



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

FEBRUARY 9, 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.

Cross Creek is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America – *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.

2-9-25	Nursery Schedule		2-16-25
Sunday School	Carling & Hannah	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Heidi & Doauh	Worship	Karrie & Layla

Today & Weekly

Today

- Pre-Service Prayer Gathering:** 9:00-9:15am in the Library
- Adult Bible Fellowship & Children’s Sunday School:** 9:30am
- Morning Worship:** 10:30am

Weekly

- Choir Practice:** Mondays, 7pm (childcare is provided)
- Men’s Bible Study:** Saturdays, 8am using the book *A Proverbs Driven Life*; you can still join! (If any man has questions, he can reach out to Joseph Westendorf at joseph.westendorf@protonmail.com or Paul Meloche at pmmeloche30@gmail.com.)
- Women’s Bible Study:** Thursdays, 10am at church & 6pm at the Richardson home See back pages for more info. (It’s not too late to join!)
- Teen Group:** 2nd & 4th 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.

Please see back pages for more announcements and information

Order of Worship

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Invocation

* Hymn # 12

“Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:37-40

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Assurance of Pardon

Acts 10:43

“To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

* Hymn # 520

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

* Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:

OT: *Isaiah 41:1, 8-14*

NT: *1 Thess. 1:2-10*

* **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, 7.5, Of God's Covenant with Man

7.5 This covenant was differently administered in the time of the law, and in the time of the gospel: under the law, it was administered by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the paschal lamb, and other types and ordinances delivered to the people of the Jews, all foreshadowing Christ to come; which were, for that time, sufficient and efficacious, through the operation of the Spirit, to instruct and build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah, by whom they had full remission of sins, and eternal salvation; and is called the old testament.

** Indicates Please Stand if Able*

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn Supplement pg. 16

“Speak, O Lord”

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

* Prayer for Illumination

*Sermon Series: “Colossians”

* Sermon Text

Colossians 1:3-8

* **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: "Gospel Essentials"

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.)

The Living Church:

Reception of New Members

Jaco and Amber (Jack) Englesma
Catherine Kirk

* Eucharistic Hymn, # 359

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

* 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 1:3-8*

Sermon Title: “Gospel Essentials”

Theme:

Introduction

A. Gospel Root

B. Gospel Fruit

C. Gospel Truth

Conclusion and Final Application:

Announcements

Church Office

The church office will be minimally staffed Feb. 10-20, and closed Feb. 17. You may contact Pastor Coppersmith directly at (412) 656-0599 or if you have a pressing need, contact one of the Deacons or Elders (their phone numbers are on the back pg. of the worship folder). If you know in advance that you will have an announcement for the worship folder for Feb. 16 or 23, please submit it to the office as early as possible weekly, as folders will be printed early each Thursday morning.

Session News: Congregational Survey

Cross Creekers,

The Congregational Survey that is part of our Church Health assessment has gone out to everyone with an email on our list of congregants. Please take time to fill this out as soon as you can so Flourish can help us move forward in the process of calling a permanent pastor. Your feedback is valuable for determining the way forward. If you have any questions about this survey and how it fits in with the process, don't hesitate to ask our transitional pastor, Walt Coppersmith, or one of the elders. Thank you in advance for your feedback!

Spring Women's Bible Study

Spring Women's Bible Study began Thursday, Feb 6th. Choose from a morning study at 10am located at the church or an evening option at 6pm located at the Richardsons' home. We will cover the gospel of John using the *Core Christianity* Bible Study Resources. Meetings will be held through April 10th. Childcare will be offered during the 10am study for up to age 6. Older children are welcome to bring schoolwork or an activity to do independently in a classroom next to the Bible Study. Participants can sign up in the narthex or by visiting crosscreekpca.org/events/spring-womens-bible-study. If you would like to participate in the study, but can't attend in-person, please register anyways so that you can have the book and follow along on your own. Please contact Eleonore Surles for any other questions or concerns, 909.569.5523 or eleonoresurles@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Moment for Missions: Garry & Anita Chambers, Caribbean Region

Dear Partners in Ministry,

We returned home from Belize the evening of Feb. 1, tired but glad for a productive trip. You can read more about it on the Chambers Update on your church Missions Wall. Also, please see the Belize Prayer Calendar. Thank you for your faithful prayer support for the ministry in Belize and also in the Caribbean. Next month we are going to change the calendar to The Belize and Caribbean Prayer Calendar to include requests for the entire Caribbean Region.

This month Garry will be helping with MTW's assessment process for a group of 32 candidates who desire to serve as MTW missionaries. Praise God for calling people to serve with MTW and pray for wisdom as they are assessed as it is determined whether they are ready for missionary service or not.

The end of February we head to Nassua (more details are in the update). Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

Garry and Anita

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