

Announcements for Sunday, August 23rd

We welcome Assistant Pastor Michael Walters to the pulpit today.

Pastor Olson Vacation and Sabbatical – now until early September. If you have a need, please send an email to 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 this morning at 10:00am, weather permitting, there will be a time for families and children to gather outside before morning worship. This 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. Parents should participate and remain with their children.

New Media Ministry Service Opportunities- If you are interested in assisting with the livestreaming of our weekly services, please email 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.

40 Days of Prayer – The session has decided to embark on a focused 40 days of prayer beginning August 22 and ending October 1. Each day, individually, we will begin with prayer in the morning, for our shepherding groups, our congregation, friends of CCP, and the ministries and work of CCP. We encourage you to join us for these 40 days. "Early in the morning" might look different for each of us, but it will be an opportunity to join as a body in humble submission to our Lord. If you would like to join us, a suggested list of people and requests to remember in your prayers can be found on a sheet in the narthex.

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

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

The Order of Public Worship

August 23, 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

DB Cummings

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus 170

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav'n can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and for evermore be thine.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 8:11- 9:7

11For the Lord spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: 12“Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. 13But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. 14And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.”

16Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples. 17I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. 18Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. 19And when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,” should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? 20To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. 21They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. 22And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

1But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. 3You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. 4For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. 6For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Father, at times we truly have a grief and hatred for our sin,
but not nearly as much as you hate our sin.*

*We find it easier to hate the sins of others
and even the sins of our loved ones
more than we hate our own sin.*

Would you work in us a grief and hatred for our sin?

Father, we have sinned against heaven and before you.

We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

*We have not honored the God in whose hand is our very breath,
and to whom belongs all our ways.*

*Against you, you only, have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,*

*And we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God
by walking in his laws, which he set before us
though they are holy and righteous and good.
But Lord God, you have made Christ Jesus
our wisdom and righteousness and sanctification
and redemption.
For our sake you made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
Father, forgive us our sins, for we have come to Jesus,
the mediator of a new covenant,
And to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word
than the blood of Abel.
Abel's blood cried out for justice,
but Jesus' blood cries out, "It is finished."
Forgive us and lead us in paths of righteousness
for your name sake. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:21-23

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation 347

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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SERMON TEXT

Matthew 4:12-25 ESV

12Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. 13And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—16the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

17From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

18While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. 22Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

23And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. 24So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. 25And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

SERMON

"Our Foundation of Hope"

HYMN

Rejoice the Lord Is King 309

*Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.*

*Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. [Refrain]*

*His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. [Refrain]*

*He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet. [Refrain]*

*Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home. [Refrain]*

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