



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 4, 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 # 457

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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 # 253

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Writings: *Psalms 32* (Taste and See)

Gospels: *Matthew 13: 1-23* (The Parable of the Sower)

Mark 3:28-30 (Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit)

* **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, 3.1, Of God's Eternal Decree

3.1. God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin; nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

Pastoral Prayer

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

* Hymn # 598

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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

Sermon Series Hebrews: Jesus is Better!

* Sermon Text

Hebrews 5:11-6:12

* **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: “Better Things for Us”

Rev. Ken Godwin

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Prayer for Transformation

Lord’s Supper

* Eucharistic Hymn, Hymn Supplement pg. 75

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

* 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!

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Text: *Hebrews 5:11-6:12* “Better Things for Us”

True Apostasy is a rejection of true faith; biblical faith; faith in Christ alone for salvation.

I. Introduction

II. Main Body

1. Listen – A Chastisement. (ch 5, vv. 11-14)

- a.** Don't be Dull (v. 11)
- b.** Milk, Not Meat (vv. 12 – 14)
- c. Application:** discernment takes work (v. 14)

2. Impossible Restoration – A Strong Warning (ch 6, vv. 1-8)

- a.** Elementary Foundations (ch 6: 1)
 - i.** Repentance and Faith (v. 1)
 - ii.** Washings and Laying on of Hands (v. 2)
 - iii.** Resurrection and Judgement (v. 2)
- b.** Inconceivable! (vv. 4-5)
 - i.** Enlightenment (v. 4)
 - ii.** Taste of Heaven (v. 4)

iii. Share of the Spirit (vs. 4)

iv. Goodness of the Word (vs. 5)

c. Recrucification (vv. 6-8)

Application: the heart of Apostasy is rejecting the finished work of Jesus

3. Better Things – An Encouragement (vv. 9-12)

a. Salvation! (v. 9)

b. Service to the Saints (v. 10)

c. Assurance (v. 11)

d. Imitators, Inheritors (vs. 12)

III. Conclusion and Final Application

8-4-24	Nursery Schedule		8-11-24
Sunday School	Carling & Ciahna	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Karrie & Layla	Worship	Lisa & Emmy

Today & Weekly

Today

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

ABF: 9:30am – “The Sacraments”

Sunday School: 9:30am

Morning Worship: 10:30am

Fellowship Supper: 5:30pm

Evening Gathering: 6:30pm

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.

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.

Evening Gathering: Effective August 4 (Tonight)

The Session has temporarily suspended the call to worship during the regularly scheduled evening worship services. This takes effect tonight. On the first, third (and, when applicable, fifth) Sundays, in place of called worship services on these Sundays there 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.

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

Moment for Missions: Garry & Anita Chambers, Caribbean

Dear Partners in Ministry, August 1, 2024

Greetings from Belize! In just two days, Garry and I will depart Belize after a very fruitful summer of leading 3 teams, assisting at the clinic and finishing administrative responsibilities. We feel privileged to be a part of the Belize culture and ministering alongside of church members and their leaders.

The last team was from Kosciusko, Mississippi. This church has quite a history of supporting the Presbyterian churches in the Yucatan area of Mexico, who came to plant churches in Belize in the late 1950's! Even though it was a small team of 5, they came with enthusiasm and enough support to totally renovate the church roof (from bat infestation) of the Mount Sinai Presbyterian church of Xaibe village. They helped to paint the church and new ceiling fans and lights were installed. One Belizean church member gave testimony that she had had a dream about their church turning into a beautiful place, so transformation took place and now it is known as 'the pretty pink church'. The Belizean church members organized an exciting VBS program with almost 50 local children plus several adults and on the last day children placed their painted handprints on the back of the church sign.

We head back to Florida and will be traveling more in August, visiting a supporting church and seeing our youngest daughter, Rebecca and her family.

Thank you for your faithful support!

Many blessings to you all!

Garry and Anita Chambers



Village VBS
children proudly
displaying their
handprints

VBS at the Mount Sinai
Presbyterian Church

Kosciusko, Miss.
team and Xaibe
church members



(Please see the Chambers' Prayer Calendar on our Mission Wall.)

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