



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

APRIL 13, 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
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
Friday	6:30pm	Good Friday Evening Service		No	Church Office 910. 864.4031

Serving the Saints

	<u>This Week 4-13-25</u>	<u>Next Week 4-20-25</u>
Nursery (Sunday School)	Carling & Hannah	Carling & Hannah
Nursery (Worship)	Carling & Ciahna	Jodie & Genevieve
Greeting	Brad Bennett & Janet Rose	Brad Bennett & Janet Rose
Worship Elders	Steve Bennett & Johnny Surles	Conor Aubry & Ben Hoemann
Accompaniment	Sarah Godwin	

Order of Worship

Greeting

Revelation 1:1:7b

Call to Worship

Psalms 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! *Selah*

Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration # 198

“Lift Up Your Heads”

Call to Confession

Heb 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Assurance of Pardon

Heb 10:19-23

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

* Hymn of Affirmation, Hymn Supplement pg.4

“Across the Lands”

* Scripture Readings:

OT: *Psalms 86:17-20*

NT: *Galatians 2:17-21*

* **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, 8.8, Of Christ the Mediator

8.8. To all those for whom Christ hath purchased redemption, he doth certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same; making intercession for them, and revealing unto them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation; effectually persuading them by his Spirit to believe and obey, and governing their hearts by his Word and Spirit; overcoming all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom, in such manner, and ways, as are most consonant to his wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Romans 12:1

* Hymn Response # 434 (1st stanza only)

“Lord, Thou Lov’st the Cheerful Giver”

Lord, Thou lov’st the cheerful giver, who with open heart and hand

Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.

Grant us then the grace of giving with a spirit large and free,

That our life and all our living we may consecrate to Thee.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn for Illumination # 146

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

* Sermon Text

Colossians 2:16-23

* **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 Gravititas 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, # 575

“Soldiers of Christ Arise”

* Benediction

*** Departing Hymn, # 730**

“Benediction”

May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father’s boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit’s favor, rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Text: *Colossians 2:16-23*

Sermon Title: “The Gravititas of Christ”

Theme:

I. Freedom from Legalism

II. Freedom from Vain Speculation

III. Freedom from Self-Made Religion

Announcements

April Topics for Adult Bible Fellowship (all adults of Cross Creek)

April 20: Why Covenant Theology Matters in the Life of a Church

April 27: Building Intentional Community

Worship services Celebrating the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Friday, April 18, 6:30pm – Reflections from the Cross

Sunday, April 20, 10:30am – He is Risen!

Please invite your family, neighbors and friends to attend these worship services.

Congregational Email List: We are updating our email list to allow easier communication with our church family. Please email the church at ccpadmin@crosscreekpca.org to be sure we have your current contact info.

Don't Eat Alone on Easter Sunday: During this special time of year, we would like to gather and share a meal following worship Sunday, April 20, 2025. This invitation is open for anyone in our church family and any invited guests. If attending please sign up for a dish by Friday, April 18th so that we may plan accordingly. Sign-ups will be taken via the sign-up sheet in the narthex or online. The event link is live at crosscreekpca.org/easter-lunch. For any questions or concern, please contact Barbara Coppersmith at 724.256.9777 or 3coppersmiths@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 had her 3rd child, Ezra John, at 4:19 am, April 2, 2025! Both Mom and Baby are doing well. 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 Sun., April 27th.

Lost & Found: Ladies, please take a look on the table under the rectangular mirror in the narthex and see if any of the items there belong to you. There is a glass baking dish, glass Christmas theme platter, melamine 'Celebrate' bowl and an assortment of drink bottles, as well as 3 small jackets on the hooks by the kitchen exit door. Unclaimed items will be donated or disposed of soon.

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.

Lunch with the Session: Save the date – Sunday, May 4th, following worship service. Details will be coming soon.

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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