



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 6, 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
Today	5:00pm	Christ Church PCA, Sanford Particularization Service	Sanford, NC See announcement on back page.	No	An Elder or Deacon to arrange carpooling
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

Serving the Saints

	<u>This Week 4-6-25</u>	<u>Next Week 4-13-25</u>
Nursery (Sunday School)	Carling & Hannah	Carling & Hannah
Nursery (Worship)	Lisa & Emmy	Carling & Ciahna
Greeting	Brad Bennett & Janet Rose	Brad Bennett & Janet Rose
Worship Elders	Johnny Surles & Ken Godwin	
Accompaniment	Sarah Godwin	Sarah Godwin

Order of Worship

Greeting

Revelation 1:4-5

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration # 32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Call to Confession

Psalm 31:9-10

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 31:19-21a

Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues. Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me.

* Hymn of Affirmation, Hymn Supplement pg.57

“God Be Merciful to Me”

* Scripture Readings:

OT: *Genesis 17:1-14*

NT: *Romans 6:3-11*

* **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, 8.7, Of Christ the Mediator

8.7. Christ, in the work of mediation, acts according to both natures, by each nature doing that which is proper to itself; yet, by reason of the unity of the person, that which is proper to one nature is sometimes in Scripture attributed to the person denominated by the other nature.

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 # 298**

“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”

* **Sermon Text**

Colossians 2:11-15

* **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 Cross 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, # 263**

“Lift High the Cross”

* **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 2:11-15*

Sermon Title: “The Cross of Christ”

Theme: Christ-ian, our **IDENTITY** in Christ

I. Spiritually Circumcised

II. Fully Baptized

III. Totally Forgiven

IV. Eternally Victorious

Announcements

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 this evening, 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.

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

April 13: Affirming Covenant Theology and Spiritual Leadership

April 20: Practicing Worship as a Way of Life

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.

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.

Moment for Missions: Garry & Anita Chambers, Caribbean

Dear Partners in Ministry,

We are packing bags as we prepare to return home after two weeks in Belize. We were able to visit, meet, and worship with many people on this trip. Anita shared the gospel and prayed with patients and Garry preached at five different churches, three on one Sunday and two on the other. We visited with friends in their homes, prayed with people struggling with health issues, and shared meals with them. Garry was able to finish most of the administrative items on his list and Anita assisted the clinic staff with several procedures and patient care needs.

We would like to thank those who have given towards the funds needed to hold the next youth ministry training class which begins on April 22. Praise God that with the gifts received and those promised I believe we will raise the full amount. Thank you!

Also, this month a dentist and hygienist will be serving at the clinic 5-12 and a medical team of 15 people will be serving in the Dominican Republic April 26 to May 3. Please pray for these ministries, that their contacts will make an impact on patients' spiritual lives and decisions for Christ will be made.

As we celebrate Easter, we are reminded of the great love God has for us. It is this love that motivates us to be involved in missions. Jesus sacrificed everything for our salvation and out of thankfulness we are willing to go, give, and pray for those from every nation, people, tribe, and tongue to come to faith through the proclamation of the gospel around the world.

Thank you for your faithful financial and prayer support! Please find the Caribbean/Belize Prayer Calendar on your church's Mission Wall. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. James 5:16

In His service,

Garry and Anita

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HOME MISSIONS: Harvest USA; REV. & Mrs. William (Suzanne) Scott: Atlanta

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