

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Rord our Maker!

For He is our God! - Esalm 95:67a

FEBRUARY 23, 2025



**Welcome to Cross Creek PCA** – we are glad you have joined us today for worship! If you are visiting with us, would you be so kind as to fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate. We want to acknowledge your presence with us and get to know you better.

Cross Creek is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) – faithful to the scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission. The Elders invite all those who profess faith in Jesus Christ, are members in good standing of a Bible-believing church, and are in a right relationship with God and fellow Christians to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us.

#### **This Week at Cross Creek**

<sub>Day</sub> Sunday	Time After	Event Covenant Group	Location Ameredes Home	Childcare No	Contact Harry Ameredes
Monday	service 7:00PM	The Sacred Bond pgs. 1-24 Choir Practice	CCPC Sanctuary	Yes	910.916.6300 Greta Harrison 865.387.2057
Thursday	10:00AM	Women's Bible Study The Gospel of John	CCPC Library	Yes	Eleonore Surles 909.569.5523
Thursday	6:00PM	Women's Bible Study The Gospel of John	Richardson Home	No	Eleonore Surles 909.569.5523
Thursday	6:00PM	Teen Group  Apologetics	Godwin Home	No	Sarah Godwin 803.760.6527
Saturday	8:00AM	Men's Bible Study A Proverbs Driven Life	CCPC Library	No	Joseph Westendorf 732.484.2026 OR Paul Meloche 208.921.1770

## **Serving the Saints**

Nursery (Sunday School) Nursery (Worship) Greeting Worship Elders Accompanist This Week 2-23-25
Carling & Hannah
Carling & Ciahna
Brad Bennett
Harry Ameredes & Ken Godwin
Sarah Godwin

Next Week 3-2-25
Carling & Hannah
Jodie & Genevieve
Brad Bennett
Harry Ameredes & Conor Aubry
Sarah Godwin

## **Order of Worship**

### Greeting

Call to Worship Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

#### Invocation

\* Hymn of Adoration # 44

"How Great Thou Art"

Call to Confession

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 33:18-22

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

\* Hymn of Affirmation # 170

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

# \* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

**OT:** *Isaiah 44:6-8, 21-28* **NT:** *Philippians 2:1-11* 

\* Leader: This is the Word of our God

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

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates Please Stand if Able

**Affirmation of Faith**The Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.1, Of Christ the Mediator 8.1. It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Tithes and Offerings**

\* Hymn Response # 729

"All Things Are Thine"

All things are Thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee; And hence with grateful hearts today, Thine own before Thy feet we lay.

- \* Prayer of Thanksgiving
- \* Hymn for Illumination # 146

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

- \* Sermon Text Colossians 1:15-20
- \* 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 Series: "Colossians—United in Christ"

Sermon Title: "The Preeminence of Christ"

TE Walt Coppersmith

### **Prayer for Transformation**

**Lord's Supper** (Please note: The purple cups in the outer ring contain wine and the clear cups in the inner rings contain juice; bread is beneath each cup.)

\*Hymn of Faith, Hymn Supplement pg. 1

"In Christ Alone"

\* Benediction

\* **Departing Hymn, # 386** (1st Stanza)

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

# **Sermon Notes:**

**Sermon Text:** Colossians 1:15-20

Sermon Title: "The Preeminence of Christ"						
Theme:						
Introduction						
A. Christ's relationship to Creation						
B. Christ's relationship to the Church						
C. Christ's relationship to God						
Conclusion and Final Application						
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### **Announcements**

**Congregation Picture Board** Leigh Rimmer has agreed to take pictures for updating the Congregation Picture Board—she will be taking updated pictures through the end of April. Please speak with her ahead of time to arrange to have your picture taken 601.497.0200.

**Covenant Group** The Elders would like to encourage members and regular attendees to join a Covenant Group. Covenant Groups are an intentional outworking of community in a healthy church. It is these groups where we really get to know one another, 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.

#### 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/

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

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