



**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

APRIL 7, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 78:1-4

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Invocation

* Hymn Supplement pg. 16

“Speak, O Lord”

Call to Confession

James 2:8-9

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

James 4:5-6

Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

* Hymn # 465

“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

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

Law: *Genesis 4:1-16* (Brotherly Hatred)

Writings: *Psalm 133* (Beautiful Unity)

Prophets: *Isaiah 54* (Eternal Peace vs. Strife)

Gospels: *John 13:31-35* (Love: Evidence of Unity)

* **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 # 365

“How Beautiful the Sight”

Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn # 729

“All Things Are Thine”

All things are Thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee;
And hence with grateful hearts today, Thine own before Thy feet we lay.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon Series: *Philippians*

* Prayer for Illumination

* Sermon Text

Philippians 2:1-4

* **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: “Gospel Grounds of Unity”

Rev. Dr. Michael Mock

Sermon Outline: Begins below

Prayer for Transformation

Lord’s Supper: The Communion of Saints

* **Eucharistic Hymn # 359**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

* **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: *Philippians 2:1-4* “Gospel Grounds of Unity”

Because of Jesus Christ’s humble consideration of our saving interests, we his saints humbly unite with Christlikeness and consideration of each other’s interests.

1. Christlikeness: Communal Joy Project (vv. 1-2, 5)

- a. Encouragement in Christ
- b. Comfort from Love
- c. Participation in the Spirit
- d. Affection and Sympathy
- e. Unity
 - i. Of Mind
 - ii. In Love

f. **Application:** Be encouraged, dear saints, that all of these blessings are always and ever yours in Christ!

g. **Application:** Strive to show these God-given gifts to one another in Christ.

2. Consideration: Communal Joy Project (vv. 3-4)

a. Saying “No!” to Self

i. Own Interests

ii. Not ONLY Own Interests

b. Saying “Yes!” to Saints

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)

4-7-24	Nursery Schedule		4-14-24
Sunday School	Carling & Elizabeth	Sunday School	Carling & Alethea
Worship	Carling & Eleonore	Worship	Jodie & Molly

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 (next week begins “Angels, Demons & Spiritual Warfare”)

Sunday School: 9:30am

Morning Worship: 10:30am

Fellowship Covered Dish Supper: 5:30pm

Evening Worship: 6:30pm

Weekly

Choir Practice: Begins tomorrow, Monday, April 8, 7pm

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

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

Mission Team Meeting: 3rd Sunday monthly, 5:30pm

Mission Trip Presentation

Bethany Teti will share about her experiences during her recent mission trip to Zambia at the evening service on April 21st. Thank you for partnering with her in prayer as she and her classmates from Fayetteville Christian School assisted the local missionaries in the Gwembe Valley.

Free Yard “Sale,” Saturday, May 4th, 8am - 11am

Spring is in the air and CCPC Women’s Ministry will be hosting a Free Yard “Sale.” We are seeking donations of clothing, toys, books, and household items to give away for free to our church family and the local community. Don’t have anything to give away? Come and take free items home! Bring your own bagged lunch to picnic at the church playground following the "sale."

To Donate: Donations can be brought to the church until May 3rd. Items should be bagged/boxed into categories such as: adult clothes/shoes, kids' clothes/shoes, books, toys, kitchen, household, etc. Items can be put neatly in the Associate Pastor’s Office in advance. Donations will be organized Friday, May 3rd @ 12 pm. We will be setting up tables inside the church to sort items into categories. Leftover items will be donated to a local thrift store or to Agape Pregnancy Center.

To Volunteer please contact: Elizabeth Mock: sothisislove11@yahoo.com, (602) 418-2963 or Jodie Sheets: mamajodie5@yahoo.com, (561) 236-6062.

Moment for Missions Chambers April Update and Belize & Caribbean Region

Dear Partners in ministry,

The Presbyterian Church in Belize held its annual denomination wide Good Friday service with more than 500 people attending. It was a good time of worship, praise, preaching, and fellowship. We heard several good reports from people. Praise God!



Pastor Leogardo Cazim



People Gathering for the Service

The end of February we enjoyed a family get-together, which does not happen as often as we would like. It was a joy to see our daughters sitting together acting like teenagers again and our 8 grandchildren ranging from 4 months to 17 years old interacting and playing with each other. Amy's mother-in-law from Belize was visiting and we enjoyed having her with us too.



On April 4th we flew to Belize where Anita will spend a month assisting the clinic with several medical volunteers. She will also help the clinic make some procedural changes to meet new Ministry of Health standards. **Pray** that Anita will be an encouragement to the clinic staff both in logistics but also in spiritual ministry and to patients. Garry will stay in Belize until April 16th working

on preparations for three summer short-term mission teams and a 4th team going to Belize in September. He will also be ministering in local churches, doing government and board business for the clinic and MTW. Please be **praying** for our time there to be profitable for the various ministries in Belize.

When Garry leaves Belize, he will fly to Atlanta to meet a team from a supporting church going to Kenya. This church is where our daughter, Caryann, is a member and her husband, Tim, is one of the pastors. They asked Garry to help them evaluate and develop a long-term ministry plan for a Kenyan children's home they support. Garry is looking forward to visit a culture very similar to Haiti and learn more about the ministry in Kenya. Please **pray** for spiritual ministry with the children as Garry writes the four Bible lesson plans and Caryann plans games and stories for the younger children. **Pray** for wisdom in evaluating and planning for the future of this ministry.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support! Your partnership enables MTW's ministry to continue throughout the Caribbean.

- Please see the Belize Prayer Calendar on your Missions Wall to **pray** for the ministry in Belize.
- **Pray for Haiti** amidst the turmoil and suffering taking place. **Ask God** to intervene in bringing peace and that the Church would remain faithful and outreached focused during this troubling time.
- **Ask** God to use both Garry and Anita to minister to our Belizean brothers and sisters along with Garry's ministry in Kenya. **Pray** for opportunities to share the Gospel with those God brings into our paths.

Garry and Anita

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