



**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*

**DECEMBER 3, 2023**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Greeting

**Advent Reading: Prophecy Candle,** Paul & Celine Meloche

## Call to Worship

*Luke 2:15*

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

## Invocation

\* Hymn # 207

**"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"**

## Call to Confession

*Isaiah 6:1-5*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

## Prayer of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*Luke 2:8-12*

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

\* Hymn # 211

**"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"**

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

**Prophets:** *Isaiah 11:1-5* (Reigning with All Wisdom)

**Gospels:** *Luke 2:39-40* (Growth in Wisdom)

**\* 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 49 (Q & A 124)*

**Q.** What does the third petition mean?

**A.** “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” means: Help us and all people to reject our own wills and to obey your will without any back talk. Your will alone is good. Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to, as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\* Hymn # 221**

**“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Hymn # 88** (Verse 1)

**“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”**

With grateful heart my thanks I bring, before the great thy praise I sing;  
I worship in thy holy place and praise thee for thy truth and grace;  
For truth and grace together shine in thy most holy word divine.

**\* Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Sermon Series:** Advent 2023, “Christ in the Writings”

**\* Prayer for Illumination**

**\* Sermon Text**

*Proverbs 8*

**\* 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:** “The Eternally-begotten Word of Wisdom”

Pastor Michael Mock

**Sermon Outline:** Next page

**Prayer for Transformation**

**Lord's Supper:** Enfleshed Word to Make Us Wise unto Salvation

**\* Eucharistic Hymn # 281**

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



\* **Benediction**

\* **Departing Hymn # 737**

**“Christ We Do All Adore Thee”**

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;  
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;  
For on the holy Cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.  
Christ, we do all adore Thee.

**Sermon Outline:**

**Sermon Text:** *Proverbs 8* “The Eternally-begotten Word of Wisdom”

**The blessed life of salvation is graciously gained by hearing and receiving the eternally-begotten, enfleshed Word of Wisdom.**

**1. Wisdom’s Call (vv. 1-9)**

- a. For Life (vv. 1-5)
- b. For Righteousness (vv. 6-9)
- c. **Application:** The call for wisdom is a gracious call for life and righteousness.

**2. Wisdom above All (vv. 10-11)**

- a. Our Desires vs. His Wisdom
- b. **Application:** Because wisdom is above all, wisdom is to be sought with all.

**3. Wisdom’s Fruits (vv. 12-21)**

- a. Righteousness
- b. Reigning

- c. Riches
- d. **Application:** Those who seek this eternal wisdom will receive eternal profit.

#### 4. **Wisdom before All (vv. 22-31)**

- a. Begotten (vv. 22-26)
- b. Not Made (vv. 27-31)
- c. **Application:** Because the Son of God is this Wisdom before all, we confess him as Eternally-begotten before all men.
  - i. The Apostles' Creed
  - ii. The Nicene Creed
  - iii. The Athanasian Creed
  - iv. The Chalcedonian Definition

#### 5. **Wisdom's Blessed Ones (vv. 32-36)**

- a. Active Seeking (v. 34)
- b. Active Listening (v. 34)
- c. Active Obedience (v. 32)
- d. Active Life (vv. 35-36)
- e. **Application:** The Eternally-begotten now enfleshed Word of Wisdom calls upon us to ask, seek, and knock.



12-3-23	Nursery Schedule		12-10-23
Sunday School	Carling & Stephannie	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Joan & Keith	Worship	Carling & Molly

### Today & Weekly

#### Today

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

**ABF:** 9:30am – Ligonier Series: Final lesson on “Christianity and Liberalism.” Next Sunday we begin a series on *Psalms 146-150*.

**Sunday School:** 9:30am

**Morning Worship:** 10:45am

**Fellowship Meal:** 5:30pm

**Evening Worship:** 6:30pm

#### Weekly

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

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

### 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! We will be shipping it to them soon, so don’t miss out!**

### Christmas Hymn Sing

There will be a Christmas Hymn Sing on Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will sing our favorite Christmas Hymns out of the red Trinity Hymnal. Please bring a finger food or dessert to share afterward. There will be Wassail (aka hot spiced cider).

## **AGAPE Pregnancy Center**

AGAPE Pregnancy Center recently published a letter with some updates that the Deacons believe to be encouraging and vital to share. First, that the director, Helen Rogers, is cancer free, praise God, and that the mission's doors are still open. Secondly, there is still great work to do as young parents struggle to decide life for their children and to receive the Gospel. They also need help to provide for their children and learn how to care for them. Specifically, Agape Pregnancy needs all sorts of care and safety products for infants, along with women's devotionals and Bibles. The Diaconate is working to send Bibles and devotionals already, but please consider helping this mission further by buying extra care and safety products for infants in the coming weeks. They also need size 4 diapers. For further details, please talk to a deacon.

**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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