



# 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 9, 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
Thursday	10:00AM	Women's Bible Study <i>The Gospel of John</i>	CCPC Library	Yes	Eleonore Surles 909.569.5523
Thursday	6:00PM	Women's Bible Study <i>The Gospel of John</i>	Richardson Home	No	Eleonore Surles 909.569.5523
Thursday	6:00PM	Teen Group <i>Apologetics</i>	Godwin Home	No	Sarah Godwin 803.760.6527
Saturday	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**

	This Week 3-9-25	Next Week 3-16-25
Nursery (Sunday School)	Carling & Hannah	Carling & Hannah
Nursery (Worship)	Eleonore, Joan	Leigh, Maggie
Greeting	Brad Bennett & Janet Rose	Brad Bennett & Janet Rose
Worship Elders	Conor Aubry & Steve Bennett	
Accompaniment	Jenny Basie	

# Order of Worship

## Greeting

### Call to Worship

*Revelation 15:3b-4a*

“Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you.”

## Invocation

### \* Hymn of Adoration # 76

**“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”**

### Call to Confession

*Psalm 79:9*

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!

### Assurance of Pardon

*Psalm 130:7-8*

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

### \* Hymn of Affirmation, Hymn Supplement pg. 55

**“Psalm 42”**

### \* Scripture Readings:

OT: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

NT: *2 Corinthians 4:1-6*

\* **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, 8.3, Of Christ the Mediator***

**8.3.** The Lord Jesus, in his human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, above measure, having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell; to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a mediator, and surety. Which office he took not unto himself, but was thereunto called by his Father, who put all power and judgment into his hand, and gave him commandment to execute the same.

\* ***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, Hymn Supplement pg. 73

**“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”**

### \* Sermon Text

*Colossians 1:24-28*

\* **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: "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory"**

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 # 521

**“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**

### \* Benediction

### \* Departing Hymn, # 740

**“Threefold Amen”**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

## Sermon Notes

**Sermon Text:** *Colossians 1:24-28*

**Sermon Title:** “Christ in You, the Hope of Glory”

**Theme:** The Pain and Joy of being birthed in Christ

I. Sharing in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

II. Rejoicing in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

III. Proclaiming the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

**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 at 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 Pastor Walt, or even better to Barbara Coppersmith at 724.256.9777 or [3coppersmiths@gmail.com](mailto:3coppersmiths@gmail.com) of your interest. Thank you!

**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/](http://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](mailto:pastor@crosscreekpca.org)) or Gretta Harrison ([grettaluetta@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

## Moment for Missions: Chambers Update and Caribbean/Belize Prayer Calendar

### March 2025

Dear Partners in ministry,

We are in Nassau staying with MTW missionaries Tim and Bev Hart. Recently, the four of us visited three neighborhoods with Pastor Jude Vilma (associate pastor of outreach at St. Andrews Presbyterian Kirk Church). The church has outreach in the three communities of Grants Town, Bains Town, and Yellow Elder. This includes youth outreach, assisting needy families with food, and academic tutoring. Please pray for Pastor Jude, the Harts, and others who are seeking guidance on how to advance the ministry in these communities to bring spiritual life, joy, and peace to peoples' lives.

This month is the beginning of the Caribbean/Belize Prayer Calendar. Thank you to Karen Stodghill for her faithfulness in doing the Belize calendar over the last years! We hope that the inclusion of ministries throughout the Caribbean will be helpful to you in praying for the ministry God has given us. Please see the calendar on your church's Missions Wall.

On March 18 we return to Belize for a two week stay. Garry will preach at several churches, meet with church leaders, prepare for summer short-term teams, meet with missionaries and local church pastors and elders, and complete administrative duties. Anita will be assisting at the clinic.

Speaking of short-term teams...is your church interested in sending a summer team to Belize this summer? We have 2-3 possible team openings for northern Belize. Garry would lead these teams where they would do manual labor construction/repairs and work alongside the church members to host a VBS or other spiritual ministry in the afternoons. Let us know if your church would like to participate.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support! We are humbled as we see God provide our support needs through your giving.

Garry and Anita

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