



# 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 15, 2024

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Greeting

**Advent Reading: Shepherd's Candle** – Michael & Maggie Lopez and Family

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 95: 6-7a*

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

## Invocation

### \* Hymn # 2

**“Oh Worship the King”**

## Call to Confession

*Matthew 5:21-22*

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.”

## Assurance of Pardon

*Psalm 32:1-2*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

### \* Hymn # 604

**“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”**

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

**Prophets:** *Isaiah 50:4-11* (Isaiah's Fourth Servant Song)

**Epistles:** *Revelation 22:13-14* (Jesus, the Alpha and Omega)

\* **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, 6.3, Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment Thereof***

**6.3** They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed; and the same death in sin, and corrupted nature, conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation.

## Pastoral Prayer

\* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

\* Hymn # 197

**“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”**

## 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: Advent

\* Sermon Text

*Luke 24:1-27; Matthew 20:25-28*

\* **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: “Christ is Central”**

TE Andrew Martin

**Sermon Outline:** Next page

**Prayer for Transformation**

**Lord’s Supper**

\* Eucharistic Hymn # 162

**“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”**

\* 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:** *Luke 24:1-27; Matthew 20:25-28* “Christ is Central”

**Main Point:** Christ is Central to Scripture and to the Christian Life

**Introduction**

**Jesus Christ is:**

1. Central to Scripture

2. Central to the Christian Life

## Sermon Notes:

12-15-24	Nursery Schedule		12-22-24
Sunday School	Carling & Hannah	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Keith & Joan	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:** On break until February.

**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.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Tuesday, December 24 at 6:30pm

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

### **Congregation Picture Board**

Leah Rimmer has agreed to take pictures for updating the Congregation Picture Board. Please speak with her to arrange pictures.

### **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.

### **Session News**

Our church leadership has asked Flourish Coaching to help us with a Church Health Assessment. Romans 12:2 says that Christians should be transformed by renewing their mind according to the will of Christ. The Assessment helps us see who we are, where we are, and where we need to go next to be on mission with Jesus. Over the next several weeks, Flourish will be engaging with us through surveys, and some select in-person interviews so be on the lookout for further communication about how you can be a part of this work. Additionally, there is a handout in the church foyer that may answer questions you may have about this process.

### **A Word from the Diaconate:**

#### **MNA Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief**

Please continue to pray for those affected by Hurricane Helene and the ongoing relief efforts. If you would like to give to this effort you can: *place a designated offering in the plate today*, or go to **<https://give.pcamna.org/to/mna-disaster-response-2024-hurricane-helene-relief/>**. Also, you can volunteer at: **<https://resources.pcamna.org/resource/how-to-volunteer-with-mna-disaster-response/>**

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