



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

MARCH 31, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Matthew 28:1-6

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay!

Invocation

* Hymn # 286

"Worship Christ, the Risen King!"

Call to Confession

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Proverbs 29:6

An evil man is ensnared in his transgression, but a righteous man sings and rejoices.

* Hymn # 277

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Law: *Genesis 22:1-8* (The Boy Will Return)

Prophets: *Isaiah 53:10-12* (The Suffering Servant's Resurrection-Reward)

Gospels: *John 20:24-29* (Marks of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection)

Apocalypse: *Revelation 1:4-8* (Greetings from the Risen Lord)

* **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

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn # 276

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn # 434 (v. 1)

“Lord, Thou Lov’st the Cheerful Giver”

Lord, Thou lov’st the cheerful giver, who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us then the grace of giving with a spirit large and free,
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to Thee.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon Series: *Philippians*

* Prayer for Illumination

* **Sermon Text**

Philippians 2:1-11

* **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: "Christ Humbled, Christ Exalted"

Rev. Dr. Michael Mock

Sermon Outline: Begins below

Prayer for Transformation

Lord's Supper: Meal with the Exalted Lord

* **Eucharistic Hymn, Supplement pg. 78**

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

* **Benediction**

* **Departing Hymn** (to the 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: *Philippians 2:1-11* "Christ Humbled, Christ Exalted"

For the glory of God the Father and for the worldwide recognition of Jesus Christ as Lord, God humbled and exalted his Son, our Savior.

1. Christ Humbled (vv. 5-8): How low did Christ go?

a. Context

i. Exhortation

ii. Example

b. From Godhood to Servanthood

- i. Form of God
 - ii. Equality with God
 - iii. Emptied Himself
- c. From Glory to Obedience
 - i. Whole-life Obedience
 - ii. Whole-death Obedience
- d. **Application:** Christ has plumbed the depths of humility to serve us with salvation.

2. Christ Exalted (vv. 9-11): How high did Christ go?

- a. From Death to Life (v. 9)
 - i. Acts 2:24
 - ii. Galatians 1:1
- b. From Servant to Lord (vv. 10-11)
 - i. Proverbs 29:23
 - ii. Proverbs 22:4
 - iii. Isaiah 45:23
- c. **Application:** We who are in Christ praise Christ as superior to all things.
- d. **Application:** We who share in the humiliation of Christ share also in his exaltation.

Sermon Notes

To follow along in our series by using reader-friendly, helpful, and brief commentaries, consider buying and reading:

Sinclair Ferguson, *Let's Study Philippians* (The Banner of Truth Trust)

David Strain, *Philippians* (The Lectio Continua Expository Commentary on the New Testament)

3-31-24	Nursery Schedule		4-7-24
Sunday School	Carling & Stephannie	Sunday School	Carling & Elizabeth
Worship	Jodie & Leigh	Worship	Carling & Eleonore

Today & Weekly

Today

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

ABF: 9:30am –“What is Love?” A Study of 1 Corinthians 13 (See announcement below for new times beginning next Sunday, April 7!)

Sunday School: 9:30am

Worship: 10:45am

Easter Sunday Fellowship Lunch: 12:30 – There will be a “Pot Providence” Fellowship Lunch after service today. CCPC will provide drinks and ham. Please stay for lunch, even if you didn't have a chance to bring something! There will be NO Evening Worship.

Weekly

Choir Practice: Begins tomorrow: Monday, April 1, 7pm (See announcement below for more info)

Men's Bible Study: Saturdays, 8am on the topic of Reformed Theology

Women's Spring Bible Study: Thursdays, 10am (childcare is provided.)

New Sunday School & Worship Service Times Begin 4-7-24

As of 4-7-24, the ABF/SS time will begin at 9:30 and run until 10:15, and morning worship will run from 10:30 to 12:00.

Church Choir

Dear Church Family,

We have recently been weathering a painful storm, and it has been difficult. But Paul tells us that even in the midst of suffering, we rejoice knowing that our hope will not be put to shame. God is redeeming even this, and so we have reason to rejoice! I would love to have choir again so that we can be reminded of the joy that we have and sing praises to our God together, cheering our hearts. We will begin meeting Monday, April 1st, from 7:00-8:00 in the sanctuary. If other times work better for most members, I can be flexible with that. Please join me in offering praises to God and remembering how much we have to be thankful for!

All Saints Christian Academy

Are you retired and looking for a place to invest your time and gifts? Are you a homeschool mom looking to use your gifts in a classroom setting while offering your children a community to be part of? Would you consider being part of a staff of Christian men and women who serve as teachers by coming alongside of parents in support of the education of their children? Are you a family looking for an affordable academic option for the coming school year that marries the best of homeschooling with in-class instruction? Have you considered a classical Christian school for the 2024-2025 school year? Do you want your children to focus on the development of spiritual virtues as well as academics? All Saints Christian Academy might be just what you're looking for!

All Saints Christian Academy is a classical Christian hybrid community that focuses on solid spiritual formation and academic development in our pupils. Classes meet on Tues/Thurs with teacher-directed lesson plans for alternating days at home. ASCA has a highly educated and experienced faculty of classical Christian teachers and administrators who want to invest in the future by encouraging our students to become strong Christian men and women who will influence the world for the sake of the Gospel. Our classical approach utilizes time-tested methods of instruction in a Christ-centered atmosphere of restful and contemplative learning in an affordable hybrid environment. If you are willing to prayerfully consider a faculty position or you are a family looking for an option for the coming school year, please consider All Saints Christian Academy. We would love to tell you more about us! For more information please contact Kristin Rizzo at 201-417-0481 or by email at allsaints2019@gmail.com.

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