



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 27, 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>Institutes of the Christian Religion – Calvin</i>	CCPC Library	No	Joseph Westendorf 732.484.2026 OR Paul Meloche 208.921.1770

Serving the Saints

	<u>This Week 4-27-25</u>	<u>Next Week 5-4-25</u>
Nursery (Sunday School)	Carling & Hannah	Carling & Hannah
Nursery (Worship)	Maggie & Eleonore	Conor, Carling & Ciahna
Greeting	Brad Bennett & Janet Rose	Brad Bennett & Janet Rose
Worship Elders	Harry Ameredes & Johnny Surles	Conor Aubry & Ben Hoemann
Accompaniment	Jenny Basie	Sarah Godwin

We welcome Rev. Andrew and Heather Martin to Cross Creek today. They are involved with the Lumberton Mission Church, a church planting effort of our presbytery and the PCA.

Order of Worship

Greeting

Galatians 1:3

Call to Worship

Psalm 146:8-10

...the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration # 55

“To God Be the Glory”

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:37-39

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Hymn of Affirmation # 508

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

* Scripture Readings:

OT: *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

NT: *Romans 8:36-39*

* **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

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter. 9, Of Free Will

1. God hath endued the will of man with that natural liberty, that it is neither forced, nor, by any absolute necessity of nature, determined to good, or evil.

Pastoral Prayer

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

* **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 # 645**

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

* **Sermon Text**

Ephesians 3:14-21

* **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: "How Can we Possibly Love and Obey God?"

TE Andrew Martin

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 # 358**

“For All the Saints”

* **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: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

Sermon Title: "How Can we Possibly Love and Obey God?"

Theme:

I. Paul Prays to God

II. Paul Praises God

Sermon Notes

Announcements

Next Sunday, May 4th:

* **Adult Bible Fellowship (all adults of Cross Creek):** Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF) during the month of April has focused on foundational scriptures for understanding church life, specifically framing the issues revealed by the Congregational Health Assessment in a biblical context. If you missed any of these discussions, handouts are available. All members of Cross Creek are encouraged to attend ABF as we look at what the Bible has to say about the biblical Marks of a Kingdom Disciple.

* **Lunch with the Session:** Please use the connection card to sign up for the lunch. The meat and drinks will be provided. Members are asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share with others. If you know what you plan to bring, please note it for meal planning purposes. Children and guests are always welcome.

* **Congregational Forum with the Session:** Following the morning worship service and lunch together – members and friends of Cross Creek are invited to participate. Initial findings from the Congregational Health Assessment will be shared as well as an update on matters being discussed by the Session for the strengthening of the ministry of Cross Creek PCA.

Congregation Picture Board: Please see Leigh Rimmer right after service to get your picture taken. You can call her ahead of time to make arrangements (601.497.0200).

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.

Save-The-Date! There will be a Free Yard “Sale” the morning of Saturday, May 17th. Stay tuned for more details!

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 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!

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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