



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 21, 2025

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

Corporate worship is designed to turn your fear into trust, your complaints into praise, and your independence into willing submission.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. *Proverbs 3:5-6*



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.

Congregational Update: today at 12:01pm 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.

The Lord's Day – AD September 21, 2025

Prelude

Scriptural Greeting

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Psalm 44:1-3

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old: you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted; you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free; for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm save them, but your right hand and your arm, and the light of your face, for you delighted in them.

* Hymn of Adoration

69 *“Thy God Reigneth!”*

* Opening Prayer

Confession of Sin

Romans 3:21-23

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—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

Prayers of Confession

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.

OT Scripture Reading:

Psalm 70 (Pew Bible pg. 484)

NT Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 11:32-40 (Pew Bible pg. 1008)

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Romans 12:1-2

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. 77 “Jesus I Am Resting, Resting”

* Sermon Text

6:1-28 (Pew Bible pg. 743)

Sermon Series

Kingdom Living in a Fallen World: “The Lion's Den”

RE Walt Coppersmith

* Hymn of Reflection

468 ***“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”***

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

Baptism:

Daniel Richard Meloche

Affirmation of Faith

WCOF XXI.VII Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day (Hymnal pg. 862)

Prayers of the People

Psalms 50:15

* Hymn of Faith

469 ***“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”***

* Benediction

* Greeting of One Another

* Postlude

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

Sermon Notes

Sermon Text: *Daniel 6:1-28*

Sermon Series: Kingdom Living in a Fallen World: “The Lion's Den”

Theme: God sovereignly rewards the faithfulness of His people

I. The Plot of the Wicked

II. The Predicament of Daniel

III. The Protection of God

IV. The Pronouncement of Darius

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
- 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.

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 local government leaders. Pray for God to guard them from personal and cultural corruption. Pray for God to guide them through a lifestyle of scripture reading and prayer. Pray for God to give them humility as they work with fellow citizens to promote good public policy.

Ministry Opportunity

AGAPE Pregnancy center is in desperate need of many things:

- Non-perishable foods (emphasis on proteins)
- Pull-Ups
- Size 6 diapers
- Diaper wipes

If you wish to help, you can put these items in the donation corner in the church breezeway (behind the bright pink sign).

Their office is open Thursdays, 4:30pm-6:30pm and the First and Third Saturdays from 10:00am-1:00pm.

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Cross Creek Presbyterian Church

A member congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America: *Faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed Faith and obedient to the Great Commission.*

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)

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 and 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"***

Elder Liaisons for Ministry

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| Worship Ministries | Harry Ameredes |
| Outreach Ministries | Mike Basie |
| | Walt Coppersmith |
| Nurture Ministries | Johnny Surles |
| Discipleship Ministries | Ben Hoemann |
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