



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*

AUGUST 11, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Ps. 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

 praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

 praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

 praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

 praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals;

 praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Invocation

* Hymn # 347

“The Church's One Foundation”

Call to Confession

1 John 1:5-6

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

* Hymn # 499

“Rock of Ages”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Writings: *Isaiah 6:1-8*

Gospels: *Matthew 9:35-38*

* **Leader:** 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, 3.2, Of God's Eternal Decree

3.2 Although God knows whatsoever may or can come to pass upon all supposed conditions, yet hath he not decreed anything because he foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions.

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn # 263

“Lift High The Cross”

Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn # 735

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Prayer for Illumination

* Exhortation Text

Romans 12:1-15

* **Leader:** 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.

Exhortation Title: “Serving to Build the Church”

RE Garry Chambers

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Prayer for Transformation

Lord's Supper

* Eucharistic Hymn # 644

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

* Benediction

* **Departing Hymn # 162** (fifth verse)

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

Exhortation Outline:

Exhortation Text: *Romans 12:1-15* “Serving to Build the Church”

Introduction:

1. Qualifications to be a Servant (vs. 1-2)

- a. We sacrifice our rights! (Colossians 3:1)
- b. How can we do this? (Isaiah 6:1-8)
- c. Be a servant transformed (vs. 7).

2. Be Humble (vs. 3)

- a. Paul tells us to not think more highly of ourselves that we ought to think.
 - i. Apart from Me you can do nothing (John 15:5)
 - ii. Christ worked through the Apostle Paul (I Cor. 15:10)
 - iii. Humility is key (Colossians 3:12-14)

3. Why Differing Gifts? (vs. 4-5)

4. Using our Different Gifts for Building the Church (vs. 6-8)

- a. Prophecy: the Greek word “propheteia”

b. Service: “diakonia”

c. Teaching (Matt. 28:20)

d. Exhorting: “parakiesis” “parakaleo”

e. Giving with generosity

f. Leading

g. Showing mercy with cheerfulness

5. Serving with Agape Love (vs. 9-15)

a. Loving even when people do not deserve it

b. Following Jesus’ example (Matt. 9:35-38)

Conclusion:

Sermon Notes

Reminder: Regarding announcement submissions, etc. Please submit any information you wish to have printed in the worship folder No Later Than noon on Wednesdays.

8-11-24	Nursery Schedule		8-18-24
Sunday School	Carling & Hannah	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Lisa & Emmy	Worship	Katie & Genevieve

Today & Weekly

Today

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

ABF: 9:30am – Caribbean Missions Presentation: Garry & Anita Chambers (Missionaries). Meet in the sanctuary.

Sunday School: 9:30am

Morning Worship: 10:30am

Fellowship Meal: Immediately following worship service – a great time to fellowship with and get to know one of our supported Missionaries.

Weekly

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

Men's Bible Study: Currently on break.

Women's Bible Study: Thursdays, 10:00-11:30am (childcare is provided)

Evening Gatherings: a time of devotion, prayer, and singing, 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings (and 5th when applicable) at 6:30pm. In place of called worship services on these Sundays, there will be Elder-led Evening Gatherings – a time of devotion, prayer, and singing.

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 for nominations has been extended.

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.

Moment for Missions **Garry & Anita Chambers**

Bio: Garry and Anita served in Haiti from 1982-2001 at the Hospital of Light and were involved in maintenance and nursing and also served in church ministry, preaching, teaching, and women's Bible study. The hospital ministry saw hundreds of people come to faith and be integrated into local churches each year. Garry and Anita led a children's ministry which saw many come to faith in Christ. They served in Belize from 2002 to 2017 in clinic ministry, youth ministry, preaching and teaching, and Garry also served as the MTW country director. In January 2015, Garry took the role as the MTW regional director for the Caribbean region, giving oversight and developing MTW ministries throughout the Caribbean. Garry and Anita enjoy teaching, leading marriage seminars, and ministering to MTW missionaries and national partners. Garry is also involved in theological education and church planting, recruitment, planning with national partners, hurricane and earthquake recovery, and planning future MTW ministries. Anita also coordinates short-term medical volunteers serving at the Belize clinic. They covet your prayers that God will build His Church throughout the Caribbean region.

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