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=registry_detail&pf_rd_p=83000000-0000-4000-9000-000000000000) and Lisa's registry can be found at: [amzn.to/46YKpa1](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=registry_detail&pf_rd_p=83000000-0000-4000-9000-000000000000). 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.

Moment for Missions

Garry & Anita Chambers, MTW Regional Director for the Caribbean

Dear Partners in ministry,

Today we remember the Reformation as Luther and others called the Church back to the truths of Scripture and as we enter into November we think ahead to Thanksgiving. These two events go hand in hand as we are thankful that the reformers returned us to the Gospel of Grace that our faith is based on. It is also exciting to see the ministries that God has called us to today are calling people to the truths of Scripture and producing thankfulness.

Garry had the privilege of being in Grenada, October 16-17, for the first two nights of the first Youth Ministry Training class. There were 20 students in the classroom and several others joining via zoom from Nassau, Belize, and St. Vincent. The class went well and we are looking forward to the next class in December. Pray that God would raise up students who desire to reach children,

youth, and young adults with the Gospel of Grace. Ask God to call future pastors for the Caribbean as a result of the training program.

Anita returned from a good trip to Belize on Saturday, 28th. She enjoyed working with and encouraging the clinic staff, helping with grief counseling for families who recently lost loved ones, and reconnecting with several churches during her stay.

November 10th we leave for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for the MTW Leadership Praxis and missiological consultation. Please be praying for this meeting as MTW implements a leadership approach based on three elements: Lead, Develop, and Care. The missions consultation will examine critical topics relating to how MTW will decide on which ministries to pursue and the most effective way to implement them. Ask God to grant wisdom and to guide every discussion.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we concur with the Apostle Paul when he says, “³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:3-5) Thank you for your partnership in prayer and financial support!

As the year ends, we are thankful for God’s faithfulness in supplying our support needs. We are needing to raise an additional \$800.00 in monthly support or one-time gifts to help cover ministry needs. If you would like to help with this need you can give on-line or by mail – Online: <https://www.mtw.org/missionaries/details/garry-and-anita-chambers>, or mail to: Mission to the World, P.O. Box 744165, Atlanta, GA 30374-4165. Include missionary account #11114 in check memo line. Thank you.
In His service, Garry and Anita

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