



**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*

**NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Greeting

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 92:1-4*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

## Invocation

### \* Hymn # 358

**“For All the Saints”**

## Call to Confession

*Hebrews 2:1-3a*

Therefore, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

## Assurance of Pardon

*Hebrews 6:19-20*

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

### \* Hymn # 520

**“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”**

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

**Law:** *Genesis 14:17-20* (Abraham Blessed by Melchizedek)

**Epistles:** *Hebrews 5:1-10* (Jesus the Great High Priest)

\* **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, 5.6, Of Providence***

**5.6** As for those wicked and ungodly men whom God, as a righteous Judge, for former sins, doth blind and harden, from them he not only withholdeth his grace whereby they might have been enlightened in their understandings, and wrought upon in their hearts; but sometimes also withdraweth the gifts which they had, and exposeth them to such objects as their corruption makes occasions of sin; and, withal, gives them over to their own lusts, the temptations of the world, and the power of Satan, whereby it comes to pass that they harden themselves, even under those means which God useth for the softening of others.

## Pastoral Prayer

\* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

\* Hymn # 320

“Rejoice, All Ye Believers”

## Tithes and Offerings

\* Hymn Response # 434 (1<sup>st</sup> stanza only)

“Lord, Thou Lov’st the Cheerful Giver”

Lord, Thou lov’st the cheerful giver, who with open heart and hand

Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.

Grant us then the grace of giving with a spirit large and free,

That our life and all our living we may consecrate to Thee.

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* Prayer for Illumination

## Sermon Series: Hebrews, Jesus is Better

\* Sermon Text

*Hebrews 7:1-10*

\* **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.

**Sermon Title: “Melchizedek, A ‘Better’ Priest”**

TE Ken Godwin

**Sermon Outline:** Next page

**Prayer for Transformation**

**Lord’s Supper**

\* Eucharistic Hymn # 649

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

\* Benediction

\* Departing Hymn, # 737

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;

For on the holy Cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.

Christ, we do all adore Thee.

## Sermon Outline:

**Sermon Text:** *Hebrews 7:1-10, Genesis 14:17-20*

“Melchizedek, a ‘Better’ Priest”

**Main Point:** Melchizedek is a “better” priest than even the Levite priesthood established in the law of Moses. And this mysterious priest prefigured the “better” priest of the New Covenant.

## Introduction

## Main Body

### 1. What happened? (*Genesis 14*)

a. A rescue

b. A tribute

Application: tithe?

c. A Blessing

### 2. Who is Melchizedek?

a. A priest

b. A king

c. A Yahwehist

d. No lineage

### 3. What is his significance?

a. He is greater (than Abraham and Levi)

b. He is a “blessor” (of Abraham and his descendants)

Application: federal headship and the significance of blessing

## Conclusion and Final Application

Christophany?

Salvation history and providence

Application: Melchizedek – mysterious and rich imagery of reality to come (highlighted by an inspired writer)

11-17-24	Nursery Schedule		11-24-24
Sunday School	Carling & Hannah	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Karrie & Genevieve	Worship	Conor & Carling

### Today & Weekly

#### Today

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

**ABF:** 9:30am

**Sunday School:** 9:30am

**Morning Worship:** 10:30am

#### Weekly

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

**Men's Bible Study:** Saturdays, 8am on the book of Acts (If any man has questions, he can reach out to Joseph Westendorf at joseph.westendorf@protonmail.com or Paul Meloche pmmeloche30@gmail.com.)

**Women's Bible Study:** Thursdays, 10:00-11:30am at the church AND 6:30pm at Heidi Richardson's home

**Teen Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 6:00 pm at the Godwin home (Covenantal Structure of Scripture) Please contact Sarah (803) 760-6527 or Ken Godwin at (803) 760-3327 with any questions.

**Mission Team Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday monthly, 5:30pm

**Evening Gatherings:** a time of devotion, prayer, and singing, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evenings (and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

<p><b>Reminder: Regarding announcement submissions, etc. Please submit any information you wish to have printed in the worship folder No Later Than noon on Wednesdays.</b></p>
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## Women's Christmas Tea

**Save-the-Date for the Women's Christmas Tea Saturday, December 7th @ 6:30 pm.** This event includes a time of precious fellowship over tea and refreshments, a Christmas treat contest, a time of worship and a devotion. If you have any tea pots, teacups, and saucers that you can loan for use in this event, please contact Jodie Sheets (561) 236-6062 and bring them to the church by Friday, December 6th.

## Join a Covenant Group

The Session would like to invite members and regular attendees to join a covenant group. Covenant groups are an intentional outworking of community in a healthy church, where we agree to commune with each other, disciple one another, and serve each other sacrificially, prayerfully, and charitably. If you would like to join a group, you can now register online at **[crosscreekpca.org/community/covenant-groups/](https://crosscreekpca.org/community/covenant-groups/)**. Please speak to an elder if you have any questions or want more information.

## A Word from the Diaconate:

### MNA Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief

Communications from Steve Jessen MNA Disaster Coordinator: (The CCPC Session will be discussing our support)

Thank you all for your prayers and for the many offers to help. It will take some time to assess the needs and to establish work camps for folks to come to serve. I will keep you posted as we make those arrangements.

### How you can be involved:

**Give:** One important need we have right now is funding to support our efforts to bring the hope of Jesus to those in need after this storm. If you or your church would like to donate to the Hurricane Helene fund here is the link: **<https://give.pcamna.org/to/mna-disaster-response-2024-hurricane-helene-relief/>**

**Go:** When we have work sites set up to house and provide for volunteers, we will encourage churches to put together teams to come serve. To volunteer go to:

**<https://resources.pcamna.org/resource/how-to-volunteer-with-mna-disaster-response/>**

### Pray:

1. For wisdom and direction as I meet with churches in the Calvary Presbytery in the Greenville/Spartanburg area and the Highlands Presbytery of Western North Carolina to know how we can best help the churches minister to their communities in the aftermath of this storm.
2. For guidance to know where to set up base camps and how to best organize and prioritize the ministry opportunities that we will have in the coming days/weeks/months.
3. For understanding of how to best utilize, manage, and provide for the folks who will be signing up to serve in these areas.

4. I have a specific request for my truck. It was in the shop last week, but the problem was not resolved because they couldn't get the part before I left. It's on "borrowed" time until I can get the part installed.

5. Most importantly, pray that God would use our ministry to bring the love and hope of Jesus to so many who have suffered loss.

### Operation Christmas Child

It's time to pack those Shoeboxes! We will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. While it's a little late, we intend to make the most of it! The Operation Christmas Child Boxing partners with Samaritan's Purse to send shoeboxes with gifts to children along with the message of the Gospel around the world at Christmas. We will be collecting items through November 23<sup>rd</sup> to fill these boxes. Alternately you can drop off items during church office hours. Put your shoeboxes (and your check for \$10 per box to cover costs) under the Operation Christmas Child display table (red tablecloth) near the office door. On Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have a shoebox packing event at the church at 6:30 pm. Bring any items you want to place in your box and some to share, and please bring a dessert or finger food as well. You can pick up shoeboxes any time. We will collect boxes through November 24<sup>th</sup>. For any questions, contact the Missions committee chairman, Joseph Westendorf at (732) 484-2026 or [joseph.westendorf@protonmail.com](mailto:joseph.westendorf@protonmail.com)

Put your shoeboxes under the Operation Christmas Child display table (red tablecloth) near the office door.

Each week will have a particular focus of items to bring:

Week 1 (10/27): Socks, shirts, wash cloths.

Week 2 (11/3): Toothbrushes, hair items like hair ties and brushes, reusable plastic items for eating/washing, stuffed animals

Week 3 (11/10): Band-aids/first aid items, diapers 2-4 years and underwear 5 +

Week 4 (11/17): Arts and crafts items (non-liquid), tote bags/items to carry things.

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#### WE SUPPORT

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**LOCAL MINISTRIES:** AGAPE Pregnancy Center and Operation Inasmuch