



# 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*

JULY 28, 2024

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Greeting

### Call to Worship

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### Invocation

\* Hymn # 660

\* Hymn Supplement 44

**“O God beyond All Praising”  
“Before the Throne of God Above”**

### Call to Confession

*Hebrews 12:1*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...

### Assurance of Pardon

*Hebrews 12:2-3*

...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

\* Hymn Supplement 75

**“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

### The Living Church

#### Baptism

Henry Fisher Andrews

\* Hymn # 455

**“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”**

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

**Prophets:** *Ezekiel 3:16-27* (Israel's Watchman)

**Gospels:** *John 4:31-42* (Jesus' Food, Our Joy)

**Acts:** *Acts 20:17-38* (A Pastor's Parting Words)

\* **Pastor:** This is the Word of our God.

\* **Congregation:** The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.

\* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

## **Affirmation of Faith** *The Westminster Confession of Faith, 2.3, Trinity in Unity*

**2.3** In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost: the Father is of none, neither begotten, not proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

\* Hymn # 642

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

\* Hymn # 281

**“I Know that My Redeemer Lives—Glory Hallelujah!”**

## **Tithes and Offerings**

\* Hymn # 731

**“The Doxology”**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

\* **Prayer for Illumination**

\* **Sermon Text**

*3 John 1-4, 9-10*

\* **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: “No Greater Joy”**

Rev. Dr. Michael Mock

**Sermon Outline:** Next page

**Prayer for Transformation**

**Lord’s Supper:** Jesus’ Meal of Joy and Unity

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

**“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”**

\* **Benediction**

\* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

\* **Departing Hymn # 386 (first verse)**

**“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”**

God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you,  
with His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

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**Sermon Outline:**

**Sermon Text:** *3 John 1-4, 9-10* “No Greater Joy”

**Our Savior, Jesus the Christ, has no greater joy in the Church than when she is unitedly walking in the truth.**

**1. Unity in the Church (vv. 9-10)**

- a. Exposition
- b. Exaltation of the Self
- c. **Exhortation:** Drive out Diotrefes!
- d. Examples:
  - i. Children
  - ii. Teens
  - iii. Adults
  - iv. Seniors

**2. Joy from the Truth (vv. 1-4)**

- a. Exposition
- b. Exaltation of the Savior
- c. **Exhortation:** Dig into the deep doctrines of Christ.
- d. Examples:
  - i. Children
  - ii. Teens
  - iii. Adults
  - iv. Seniors

## Sermon Notes

7-28-24	Nursery Schedule		8-4-24
Sunday School	Carling & Hannah	Sunday School	Carling & Ciahna
Worship	Eleonore & Stephannie	Worship	Karrie & Layla

Today & Weekly

Today

- Pre-Service Prayer Gathering:** 9:00-9:15am in the Library
- ABF:** 9:30am – “The Sacraments”
- Sunday School:** 9:30am
- Worship:** 10:30am
- Farewell Lunch:** After Service

Weekly

- Choir Practice:** Mondays, 7pm (childcare is provided)
- Men’s Bible Study:** Currently on break. More information is forthcoming.
- Women’s Bible Study:** Thursdays, 10:00-11:30am (childcare is provided)

**Evening Bible Study** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evenings (and 5<sup>th</sup> when applicable) at 6:30pm.

**Farewell Fellowship Lunch for the Mock Family**

Although we are sad to say goodbye to Pastor Mock and his family, we want to show them our love with a cheerful send-off. Please join us for a farewell fellowship lunch immediately following worship today.

**Pastor Search Committee Nominations**

The Session has opened up nominations for the formation of the next Pastor Search Committee. Prayerfully consider whom to nominate, approach the person(s) and inquire into their willingness to serve. If they're willing to serve, then nominate them by emailing the church office or sharing this nomination with one of the Elders. The period of nominations closes on **August 4**.

**Evening Worship: Effective August 4**

The Session has temporarily suspended the call to worship during the regularly scheduled evening worship services. This takes effect in August. As of August, on the first, third (and, when applicable, fifth) Sundays, in the place of the called worship services on these Sundays will be Elder-led evening gatherings: a time of devotion, prayer, and singing. Second and fourth Sundays remain reserved for Covenant Group gatherings.

### **A Word from the Diaconate: In Need of Help?**

As a reminder to our beloved congregation, it is the joyful duty of our Deacons to offer sympathy and service, through the Spirit of Jesus, in helping one another in time of need. The Deacons seek to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church. In the spirit of leading by example, they are available and willing to steward the faithful and generous congregational gifts for the needs of the church. If you have pressing needs or are experiencing current distress that could be relieved by diaconal benevolence, please reach out to a Deacon.

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