



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

AUGUST 3, 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.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper – 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.

Purpose of Ministry

“To glorify God by faithfully proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, making disciples, and equipping the saints through the ordinary means of grace within a covenant community.” (Matthew 28:16-20) Cross Creek is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America: Faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed Faith and obedient to the Great Commission.

Philosophy of Ministry

Effective ministry flows from the heart of God. God’s heart and will are revealed in His Word, summarized in the church’s confessional standards. God’s grace is poured out through public worship (preached Word, sacraments, prayer). God graciously involves members and their spiritual gifts in meaningful ministry. One of the roles of spiritual leaders is to shepherd and equip church members to minister as Christ calls and enables them to do (Ephesians 4:11-16). God graciously extends His kingdom through local outreach (word and deed ministry) that proclaims Christ’s Kingship locally and abroad.

Our motto is: ***"Together for Christ and His Kingdom"***

Supporting Our Worship Service

Worship Elders
Accompaniment
Nursery (Worship)
Greeters

This Week 8-3-25
Mike Basie
Sarah Godwin
Karrie, Genevieve & Layla
Brad Bennett & Janet Rose

Next Week 8-10-25
Steve Bennett & Ken Godwin
Sarah Godwin
Carling, Ciahna & Lucy
Brad Bennett & Janet Rose

Today, we are pleased to have Rev. Matthew Bohling, Executive Director of Flourish to fill the pulpit, and also have a interactive presentation at 9:30am during ABF. All adults and teens are invited to participate.

The Lord's Day – AD August 3, 2025

Prelude

Scriptural Greeting

2 Thessalonians 1:2

Welcome and Announcements

* 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!

* Hymn of Adoration

80 ***“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”***

* Opening Prayer

Confession of Sin

Psalm 25:10-11

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Prayers of Confession (public, private)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 25:14-18

The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

OT Scripture Reading:

Leviticus 19:9-18, 33-37 (Pew Bible pg. 97)

NT Scripture Reading:

Matthew 22:34-40 (Pew Bible pg. 828)

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Acts 20:35

Offertory

* Doxology (tune of # 7, Duke Street)

“Doxology”

**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. Amen.**

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn of Preparation

188 ***“Jesus, I am Resting, Resting”***

* Sermon Text

1 John 4:7-21 (Pew Bible pg. 1023)

Sermon “What Gospel Realities Do You Need to Internalize to Become a More Loving Person”

Rev. Matthew Bohling

* Hymn of Reflection (see next page)

“Here Is Love”

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

Affirmation of Faith

WCOF XXVI. I *Of the Communion of Saints* (Hymnal pg. 864)

Prayers of the People (followed by the Lord’s Prayer)

* Hymn of Faith

649 ***“More Love to Thee, O Christ”***

* Benediction

* Greeting of One Another

* Postlude

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

Here Is Love

William Rees (1802-1883)

Robert Lowry, 1876

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1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, Lov - ing - kind-ness as the flood, When the
 2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion, Fount-ains o - pened deep and wide; Through the
 3. Let me all Thy love ac - cept-ing, Love Thee, ev - er all my days; Let me
 4. In Thy truth Thou dost di - rect me By Thy Spir-it through Thy Word; And Thy

Prince of Life, our Ran - som, Shed for us His pre - cious blood. Who His
 flood - gates of God's mer - cy Flowed a vast and gra - cious tide. Grace and
 seek Thy king - dom on - ly And my life be to Thy praise; Thou a -
 grace my need is mee - ting, As I trust in Thee, my Lord. Of Thy

love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can
 love, like might - y ri - vers, Poured in - ces - sant from a - bove, And heav'n's
 - lone shalt be my glor - y, No - thing in the world I see. Thou hast
 full - ness Thou art pour - ing Thy great love and power on me, With - out

ne - ver be for - got - ten, Through-out Heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
 peace and per - fect jus - tice Kissed a guilt - y world in love.
 cleansed and sanc - ti - fied me, Thou Thy - self hast set me free.
 mea - sure, full and bound-less, Draw - ing out my heart to Thee.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Text: *1 John 4:7-21*

Sermon Title: “What Gospel Realities Do You Need to Internalize to Become a More Loving Person”

Theme:

1. Grasp that Believing the Right Gospel is Key to Feeling and Being Loving
2. Learn to Feel God’s Love by the Spirit
3. Allow Yourself to Be Compelled by Fearless Love
4. What Gospel Realities Do You Need to Internalize to Become a More Loving Person?

Conclusion

Announcements

3 Circles Evangelism Training begins this Thursday, August 7th at 6:00pm at the church and continues for 6 weeks. All Cross Creek Officers and wives, Sunday School Teachers and Youth are invited to participate in this first round of training. For more information, please speak to Mike Basie (704.616.0109).

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

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.

Joint Baby Shower for Claire Bailey and Amber Engelsma: Saturday, Aug 9th at 10am: The Women's Ministry of CCPC invites ladies to a Baby Shower for Claire Bailey and Amber Engelsma at the Surles' Residence, located at 2341 Colgate Dr, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Claire and Tim will welcome their first, a baby girl and Amber and Jacko will welcome their second, a boy.

You can find Claire's registry at my.babylist.com/tjwvrbyei

You can find Amber's registry at my.babylist.com/amber-engelsma (Amber also welcomes gift cards)

RSVP by Aug 4th by signing up in the narthex or by visiting crosscreekpca.org/jointbabyshower.

Contact Eleonore Surles for any questions or concerns, eleonoresurles@gmail.com or 909.569.5523

Women's Fall Bible Study Starts September 4: The Women's Fall Bible Study will begin Thursday, September 4th and run through Nov 13th. Choose from a Morning Study at 10am held at the church or an Evening Study at 6pm held at the Richardsons' home. We will be exploring the topic of covetousness using *The Envy of Eve* by Melissa B. Kruger.

Childcare is offered during the 10am study for up to age 6. Older children are welcome to bring schoolwork or an activity to do independently in a classroom across from the Bible study.

Participants can sign up in the narthex or by visiting crosscreekpca.org/events/envy-of-eve

If you would like to participate in the study, but can't attend in person, please register anyway so that you can have the book and follow along on your own.

Contact Eleonore Surles for any questions or concerns, eleonoresurles@gmail.com or 909.569.5523

Website:www.crosscreekpca.org

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.

Prayer List

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5:6-7

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

Pray for our mothers (and fathers) with newborns and for our expectant mothers.

Pray for members experiencing physical, emotional and financial 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 our 3 Circles Evangelism Training that begins this week. Pray for the Lord to equip us to naturally share the gospel with our family, friends, neighbors and those around us who need to know Jesus!

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