



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

MARCH 16, 2025



Welcome to Cross Creek – 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.

Regularly Scheduled Events

Day	Time	Event	Location	Childcare	Contact
Thursdays (2 nd)	9:00AM	Women’s Ministry Team Meeting	CCPC Library	Yes	Leigh Rimmer leigh.sarrett@gmail.com
Thursdays	10:00AM	Women’s Bible Study <i>The Gospel of John</i>	CCPC Library	Yes	Eleonore Surles 909.569.5523
Thursdays	6:00PM	Women’s Bible Study <i>The Gospel of John</i>	Richardson Home	No	Eleonore Surles 909.569.5523
Thursdays (2 nd & 4 th)	6:00PM	Teen Group <i>Apologetics</i>	Godwin Home	No	Sarah Godwin 803.760.6527
Saturdays	8:00AM	Men’s Bible Study <i>A Proverbs Driven Life</i>	CCPC Library	No	Joseph Westendorf 732.484.2026 OR Paul Meloche 208.921.1770

Serving the Saints

Nursery (Sunday School)	This Week 3-16-25	Next Week 3-23-25
Nursery (Worship)	Carling & Hannah	Carling & Hannah
Greeting	Leigh & Eleonore	Heidi & Doauh
Worship Elders	Brad Bennett & Janet Rose	Brad Bennett & Janet Rose
Accompaniment	Steve Bennett & Ken Godwin	Conor Aubry & Harry Ameredes
	Sarah Godwin	

Order of Worship

Greeting

Call to Worship

Matt. 11:28-29

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration # 38

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Call to Confession

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Tim 1:15-16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

* Hymn of Affirmation # 693

“Blessed Assurance”

* Scripture Readings:

OT: *Proverbs 3:13-20*

NT: *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

* **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, 8.4, Of Christ the Mediator

8.4. This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake; which that he might discharge, he was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it; endured most grievous torments immediately in his soul, and most painful sufferings in his body; was crucified, and died, was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day he arose from the dead, with the same body in which he suffered, with which also he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth at the right hand of his Father, making intercession, and shall return, to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn Response # 125 (Verse 1)

“Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o’er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
‘til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn for Illumination # 700

“Come We That Love the Lord”

* Sermon Text

Colossians 1:29-2:5

* **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: "A Worthy Struggle"

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. 18

“O Church Arise”

* Benediction

* Departing Hymn, # 740

“Threefold Amen”

Amen, amen, amen.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Text: *Colossians 1:29-2:5*

Sermon Title: “A Worthy Struggle”

Theme: The Outworking of the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

I. Spiritual Empowerment

II. Spiritual Enrichment

III. Spiritual Endurance

Conclusion and Final Application

Announcements

Data Analyst Needed: As part of our church's commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission, our presbytery has paid for Cross Creek to have access to a proprietary Mission Insite website that provides helpful demographic and spiritual interest information about the people that live in our region. We are in need of a least one person who is computer savvy and enjoys analyzing data and using the software to create charts, graphs, tables etc. for use by the Session in its contract with Flourish Coaching. If you have these abilities and are willing to serve in this way, please speak to Pastor Walt. Thanks!

Don't Eat Alone on Easter Sunday: During this special time of year, we would like to gather and share a meal on Sunday, April 20, 2025. This invitation is open for anyone in our church family and any invited guests. But in order to prepare for such a time together we need people to help plan for such a gathering. If you have gifts of hospitality, creativity, organization, or just want to help out in some way, your service is needed and appreciated. Please speak to Barbara Coppersmith at 724.256.9777 or 3coppersmiths@gmail.com of your interest. Thank you!

Women's Ministry Team:

Bridal Shower, Saturday April 5th, 10am-12pm

The Women's Ministry Team invites all ladies and older girls to a Bridal Shower honoring Douah Coulibaly. Please RSVP in the narthex or online at crosscreekpca.org/events/douah-bridalshower. Please bring a Bruch Item to share. Contact Eleonore Surles if you have any questions, eleonoresurles@gmail.com.

Combined Baby Shower, Saturday April 26th, 10am-12pm

The Women's Ministry Team invites all ladies and older girls to a Combined Baby Shower for Celine Meloche and Maddie Baker who are both welcoming babies this spring! Please bring a Brunch Item to share.

Celine: You can find Celine's registry at: amazon.com/baby-reg/celine-meloche-june-2025-fayetteville/1J5ERL94E9H69

Maddie: Maddie requested non-newborn diapers, wipes and gift cards.

RSVP by signing-up in the narthex or by visiting the event page at crosscreekpca.org/joint-babyshower

If you would like to combine your efforts with another guest toward a special gift or if you have any questions, please contact Maggie Lopez, maggielopez2019@gmail.com or at 423.429.1422

Baby Basket: Katie Hoemann will be welcoming her 3rd child this spring. In lieu of a baby shower, the Women's Ministry is collecting diapers and wipes for them in a basket placed near the book table in the narthex. The basket will remain until Sunday, April 25th.

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.

Worship / Music Planning: If you are interested in serving on a ministry team involved with worship / music planning in our weekly and special worship services, please speak to Pastor Walt (pastor@crosscreekpca.org) or Gretta Harrison (grettaluetta@gmail.com). Thanks!

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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