



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

MAY 12, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Invocation

* Hymn # 660

“O God beyond All Praising”

Call to Confession

Psalm 49:20

Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 48:9

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

* Hymn Supplement pg. 44

“Before the Throne of God Above”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Writings: *Job 1:1-5* (A Blameless, Upright Man)

Gospels: *Matthew 5:43-48* (Persecution & Perfection)

* **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 Westminster Confession of Faith, 1.2, Of Scripture's Inspiration

1.2. Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained all the books of the Old and New Testaments, ... all which are given by inspiration of God to be the rule of faith and life.

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn: (Please see back page for words & music)

“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”

Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn # 585 (v. 1)

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

* Indicates Please Stand if Able

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon Series: *Philippians*

* Prayer for Illumination

* Sermon Text

Philippians 3:12-16

* **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: “Pressed into Perfection”

Rev. Dr. Michael Mock

Sermon Outline: Next page

Prayer for Transformation

Lord's Supper: Perfection Pressed

* **Eucharistic Hymn, Hymn Supplement pg. 75**

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

* **Benediction**

* **Departing Hymn # 727**

“Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness”

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Text: *Philippians 3:12-16* “Pressed into Perfection”

Because Jesus Christ has made us his own, we exhaust our Spirit-given energy in hot pursuit of perfection.

1. Put Off Self-Righteousness (vv. 12-13)

a. Not Sinless (vv. 12-13a)

- i. **Application:** Humility requires our acknowledgement that we are sinners.

- b. No Regrets (v. 13b)
 - i. Don't Forget the Past!
 - ii. Forget the Past!
 - iii. Focus on the Promise!

2. Pursue Christ-Righteousness (vv. 12-16)

- a. Eyes on the Call (v. 14)
 - i. **Application:** Press on, because Christ pressed on for your perfection.
- b. Exhaust it All (vv. 12b-14)
 - i. Press On (v. 12b; cf. also Matt. 5:11; 2 Timothy 3:12)
 - ii. Strain Forward (v. 13b)
 - iii. **Application:** Beloved, are you on a mission to know Jesus and to grow in Jesus?
- c. Motive (v. 12)
 - i. **Application:** Press on, because Christ pressed on for your perfection.

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)

5-12-24	Nursery Schedule		5-19-24
Sunday School	Carling & Elizabeth	Sunday School	Carling & Stephannie
Worship	Jacqui & Bethany	Worship	Carling & Genevieve

Today & Weekly

Today

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

ABF: 9:30am –“Angels, Demons & Spiritual Warfare”

Sunday School: 9:30am

Worship: 10:30am

Weekly

Choir Practice: Mondays, 7pm (childcare is provided.)

Men’s Bible Study: Saturdays, 8am on Reformed Worship

Women’s Bible Study: On break

Mission Team Meeting: 3rd Sunday monthly, 5:30pm (bring your own bagged meal.)

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.

Save the Date: Women's Trail Walk & Breakfast

Women of Cross Creek, please join us on Saturday, May 25, 2024, for a morning trail walk followed by breakfast together. We plan to meet at **9:00am** in the Clark Park parking lot for the trail walk and then head over to Panera on Ramsey Street afterwards for breakfast and fellowship together. Even if you aren't able to or don't want to participate in the trail walk, please still join us for breakfast at **10:30am** at Panera. More details and a sign-up to come! In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to contact Elizabeth Mock at (602) 418-2963 or sothisislove11@yahoo.com.

AGAPE Pregnancy Services

AGAPE is in need of nonperishable foods, especially proteins (canned meats/fish/beans, dry beans, peanut butter, etc.)

Moment for Missions

Dear Partners in ministry,

We apologize for being late with the May Update and Belize Prayer calendar. Anita returned from Belize Saturday afternoon and I returned from Nairobi, Kenya late Saturday night. Anita will give an update on her time in Belize and I will give an update on my time in Belize and Kenya.

Garry and I arrived in Belize together on April 6, with the tasks of leading a small medical team and helping Pam Murray, clinic administrator with clinic board related details. I enjoyed working with our volunteers, Dr. and Mrs. John Dean, Dr. and Mrs. Deny and Scharine with niece, Melissa Katzenmaier and Becca Howell, RN. Becca is an intern with MTW serving at the clinic for several months, lending much needed support for the 2 nurse staff members. Also, it was back to basic cooking, enduring the heat and bugs, hanging laundry on the clothesline, in addition to the jobs they gave me to do with patient care.

God is answering prayer for the Belize churches as I saw churches organizing activities for their youth, children, and an upcoming church 50th anniversary (in Patchakan) they will celebrate in September. I'm thankful for being able to support a dear friend as she faces continued chemotherapy treatment for cancer and another friend as she grieves the loss of her beloved husband. What an answer to prayer when some close friends of ours approached me to report that their "shakey" marriage has brought them closer to the Lord and they are serving in local ministry now! To God be the glory for all He has done in giving us strength and protection to serve Him while in Belize!

I (Garry) spent 10 days in Belize caring for MTW and Clinic government regulatory paperwork, meeting with Presbyterian Church in Belize leadership for planning, and had the privilege to preach at the Patchakan and Calcutta churches. I then flew to Atlanta on the 16th and connected with a group from a supporting church where our son-in-law serves as a pastor to serve at Vijiji Children's Home of Light. Our daughter, Caryann, was a member of the team and I was asked to prepare the teaching lessons for the children and to assist in evaluating the ministry and its future needs. It was a privilege to teach two of the lessons and to see the kids respond to the teaching of God's Word. It was interesting to compare Kenya with Haiti. Many similarities yet many differences as Kenya was an English colony and Haiti a French colony. Also, Kenya has a more ethnically diverse population.

Please continue to pray for Belize. The May Belize Prayer Calendar is on your church's Mission Wall.

Also pray for Haiti as the situation continues to be very unsettled.

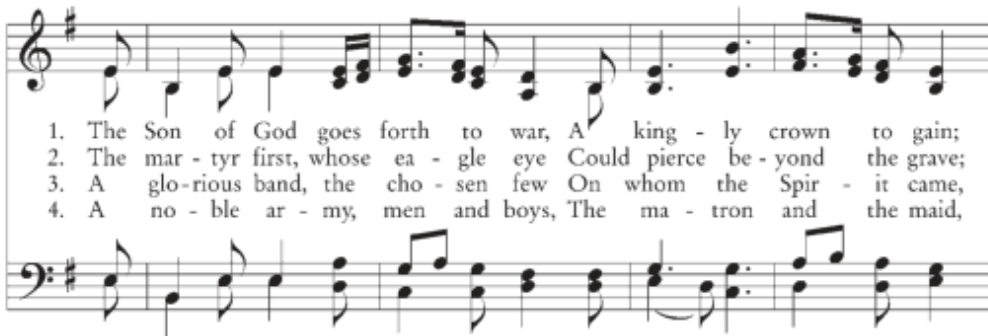
We do appreciate your faithful prayer support and your financial support. Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of MTW throughout the Caribbean!

Garry and Anita Chambers

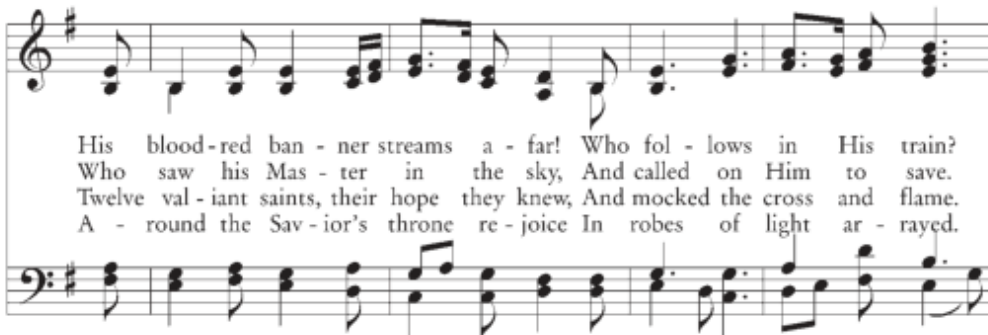
The Son of God Goes Forth to War

GREYOAKS (C.M.D.)
Gregory D. Wilbur, 1994

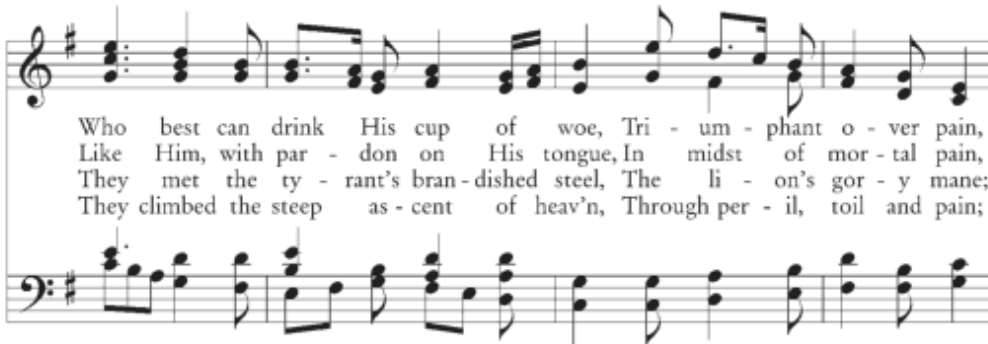
Reginald Heber, 1827



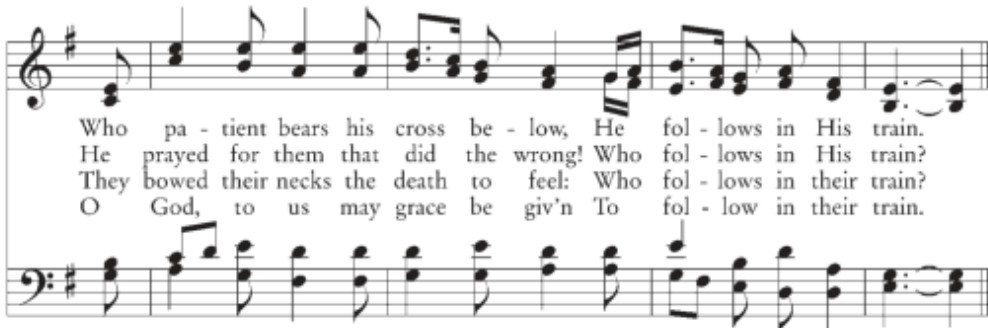
1. The Son of God goes forth to war, A king - ly crown to gain;
2. The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave;
3. A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few On whom the Spir - it came,
4. A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far! Who fol - lows in His train?
Who saw his Mas - ter in the sky, And called on Him to save.
Twelve val - iant saints, their hope they knew, And mocked the cross and flame.
A - round the Sav - ior's throne re - joice In robes of light ar - rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um - phant o - ver pain,
Like Him, with par - don on His tongue, In midst of mor - tal pain,
They met the ty - rant's bran - dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;
They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n, Through per - il, toil and pain;



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low, He fol - lows in His train.
He prayed for them that did the wrong! Who fol - lows in His train?
They bowed their necks the death to feel: Who fol - lows in their train?
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train.

Attention All Homeschool Families!

In recent years, several families at CCPC have participated in our very own Homeschool Co-op. Last year, the Co-op was on a temporary hiatus, but we'd love to start it up again for next year, if there are enough families to participate. That being said, we'd like to gauge what kind of interest there is in starting our Homeschool Co-op again. If you'd be interested in participating in a Homeschool Co-op here at CCPC with other CCPC families, please contact Eleonore Surles as soon as you're able at eleonoresurles@gmail.com or (909) 569-5523. If there's enough interest, then we'd like to start planning for next year as soon as possible!

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