



# 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 31, 2025

**Thoughts on Worship** (from Sunday Matters by Paul David Tripp)

Corporate worship is designed to encourage you to cry for help to the one who always knows exactly what you need and who will meet you with boundless love, infinite wisdom, incalculable power and inexhaustible grace.”

***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.***

*Hebrews 4:16*



**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 been baptized and met with the Elders to profess their faith in Christ are also encouraged to participate.

**Children's Worship Folders are available in the narthex:** These are designed for our youngest worshipers to engage with the preached Word.

**For our Nursing Mothers:** A dedicated room (Mama Room) is available for your use in the CE Wing, right across from the nursery.

**For our Young Parents with crying children:** A dedicated classroom is available for you to use if needed, right across from the bathrooms in the CE Wing.

**From the SESSION:** To the saints of Cross Creek, loved by God and by us – The Session has asked other ordained Elders within our congregation to assist us in leading the spiritual renewal of Cross Creek PCA; specifically, Mike Basie, Ken Godwin, Luke Heibel, Ben Hoemann and Mac McDonald. These men are not ordained elders at CCPC, but have been asked by the Session to assist in ministry at CCPC in this season. They have graciously agreed to serve the Lord in this manner. Their involvement will greatly help in rebuilding Cross Creek's ministry in faithfulness to Christ. Please pray for these men and their families as they help the Session lead in the areas of corporate prayer, teaching of the Word, leading worship, distributing sacraments, shepherding and counseling of members. Thank you.

# The Lord's Day – AD August 31, 2025

## Prelude

## Scriptural Greeting

## Welcome and Announcements

### \* Call to Worship

*Psalm 57:1-3*

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

### \* Hymn of Adoration

# 94 ***"How Firm a Foundation"***

### \* Opening Prayer

### Confession of Sin

*Psalm 143:1-2*

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in our righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

## Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*Psalm 143:8, 10*

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

### OT Scripture Reading:

*Isaiah 43:1-11* (Pew Bible pg. 603)

### NT Scripture Reading:

*1 Peter 4:12-19* (Pew Bible pg. 1016)

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

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Psalm 54:6*

## Offertory

### \* Doxology

# 733 ***"Doxology"***

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* Hymn of Preparation

# 533 ***“I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice”***

\* Sermon Text

*Daniel 3:1-30* (Pew Bible pg. 739)

**Sermon Series**

Kingdom Living in a Fallen World: “The Fiery Furnace”

TE Walt Coppersmith

\* Hymn of Reflection

# 251 ***“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”***

**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 XXI.III Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day* (Hymnal pg. 860)

**Prayers of the People**

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

\* Hymn of Faith

# 654 ***“O Jesus, I Have Promised”***

\* Benediction

\* Greeting of One Another

\* Postlude

\* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

## Sermon Notes

**Sermon Text:** *Daniel 3:1-30*

**Sermon Series:** Kingdom Living in a Fallen World: “The Fiery Furnace”

**Theme:** God allows fiery trials in our lives to increase our faith and confidence in His sovereignty.

- I. The King's Decree
- II. The Faithful's Decision
- III. The Almighty's Deliverance

## Conclusion

## Announcements

**3 Circles Evangelism Training:** The training continues Thursdays at 6:00pm at the church. 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

**Women's Fall Bible Study Starts September 4 (this coming Thursday!):** The Women's Fall Bible Study will begin Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and run through Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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](mailto:eleonoresurles@gmail.com) or 909.569.5523

**Sunday School "Move-Up" Day:** Our Sunday School students will 'Move Up' Next Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025. Some classrooms are being moved, so please double-check which classroom your children will be in.

**New Members Class:** Begins Next Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025 in the Library and is open for adults and teens looking to learn more about Cross Creek's mission of making disciples, the vows of membership in a PCA church and our understanding of Covenantal Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Participation in the class does not require persons to join but does provide the opportunity for our Elders to interact with interested persons before being interviewed for membership. Please sign up using the blue Connection Card.

**The Godly Man and the Godly woman:** Begins Next Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025 in the ABF classroom. Paul's words to Timothy, "train yourself to be godly" are the basis of Christian identity. This elective study, led by the Elders, focuses on the development of godly character, essential to being a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

**Congregational Update:** Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025 The Session will present an update on the Strategic Spiritual Health Plan, implementation of Shepherding Flocks and the progress of the Ministry Mobilization Team.

**Book Exchange & Fellowship:** Friday, October 3, 6pm The Women's Ministry invites ladies to join us for a night of food, fellowship, and book exchange. Located at the home of Maggie Lopez on base (60 Victory Way, Fort Bragg). Please bring a wrapped book to swap and a snack to share. Feel free to bring your older daughters or invite a friend. Please RSVP in the narthex or at [crosscreekpca.org/events/ladies-book-exchange](http://crosscreekpca.org/events/ladies-book-exchange). If you need access to base or have any questions or concerns contact Maggie Lopez at 423.429.1422 or [maggielopez2019@gmail.com](mailto:maggielopez2019@gmail.com)

Announcements continue



**Bridal Shower for Lisl Smith:** Saturday, November 8, 10am The Women's ministry invites ladies to join us for a bridal shower honoring Lisl Smith at the home of Leigh Rimmer in Anderson Creek. Please RSVP in the narthex or online at [crosscreekpca.org/events/lisl-bridalshower](http://crosscreekpca.org/events/lisl-bridalshower). Contact Leigh Rimmer at 601.497.0200 or [leigh.sarrett@gmail.com](mailto:leigh.sarrett@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Website:**[www.crosscreekpca.org](http://www.crosscreekpca.org)

### **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 3 Circles Evangelism Training that continues 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!

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

Pray for members experiencing physical, emotional and financial difficulties.

Pray for those serving in educational institutions in our region. Pray for Christian teachers to be winsome communicators of truth in speech and lifestyle. Pray for our students to be faithful in their studies and excited about learning that all truth is God's truth.

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.
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# Cross Creek Presbyterian Church

## 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 outreach (word and deed ministry) that proclaims Christ's kingship locally and abroad.

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

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