



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 7, 2025

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

Corporate worship rescues us again and again by reminding us that there's only one glory worth giving our lives to: the glory of God.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name, bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

1 Chronicles 16: 28-30 ESV



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.

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 September 7, 2025

Prelude

Scriptural Greeting

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-7

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

* Hymn of Adoration

53 ***"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"***

* Opening Prayer

Confession of Sin

Psalm 25:8-11

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. 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

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 25:12-14

Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

OT Scripture Reading:

Deut. 8:11-20 (Pew Bible pg. 152)

NT Scripture Reading:

1 Peter 5:6-11 (Pew Bible pg. 1016)

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Prov 3:9

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. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn of Preparation

*Hymn Supplement pg. 16 “**Speak, O Lord**”*

* Sermon Text

Daniel 4:1-37 (Pew Bible pg. 740)

Sermon Series

Kingdom Living in a Fallen World: “The Danger of Pride”

TE Walt Coppersmith

* Hymn of Reflection

*# 461 “**Not What My Hands Have Done**”*

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

Reception of New Member

Conrad Gerard Heibel

Affirmation of Faith

WCOF XXI.V Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day (Hymnal pg. 860)

Prayers of the People

Hebrews 4:14-16

* Hymn of Faith

*# 562 “**All to Jesus I Surrender**”*

* Benediction

* Greeting of One Another

* Postlude

** Indicates Please Stand if Able*

Sermon Notes

Sermon Text: *Daniel 4:1-37*

Sermon Series: Kingdom Living in a Fallen World: “The Danger of Pride”

Theme: God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble

- I. **The king and his dream**

- II. **The interpretation of the dream**

- III. **The fulfillment of the dream**

- IV. **The consequences of the dream**

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
- 6:00pm** – 3 Circles Evangelism Training at church in the John Owen Room (for more information, please see Mike Basie)
- 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** – New Member’s Class in the church Library
- 9:30am** – The Godly Man and Godly Woman ABF Class in the John Owen room
- 10:30am** – Corporate Worship

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 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. 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

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 the medical field. Pray for the Lord to bless believers' efforts to bring healing and comfort.

Moment for Missions: Garry & Anita Chambers, MTW Regional Director for the Caribbean

Dear Partners in Ministry,

As August comes to an end, Anita and I are preparing for upcoming trips in September. Anita leaves on Saturday, the 6th for Belize. She travels with Elaine Welch, RN to serve at the Presbyterian Medical Clinic. They will assist the nursing staff in treating patients, present some medical in-service topics for the staff, and encourage the local church. Anita returns on September 20th. Pray for good health (the flu has struck early in Belize this year), safety, and for effective ministry.

Garry travels to Grenada on Wednesday 10th - Monday 15th with a prospective missionary couple to serve alongside The Grenada Institute for Theological Education. Ask God to give wisdom and direction to the discussions as we consider the possibility of first-time missionaries serving in Grenada. Garry then travels with MTW missionaries, Richard and Robyn Crane, to Cuba Thursday 18th - Monday 22nd. They will meet with local church leaders to discuss and plan for MTW's on-going ministry in Cuba. Please pray for the meetings and for guidance as we plan for the future.

Jeffery and Ruthann Knight will be teaching a class at The Grenada Institute for Theological Education this week (Monday 1st - Friday 5th). The class will give practical skills and practices in ministering to teenage youth. Pray for the class to be effective in better preparing the students to be effective in youth ministry in their local churches. There is a critical need to reach the youth throughout the Caribbean. Ask God to start a spiritual awakening in the Caribbean, especially among young men.

God has been faithful to supply our support needs for the past 44 years. We thank you for your faithful financial support! As travel costs have increased, our support account has been negatively impacted. Would you consider giving a one time gift to help offset these expenses? If you would like to contribute you can give on-line at: <https://mtw.org/missionaries/details/garry-and-anita-chamber/> To give by check: make check payable to MTW, P.O. Box 744165, Atlanta, GA 30374-4165 (Please note account: # 11114 Garry and Anita Chambers, on the memo line.

The Caribbean/Belize Prayer Calendar is on your Missions wall to assist you in praying for the MTW Caribbean ministries.

Thank you for your faithful prayer support!

Garry and Anita Chambers

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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