



**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 3, 2024**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Greeting

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 145:1-3,21*

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

## Invocation

### \* Hymn # 115

**“All Creatures of our God and King”**

### Call to Confession

*Ephesians 2:1-3*

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

### Assurance of Pardon

*Ephesians 1:7-10*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making know to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

### \* Hymn, Hymn Supplement pg. 1

**“In Christ Alone”**

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

**Law:** *Exodus 33:12-34:9* (God's Glory in Mercy and Salvation)

**Writings:** *Psalm 145* (The Greatness of God's Glory)

**Prophecy:** *Revelation 4* (The Beauty of God's Glory)

\* **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, 5.4, Of Providence***

**5.4** The almighty power, unsearchable wisdom, and infinite goodness of God so far manifest themselves in his providence, that it extendeth itself even to the first fall, and all other sins of angels and men; and that not by a bare permission, but such as hath joined with it a most wise and powerful bounding, and otherwise ordering, and governing of them, in a manifold dispensation, to his own holy ends; yet so, as the sinfulness thereof proceedeth only from the creature, and not from God, who, being most holy and righteous, neither is nor can be the author or approver of sin.

\* **Indicates Please Stand if Able**

## Pastoral Prayer

\* Hymn, # 92

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

## Tithes and Offerings

\* Hymn # 729

“All Things Are Thine”

All things are Thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee;  
And hence with grateful hearts today, Thine own before Thy feet we lay.

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* Prayer for Illumination

## Sermon Series: 5 Solas

\* Sermon Text

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

\* **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: “Soli Deo Gloria (To the Glory of God Alone)”**

TE Ben Hoemann

**Sermon Outline:** Next Page

**Prayer for Transformation**

**Lord’s Supper**

\* Eucharistic Hymn, # 524

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

\* Benediction

\* **Departing Hymn, Hymn Supplement pg. 34**

“May the Peace”

May the peace of God our Heavenly Father and the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love.  
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign, from the depths of earth to the heights of Heaven;  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain – Christ eternal the King of Kings!

## **Sermon Outline:**

**Sermon Text:** *Ephesians 1:3-14* “Soli Deo Gloria (To the Glory of God Alone)”

**Main Idea:** *We glorify God by enjoying and expressing the gospel of salvation in Christ alone.*

### **1. Decision: God’s Good Pleasure (vv. 3-6)**

- a. The Free Will and Pleasure of God

### **2. Design: Centrality of Christ (vv. 6-10)**

- a. Trinitarian
- b. Solus Christus

### **3. Denouement: God’s Glorious Grace (11-13)**

- a. Monergism of Grace
- b. Glorious Inheritance

## **Application**

- a. Coram Deo
  
  
- b. Guaranteed Inheritance

## Sermon Notes

11-3-24	Nursery Schedule		11-10-24
Sunday School	Carling & Hannah	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Heidi & Eleonore	Worship	Katie & Molly

### 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:** 3rd 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.

### Daylight Saving Time:

Daylight Saving Time ended this morning, so if you forgot, set your clocks back 1 hour when you Get home. (Spring Forward/**Fall Back**)

### Mock Farewell Gift

The mat for the Mock Farewell Picture is currently in the Narthex. If you haven't had a chance to write a note and sign it, please do so, so it can be sent soon.

<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 Ministry Team (WMT) Announcements:**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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: 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.

### **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