



# 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*

JUNE 22, 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 adults 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. Children who have met with the Elders to profess their faith in Christ are also encouraged to participate.

### **Supporting Our Worship Service**

**Worship Elders**  
**Accompaniment**  
**Nursery (Worship)**

**This Week 6-22-25**  
Mike Basie, Conor Aubry  
Sarah Godwin  
Jodie, Heidi & Maggie

**Next Week 6-29-25**  
Ben Hoemann, Conor Aubry  
Sarah Godwin  
Eleonore, Lisa & Emmy

# The Lord's Day – AD June 22, 2025

## Prelude

## Scriptural Greeting

*1 Corinthians 1:3*

## Welcome and Announcements

### \* Call to Worship

*Psalm 116:1-2*

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

### \* Hymn of Adoration

#6 *“O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord”*

### \* Opening Prayer

## Call to Confession

*Hebrews 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.

**Prayers of Confession** (public, private)

## Assurance of Pardon

*Hebrews 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.

## OT Scripture Reading:

*Psalm 91* (Pew Bible pg. 497)

## NT Scripture Reading:

*Ephesians 5:16-20* (Pew Bible pg. 978)

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God!

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Psalm 96:7-9*

## Offertory

### \* Doxology

*(Tune of # 7, Trinity Hymnal)*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### \* Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* **Hymn of Preparation**

*Hymn Supplement pg.18 “O Church, Arise,”*

\* **Sermon Text**

*Colossians 4:2-6*

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

**Sermon** “Watch and Pray”

TE Walt Coppersmith

\* **Hymn of Reflection**

# 263 “***Lift High the Cross***”

**Sacrament of the 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.)

**Prayer for Transformation**

\* **Hymn of Faith**

*Hymn Supplement pg. 78 “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Greeting of One Another**

\* **Postlude**

\* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

## Sermon Notes

**Sermon Text:** *Colossians 4:2-6*

**Sermon Title:** “Watch and Pray”

**Theme:**

**I. Pray for Watchfulness with Thanksgiving**

**II. Pray for Clarity with Boldness**

**III. Pray for Wisdom with Grace**

## **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 an 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).

**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). If interested, please speak to Tim or Clair Bailey.

## **Announcements**

**Men's Theological Discussion Group:** Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, meets on Saturdays, 8:00 am in the Library. For more information, please contact Joseph Westendorf 732.484.2026 OR Paul Meloche 208.921.1770

**How to Lead Your Family:** The Session is providing a copy of this short, helpful book to all the men of Cross Creek. Please be sure to get one and read it. Elders are available for dialogue.

**Counseling and Theological Booklets:** Members are encouraged to pick up a counseling or theological booklet (in the 'Coffee Corner') to pass along to a friend. It is part of Cross Creek's commitment to provide free resources to you to minister to extended family, friends and neighbors.

**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 Meeting:** July 20, 2025 to discuss the Session's Strategic Spiritual Health Plan. All members are asked to mark the date and plan on being present both for ABF and following the worship service that day. Details will be forthcoming.

## Prayer List

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*  
Philippians 4:6-7

Pray for our Elders and Deacons as they shepherd, care for, and lead their flock.

Pray for our expectant mothers.

Pray for members experiencing physical and emotional difficulties.

Pray for our Cross Creek families. Pray especially for our children and youth over the summer months, that their hearts would be growing in love with Jesus.

Pray for the Harrisons as they go to settlement on new home this week. Pray for a smooth transition into their new home.

Pray for our sister church: Redeemer (Southern Pines). Pray for Pasto Bo Collins and the Elders as they seek to unitedly lead the congregation forward. Pray for good family time for officers and their families over the supper months.

Reminder: Regarding announcement and prayer request submissions, etc. – please submit any information you wish to have printed in the worship folder No Later Than noon on Wednesdays.

## **Ministers of God's Grace** – “Every Member in Ministry” (*1 Peter 4:10*)

Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF)  
Missions Team  
Office Administration  
Nursery Ministry Team  
Sacrament Preparation Team  
Women's Ministry Team (WMT)  
Worship Music Team

Conor Aubry  
Joseph Westendorf  
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Carling Aubry  
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Leigh Rimmer  
Gretta Harrison

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