



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

MAY 18, 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 Connection 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
Saturday	8:00am	Women’s Bible Study is on break for the summer	CCPC Library	No	Joseph Westendorf 732.484.2026 OR Paul Meloche 208.921.1770
		Men’s Bible Study			
		<i>Institutes of the Christian Religion – Calvin</i>			

Serving the Saints

	This Week 5-18-25	Next Week 5-28-25
Nursery (Sunday School)	Carling & Hannah	Carling & Hannah
Nursery (Worship)	Jodie, Heidi & Maggie	Eleonore, Lisa & Emmy
Greeting	Brad Bennett & Janet Rose	Brad Bennett & Janet Rose
Worship Elders	Mike Basie & Johnny Surles	Conor Aubry & Steve Bennett
Accompaniment	Sarah Godwin	Sarah Godwin

Order of Worship

Greeting

2 Thessalonians 1:2

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-5

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration # 164

“O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Call to Confession

Romans 3:22b-23

...the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

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 # 472

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched”

* Scripture Readings:

OT: *Isaiah 61:1-11* (Pew Bible pg. 620)

NT: *Ephesians 4:25-5:2* (Pew Bible pg. 978)

* **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, 4 Of Free Will

4. When God converts a sinner and brings him into the state of grace, he frees him from his natural bondage to sin, and by his grace alone he enables him freely to will and to do what is spiritually good. Yet, because of his remaining corruption, he does not perfectly nor only will what is good, but also wills what is evil.

Pastoral Prayer

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

*** Hymn Response # 677 (vv 1, 3)**

“Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!”

Praise the Savior, ye who know Him! Who can tell how much we owe Him?

Gladly let us render to Him all we are and have.

Trust in Him, ye saints, forever; He is faithful, changing never;

Neither force nor guile can sever those He loves from Him.

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*** Hymn for Illumination, # 599**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*** Sermon Text**

Colossians 3:12-15a

*** 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: "Putting on Righteousness"

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 # 81**

“O Love of God, How Strong and True”

*** Benediction**

*** Departing Hymn, (tune of # 304)**

“Nunc Dimittis”

Lord, let your servant now depart in everlasting peace;

mine eyes have seen salvation’s hope; my heart is now at ease.

For you’ve prepared a radiant light, the darkness to dispel;

to lead your people in your ways, and shine on Israel.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Text: *Colossians 3:12-15a*

Sermon Title: "Putting on Righteousness"

Theme:

I. Cultivating Christian Virtues

II. Forgiving One Another

III. Pursuing Christ-like Love

Ministry Opportunities – Cross Creek needs YOU!

Hospitality Team – Set-up / clean-up the weekly coffee service in the narthex. This provides a sense of welcome to our guests and opportunity for members to connect with one another. Useful spiritual gifts: hospitality, service, leadership. Ideal team of four that would serve together for a year (renewable).

Fellowship Events Team – Plan the regular fellowship events in the life of the congregation. This provides an opportunity for people to connect with each other and build multi-generational friendships. Includes after-church meals and any social events for the entire congregation. Useful spiritual gifts: hospitality, administration, encouragement, faith, intercession, leadership. Ideal team of six that would serve together for a year (renewable). Would recruit others with gifts to help provide needed support for individual events.

Library Team – Catalogue and manage the church Library, provide updates on good reads, new selections, etc. Useful spiritual gifts: administration, discernment, helps. Ideal team of two to serve together for a year (renewable)

Prayer Ministry Team – Coordinate the corporate prayer ministry of Cross Creek so that individuals, families and the ministries of Cross Creek are faithfully prayed for. Supports the shepherding efforts of the Elders. Useful spiritual gifts: intercession, discernment, shepherding, wisdom. Ideal team of four that would serve together for a year (renewable).

Sacrament Prep Team – Prepare the elements for serving weekly communion as well as any baptisms. Useful spiritual gifts: service, encouragement. Ideal team of four alternate week by week, that can serve together for a year (renewable).

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

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 or fill out the pink Connection Card in this worship folder to be sure we have your current contact info. Thank you!

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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