



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 22, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Advent Reading: Presentation/Angel's Candle – Tim & Claire Bailey

Call to Worship

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

Invocation

*** Hymn # 207**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Call to Confession

Romans 3:19-20

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 3:21-22

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction.

*** Hymn # 194**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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

OT Reading(s): *Genesis 1:26-31 (Man in Perfect Fellowship with God)*

: Hosea 4:1-3 (Fellowship with God Broken by Sin)

NT Reading: *Revelation 21:1-8 (Fellowship with God Restored by Christ's Blood)*

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

6.4 From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions.

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn # 162

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

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

Colossians 1:19-23

* **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: “Cur Adventus”

RE Conor Aubry

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: *Colossians 1:19-23*

“Cur Adventus”

Main Point: The Second Person of the Trinity took on flesh to restore sinners into perfect fellowship with Him.

Introduction

1. Perfect Fellowship

- a. What Adam and Eve were created for

2. Broken Fellowship

- a. Due to sin
- b. Humanly Irreconcilable(?)
- c. Application:
 - i. Thou art the man

3. Reconciled Fellowship

- a. Christ the Reconciler
- b. Christ the God-Man
- c. Christ the Sustainer
- d. Application:
 - i. Don't Wait

Sermon Notes:

12-22-24	Nursery Schedule		12-29-24
Sunday School	Carling & Hannah	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Conor & Carling	Worship	Jodie & Ciahma

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: 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 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

Leigh 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/. 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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