

# Announcements for Sunday, August 16th

**We welcome Pastor Gerald Malkus to the pulpit again today.**

**Pastor Olson Vacation and Sabbatical** – now until early September. If you have a need, please send an email to [session@church-creek.org](mailto:session@church-creek.org) or contact the Deacon on Call.

**Midweek Sunday School Lessons** – DB Cummings is posting weekly lessons on the Westminster Shorter Catechism (video and audio versions) for adults and also a children's Catechism lesson to Sermon Audio. Check our Sermon Audio stream or look for posted links.

**Outdoor Family Ministry** – Starting Sunday morning, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m., weather permitting, there will be a time for families and children to gather outside before morning worship. This fellowship time will include some singing and a Bible lesson, followed by time for fellowship and for children to play outside prior to the worship service. We ask that parents participate and remain with their children during this ministry time, and that families remain spaced out during the singing and lesson.

**New Media Ministry Service Opportunities-** If you are interested in assisting with the livestreaming of our weekly services, please email [churchcreekpres@gmail.com](mailto:churchcreekpres@gmail.com). Ways to help include: starting and controlling the recording, setting up the livestream in the Fellowship Hall and uploading the audio/video to Sermon Audio and Facebook on Sunday afternoons.

**Pastoral Search Committee Requests**– If you have a pastor to recommend to the committee for review, please fill out a Google Form we have created to gather this information (minister's contact information and current status, your history with this pastor and your reason(s) for recommending him). <https://bit.ly/Pastor-Recommendation>

## Deacon On Call

Note: We have set up a new email address making it easier for church members to contact the deacon on call: [deacons@church-creek.org](mailto:deacons@church-creek.org)

August: Ken Fipps - 843-557-4258; (backup - Matt Guffey): 860-449-3535

## Our Mission to the World for August

**Hugh and Martine Wessel**

(Adapted from the Wessel's Summer 2020 Newsletter)

In December 2019, I was floored with a bout of double pneumonia; which has damaged my lungs. Then the world was floored with the outbreak of the COVID19. Over the past month some restrictions have been lifted in France. While still taking necessary precautions: social distancing, mask wearing, frequent hand washings, I have been able to visit some students, pastors and churches. Preaching to a space restricted audience and via "Zoom" takes adjusting. Summer camps have been authorized.

### Prayer requests:

- Pray for the camps for 15-18 year olds as they have life-long impact on the children.
- Pray with thanks for the "Jean Calvin Faculté" in Aix-en-Provence as there is increased enrollment for September.
- Pray, too, for the seminary finances, as the crisis has caused giving to decline.

### Praises:

- My strength and stamina have improved, finally at the end of June I was able to do push-ups once again!

# The Order of Public Worship

August 16, 2020

Morning Service

10:45 a.m.

Our passion is that Church Creek Presbyterian be a place where people experience  
the awesome presence of God in Word and worship,  
the restful presence of Jesus through a transformed community,  
and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in witness and ministry.



## PRELUDE

## GREETING

Dean Walters

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100 ESV

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## 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

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### REVELATION OF GOD'S WILL

James 2:8-26

8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. 11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. 13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? 17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! 20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

### CONFESSION OF OUR SIN

*Lord Jesus Christ, sin is my malady, my monster, my foe, my viper,  
born in my birth, alive in my life, strong in my character,  
dominating my faculties, following me as a shadow,  
intermingling with my every thought,  
the chain that holds me captive.*

*Yet, your compassions yearn over me,  
your heart hastens to rescue,  
your love endured my curse,  
your mercy bore my justice.*

*Let me walk in humility, bathed in your blood,  
tender of conscience yet living in triumph  
as an heir of salvation through your blessed name. Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 7:22-25

Jesus is the guarantor of a better covenant. The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

## OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

Q: In how many things does true repentance or conversion consist?

**A: In two things: the dying of the old man, and the making alive of the new.**

Q: What is the dying of the old man?

**A: Heartfelt sorrow for sin, causing us to hate and turn from it always more and more.**

Q: What is the making alive of the new man?

**A: Heartfelt joy in God through Christ, causing us to take delight in living according to the will of God in all good works.**

Q: What are good works?

**A: Those only which proceed from true faith, and are done according to the Law of God, unto His glory, and not such as rest on our own opinion or the commandments of men.**

## COLLECTION AND OFFERTORY

### HYMN

Revive Thy Work, O Lord 370

*Revive thy work, O Lord,  
thy mighty arm make bare;  
speak with the voice that wakes the dead,  
and make thy people hear.*

*Revive thy work, O Lord,  
disturb this sleep of death;  
quicken the smould'ring embers now  
by thine almighty breath.*

*Revive thy work, O Lord,  
create soul-thirst for thee;  
and hung'ring for the Bread of Life  
O may our spirits be.*

*Revive thy work, O Lord,  
exalt thy precious name;  
and, by the Holy Ghost, our love  
for thee and thine inflame.*

*Revive thy work, O Lord,  
give Pentecostal show'rs:  
the glory shall be all thine own,  
the blessing, Lord, be ours.  
Amen!*

## **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

Dean Walters

## **SERMON TEXT**

Philippians 2:12-18

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

<sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

## **SERMON**

“A Good Workout”

## **HYMN**

Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve 576

Awake, my soul, stretch ev'ry nerve,  
and press with vigor on;  
a heav'nly race demands your zeal,  
and an immortal crown,  
and an immortal crown.

A cloud of witnesses around  
hold you in full survey;  
forget the steps already trod,  
and onward urge your way,  
and onward urge your way.

'Tis God's all-animating voice  
that calls you from on high;  
'tis his own hand presents the prize  
to your aspiring eye,  
to your aspiring eye.

That prize with peerless glories bright,  
which shall new lustre boast,  
when victors' wreaths and monarchs' gems  
shall blend in common dust,  
shall blend in common dust.

Blest Savior, introduced by you,  
have I my race begun;  
and, crowned with vict'ry, at your feet  
I'll lay my honors down,  
I'll lay my honors down.  
Amen!

## **BENEDICTION**

## **RESPONSE**

Psalm 72.18 – 19 DUNDEE

*Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,  
For He alone doth wondrous works in glory that excel.  
And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity:  
The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, so let it be. Amen.*

## **POSTLUDE**

