



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

DECEMBER 1, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 57:9-11

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Invocation

* Hymn # 715

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Call to Confession

Psalm 25:11

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

* Hymn # 455

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

Law: *Exodus 26: 1-6, 30-37* (Instructions for Building the Tabernacle)

Prophets: *Jeremiah 33: 14-16* (The New Covenant)

Gospels: *John 1: 1-14* (Jesus Tabernacled Among Us)

* **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, 6.1, Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment Thereof

6.1 Our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan, sinned, in eating the forbidden fruit. This their sin, God was pleased, according to his wise and holy counsel, to permit, having purposed to order it to his own glory.

Pastoral Prayer

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

* Hymn # 194

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn Response # 677 (vv 1, 3)

“Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!”

Praise the Savior, ye who know Him! Who can tell how much we owe Him?

Gladly let us render to Him all we are and have.

Trust in Him, ye saints, forever; He is faithful, changing never;

Neither force nor guile can sever those He loves from Him.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Series: Hebrews/Advent

* Sermon Text

Hebrews 8:1-13

* 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: “Longing for the New (Superior) Covenant”

TE Ken Godwin

Sermon Outline: Next page

Prayer for Transformation

Lord’s Supper

* Eucharistic Hymn # 196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

* Benediction

* Departing Hymn, # 208 (Refrain only)

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him.

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Text: *Hebrews 8:1-13*

“Longing for the New (Superior) Covenant”

Main Point: Jesus Came to Initiate the New Covenant

Introduction

Main Body

1. A new Tent

2. A New Covenant Prophesied

4 Features:

I. Immutable

II. Interior Piety

III. Immediate Knowledge

IV. Iniquity Forgiven

3. 3. An Obsolete Old Covenant

Conclusion and Final Application

Sermon Notes:

12-1-24	Nursery Schedule		12-8-24
Sunday School	Carling & Hannah	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Will & Leigh	Worship	Maggie & Layla

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: 1st & 3rd 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, 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.

Christmas Hymn Sing

There will be a Christmas Hymn Sing on Saturday, Dec. 14th at 6:00pm. We will sing our favorite Christmas Hymns out of the red Trinity Hymnal. Please bring a finger-food or dessert to share afterward. There will be hot Cocoa and Wassail (aka hot spiced cider).

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

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.

Angel Tree

"Sandhills Salvation Army Angel Tree Program: Deadline to fulfill wishes is Sunday, December 8th.

This Christmas season, Cross Creek Presbyterian is partnering with the Salvation Army of Sandhills to make a difference in the lives of local children and seniors through the Angel Tree program. Applicants to the Angel Tree program are children or seniors from our own local communities of Cumberland, Robeson, Harnet, Hoke, and Scotland Counties. Help us fulfill a handful of Angel Tree wishes by completing the online sign-up found at crosscreekpca.org/missions.

Then purchase and bring your selected items to the church by Sunday, December 8th. Items may be brought to the church office during the work week or on Sunday 12/1 and 12/8 to the church library following the morning worship service. Items must be new, unwrapped items, and labeled with their coordinating wish number. Donations cannot include food or candy.

For any questions or concerns please contact Eleonore Surles, eleonoresurles@gmail.com.

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/. Please speak to an elder if you have any questions or want more information.

Meet Our New Interim Pastor

On Sunday, December 8th we will be hosting *Walt and Susan Coppersmith* and having a "pot-providence" luncheon immediately following the morning service. Please take this opportunity to meet our prospective new interim pastor and his spouse and bring food to share. If you are not able to bring food, you are still welcome to attend.

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.

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