



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 20, 2026

The Lord's Day – September 20, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-3

"The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!"

* Hymn of Adoration

#100 **Holy, Holy, Holy!**

* Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Exodus 20:1-6

"And God spoke all these words, saying, 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no other gods before me. 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.'"

Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jonah 2:7-9

"When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

OT Scripture Reading:

Proverbs 4:20-27 (Pew Bible pg.530)

NT Scripture Reading:

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

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

* Doxology (tune of "Old Hundredth" #731)

"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**

#688 Have Thy Own Way, Lord!

*** Sermon Text**

Psalm 119:161-168

Leader: Thus far the reading of God's holy word, and may God add His blessing to the reading of His word. **Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Title: Pursuing Faithfulness While Facing Persecution

TE Andrew Martin

*** Hymn of Reflection**

#264 Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(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

Q. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Prayers of the People (Followed by the Lord's Prayer)

*** Hymn of Faith**

#80 Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

*** Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*** Greeting Of One Another**

***Postlude**

**** Indicates please stand if able***

Sermon Notes

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TE Andrew Martin

I. Looking in awe at God's Word

II. Loving God's Word

III. Living into the hope in God's Word

Andrew and Heather Martin grew up in Charlottesville, VA, and Andrew also spent six years of his childhood in Thailand where his family served as missionaries. Andrew first professed faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord shortly after arriving in Thailand. He and Heather were married in 2008, and they have been blessed with four wonderful children. Andrew graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2008 and served as a Naval Officer for six years on active duty and three in the Navy Reserve. In 2018 Andrew completed a Master of Divinity (M. Div.) at Covenant Theological Seminary. After graduating from seminary, the Martins moved to Roanoke, VA, where Andrew served as the Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry at Christ the King Presbyterian Church (PCA). In July 2024, they moved to Lumberton, NC, to plant Lumberton Mission Church (PCA). As a part of their church planting efforts, Andrew also serves as a part-time English as a Second Language (ESL) Instructor at Robeson Community College.