



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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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

Corporate worship is designed by God to give you eyes to see, a mind to understand, and an open heart to receive the bad news of the gospel (sin) and the good news of the gospel (grace) in ways that transforms your heart.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

Jeremiah 17:9-10



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: The church office is available for you to use if needed, right across from the bathrooms in the Adult Education wing.

The Lord's Day – AD September 14, 2025

Prelude

Scriptural Greeting

Welcome and Announcements

* Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10

Right Side: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Left Side: Who is this King of glory?

Right Side: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Left Side: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Right Side: Who is this King of glory?

All: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

* Hymn of Adoration

92 *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

* Opening Prayer

Confession of Sin

Psalm 24:3-4

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 24:5-6

He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

OT Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 64:1-12 (Pew Bible pg. 623)

NT Scripture Reading:

Acts 12:1-25 (Pew Bible pg. 920)

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Psalm 50:14

Offertory

* Doxology (tune of Canonbury, #219)

“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. .

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn of Preparation

Hymn Supplement pg. 57 “God Be Merciful to Me”

* Sermon Text

Daniel 5 (Pew Bible pg. 742)

Sermon Series

Kingdom Living in a Fallen World: “A Spoiled Party”

Chaplain Mike Basie

* Hymn of Reflection

248 “Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”

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.VI Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day (Hymnal pg. 861)

Prayers of the People

Psalm 50:15

* Hymn of Faith

88 “With Grateful Heart, My Praise I Sing”

* Benediction

* Greeting of One Another

* Postlude

** Indicates Please Stand if Able*

Sermon Notes

Sermon Text: *Daniel 5*

Sermon Series: Kingdom Living in a Fallen World: “A Spoiled Party”

Theme: God defends his kingdom and his honor in his own time, and destroys every kingdom that does not honor him.

I. Showing off and shutting up

II. A sensible piece of advice

III. Worthless rewards and forgotten history lessons

IV. God’s judgement interpreted

Conclusion

This Week at Cross Creek

- Thursday 10:00am** – Women's Bible Study in the church Library 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. Contact Eleonore Surles at eleonoresurles@gmail.com or 909.569.5523 with any questions or concerns for either the am or pm class
- 6:00pm** – Women's Bible Study at Heidi Richardson's home
- Saturday 8:00am** – Men's Theological discussion in the church Library on 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)
- Sunday 9:30am** – Joining together for Christ and His Kingdom in the Library (more info below)
- 9:30am** – The Godly Man and Godly Woman ABF Classroom
- 10:30am** – Corporate Worship
- 9-21-25, 12:01pm** – Congregational Update

Announcements

New Members Class: Meets 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.

Congregational Update: Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025 The Session will present an update on the Strategic Spiritual Health Plan – implementation of Shepherding Flocks, 3 Circles Evangelism Training, the W.O.N.D.E.R. Ministry Structure, the progress of the Ministry Mobilization Team and an update from the Envisioning 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. If you need access to base or have any questions or concerns contact Maggie Lopez at 423.429.1422 or maggielopez2019@gmail.com

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. Contact Leigh Rimmer at 601.497.0200 or leigh.sarrett@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Pray for the formation of Cross Creek's five Shepherding Flocks. Pray for the Lord to create loving hearts to minister multi-generationally, loving minds to serve one another in love, loving hands and feet to reach out to neighbors in the name of Christ.

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

Pray for our Deacons as they care for those in need and mobilize our congregation in service.

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 the political arena. Pray for the Lord to bless believers' efforts to speak truth to power, promote the cause of peace and righteousness, and serve the common good. Pray for the Lord's protection, courage and wisdom.

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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