



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

JANUARY 5, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-7

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

Invocation

* Hymn # 4

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-5

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. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:6-7

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah*

* Hymn # 131

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

OT Reading: *Deuteronomy 30:1-20* (Repentance and Forgiveness)

NT Reading: *Acts 16:6-15* (The Macedonian Call)

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

6.6 Every sin, both original and actual, being a transgression of the righteous law of God, and contrary thereunto, doth, in its own nature, bring guilt upon the sinner, whereby he is bound over to the wrath of God, and curse of the law, and so made subject to death, with all miseries spiritual, temporal, and eternal.

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn # 352

“Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore”

Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn Response # 115 (Tune of)

“O God, Omnipotent and Wise”

O God, omnipotent and wise,
We bring to You our gifts and tithes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We bring not only gifts and tithes,
We also bring to You our lives.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May Your will be done within us.
Alleluia!

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Prayer for Illumination

* Sermon Text

Nehemiah 1:1-11

* **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: “When God Orchestrates Change.”

TE Walt Coppersmith

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Prayer for Transformation

Lord's Supper

* Eucharistic Hymn # 486

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

* Benediction

* Departing Hymn, # 735

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, amen, amen.

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Text: *Nehemiah 1:1-11* “When God Orchestrates Change.”

Main Point: God Initiates Change to Bless His People.

Introduction

1. The Calling of God.

2. The Promise of God.

3. The Favor of God.

Application

Sermon Notes:

1-5-25	Nursery Schedule		1-12-25
Sunday School	Carling & Hannah	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Lisa & Emmy	Worship	Heidi & Eleonore

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

Evening Gathering: 6:30pm

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.

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/>**

Moment For Missions: Garry & Anita Chambers, Caribbean

Dear Partner's in ministry,

Happy New Year! We trust you had a blessed Christmas. We enjoyed Christmas with our oldest daughter and her family and celebrated New Years with Haitian friends at their local Haitian church.

As we think back over the joys and difficulties of 2024 and as we ponder what 2025 has in store for us, we have a firm foundation in our God and Savior. Isaiah 46:9-11 says, "... for I am, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it."

We serve a sovereign God who is in control of all things, even the birds! He has declared the end from the beginning, He will bring His will to pass, and no power in all creation can cause His plan to fail. So, we begin a New Year confident and with peace because we know this sovereign God loves us and will use us to build His Church in the coming year. Let us have great expectations in what our God will do in 2025!

As we look forward to 2025, we will be traveling to Belize January 24- February 1 for a presbytery meeting and other meetings with the Belize church leadership, along with ministry administrative items with various ministries in Belize. We are thankful for answered prayer, as Doctor Maria Rodriguez will begin working at the clinic on January 4th and will become the medical officer on February 1st when Dr. Boden leaves. We are so thankful for Dr. Boden's eight years of service at the clinic. Please be praying for him as he transitions to private practice.

Other trips on the calendar for 2025 include a trip to Nassau, February 26-March 2, and an April trip to Medellin, Columbia for an MTW America's leadership conference. Please pray for our travels.

As 2024 comes to an end, we want to share our appreciation for your faithful partnership in the ministry God has called us to. Your faithful financial giving reminds us of God's faithfulness to supply all our needs. We especially appreciate the faithful prayer support that sustains us in the ministry. Thank you!

Our prayer is that God will bless you and use you for the building of His Church in 2025.

Happy New Year!

Garry and Anita

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