



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 8, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Advent Reading: Bethlehem Candle, Luke & Anne Heibel & Family

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 # 16 (verses 1-4)**

“Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord”

Call to Confession

Psalm 28:1-2

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 28:6-9

Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

*** Hymn # 108**

“Whate'er My God Ordains is Right”

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

OT: *Psalm 50:1-6* (God comes to judge His people)

Prophets: *Isaiah 40:1-11* (God speaks comfort to His people)

NT: *Hebrews 11:1-7* (God gives His righteousness to His people by faith)

*** 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.

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.2, Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment Thereof

6.2 By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the parts and faculties of soul and body.

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn # 335

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

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

Isaiah 42:1-9

* Leader: This is the Word of our God

* Congregation: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.

Sermon Title: “Behold, My Servant”

TE Walt Coppersmith

Sermon Outline: Next page

Prayer for Transformation

Lord's Supper

* Eucharistic Hymn # 195

“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come”

* 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: *Isaiah 42:1-9* “Behold, My Servant”

Main Point: The Advent of God in the Promised Servant of the Lord

Introduction

Main Body

I. The Character of the Servant

II. The Calling of the Servant

III. The Coming of the Servant

Sermon Notes:

12-8-24	Nursery Schedule		12-15-24
Sunday School	Carling & Hannah	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Maggie & Layla	Worship	Keith & Joan

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.

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

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).

Meet Our New Interim Pastor

Today we will be hosting Walt and Barbara Coppersmith and having a "pot-providence" luncheon immediately following the 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.

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**.

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/**. 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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