

Announcements for Sunday, August 30th

We welcome Assistant Pastor Michael Walters to the pulpit today.

Pastor Olson Vacation and Sabbatical – until next week. 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

September: Matt Guffey - 860-449-3535; (backup – Chris Becker): 843-814-6136

The Order of Public Worship

August 30 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.



GREETING AND CHURCH LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven 76

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.*

*Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy goes.*

*Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the High Eternal One.*

*Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.
Amen.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 5:13-30

13“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

14“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

17“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

21“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ 22But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. 23So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

27“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE PRAYER

*To you, O Lord our God, belong mercies and forgiveness,
though we have rebelled against you.*

*Is not this the covenant you have made with your people,
that you will take away their sins;
that you will forgive their iniquity,
and remember their sin no more;
that the iniquity of your people will be sought for
and there shall be none,
and the sins of your church and they shall not be found.*

*Have you not appointed that repentance and forgiveness of sins
shall be preached in Christ's name unto all nations?*

*Did you not promise that when the sins of Israel
were put upon the head of the scape goat,
that they should be sent away into the wilderness,
into a land not inhabited?*

*Have you not made the Lord Jesus who knew no sin
to be that scape goat for us and to become sin on our behalf
so that in him we might become the very righteousness of God?*

*So Lord, as far as the east is from the west,
so far remove our transgressions from us.*

*O Lord, remember these words you have spoken unto your servants
upon which you have caused us to hope.*

*For we would suffer the loss of all things and count them as rubbish,
in order that we may gain Christ and be found in him,
not having a righteousness of our own that comes from the law
but that which comes through faith in Christ.*

Forgive us and lead us in paths of righteousness for your name sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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.*

COLLECTION AND OFFERTORY

1 Timothy 6:17-19

HYMN

God, in the Gospel of His Son 14147

*God, in the gospel of his Son,
makes his eternal counsels known;
where love in all its glory shines,
and truth is drawn in fairest lines.*

*Here sinners of a humble frame
may taste his grace, and learn his name;
may read, in characters of blood,
the wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.*

*The pris'ner here may break his chains;
the weary rest from all his pains;
the captive feel his bondage cease;
the mourner find the way of peace.*

*Here faith reveals to mortal eyes
a brighter world beyond the skies;
here shines the light which guides our way
from earth to realms of endless day.*

*O grant us grace, almighty Lord,
to read and mark your holy Word;
its truths with meekness to receive,
and by its holy precepts live.
Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON TEXT

Ephesians 2:17 ESV

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

SERMON

"Christ Our Prophet"

HYMN

For All the Saints 358

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
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