



# 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 23, 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.

**This Week at Cross Creek**

| Day      | Time    | Event  | Location        | Childcare | Contact   |
|----------|---------|--|-----------------|-----------|---|
| Monday   | 6:30pm  | Company of Elders                                  | CCPC Library    |           | Walt Coppersmith<br>pastor@crosscreekpca.com                      |
| Thursday | 10:00am | Women’s Bible Study<br><i>The Gospel of John</i>   | CCPC Library    | Yes       | Eleonore Surles<br>909.569.5523                                   |
| Thursday | 6:00pm  | Women’s Bible Study<br><i>The Gospel of John</i>   | Richardson Home | No        | Eleonore Surles<br>909.569.5523                                   |
| Thursday | 6:00pm  | Teen Group<br><i>Apologetics</i>                   | Godwin Home     | No        | Sarah Godwin<br>803.760.6527                                      |
| Saturday | 8:00am  | Men’s Bible Study<br><i>A Proverbs Driven Life</i> | CCPC Library    | No        | Joseph Westendorf<br>732.484.2026 OR Paul<br>Meloche 208.921.1770 |

**Serving the Saints**

|                         | This Week 3-23-25            | Next Week 3-30-25             |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Nursery (Sunday School) | Carling & Hannah             | Carling & Hannah              |
| Nursery (Worship)       | Heidi & Doauh                | Karrie & Layla                |
| Greeting                | Brad Bennett & Janet Rose    | Brad Bennett & Janet Rose     |
| Worship Elders          | Conor Aubry & Harry Ameredes | Steve Bennett and Conor Aubry |
| Accompaniment           | Sarah Godwin                 | Sarah Godwin                  |

# Order of Worship

## Greeting

### Call to Worship

*Proverbs 3:13-20*

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed. The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.

### Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Adoration # 457

**“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

### Call to Confession

*Psalm 32:1-5a*

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.

### Assurance of Pardon

*Psalm 32:5-7*

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 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.

#### \* Hymn of Affirmation # 472

**“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched”**

#### \* Scripture Readings:

OT: *Isaiah 29: 9-16*

NT: *Mark 10:46-52*

\* **Leader:** This is the Word of our God

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

\* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

## Affirmation of Faith

*The Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.5, Of Christ the Mediator*

8.5. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience, and sacrifice of himself, which he, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of his Father; and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto him.

## 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 # 264

**“Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”**

### \* Sermon Text

*1Corinthians 2:1-16*

\* **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:** "The Power and Wisdom of the Cross"

Chaplain Luke Heibel

## 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. 10

**“The Power of the Cross”**

### \* Benediction

\* Departing Hymn, # 740

“Threefold Amen”

Amen, amen, amen.

### Sermon Notes

**Sermon Text:** *1Corinthians 2:1-16*

**Sermon Title:** “The Power and Wisdom of the Cross”

1) Cross-Shaped Messenger

2) Cross-Shaped Message

3) Cross-Shaped Wisdom

Conclusion and Final Application

## Announcements

**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/](https://crosscreekpca.org/community/covenant-groups/). Please speak to an Elder if you have any questions or want more information.

**A Special Service:** Christ Church PCA, Sanford is celebrating their becoming a sister church in our association of churches (presbytery). A special evening is planned for Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with a worship service at 5:00pm and a barbeque supper to follow at 6:30pm. They will be meeting at Central Carolina Academy, 1801 Douglas Dr. Sanford, NC 27330. Carpooling is available. YOU are invited to attend.

**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](mailto:3coppersmiths@gmail.com) of your interest. Thank you!

### **Bridal Shower, Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](https://crosscreekpca.org/events/douah-bridalshower). Please bring a Brunch Item to share. Contact Eleonore Surles if you have any questions, [eleonoresurles@gmail.com](mailto:eleonoresurles@gmail.com).

### **Combined Baby Shower, Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](https://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](https://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](mailto:maggielopez2019@gmail.com) or at 423.429.1422

**Baby Basket:** Katie Hoemann will be welcoming her 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

**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!

**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.

**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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