

Announcements for Sunday, September 27th

New Members Class – If you are interested in church membership, please contact David Walters, Sr. about an upcoming new members class to be held on Sundays prior to the worship service. (843-297-2517 or kingsman12@aol.com)

Outdoor Family Ministry – for families and children to gather outside behind the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am, weather permitting. 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.

Morning Women's Bible Study – The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books, by Nancy Guthrie. This group will begin meeting every Wednesday starting on October 7th from 10:30am-noon at Mary McLellan's home (9 Kilmarnok Way, Charleston, SC 29414). Contact Karyl Doyle for further information.

Evening Women's Bible Study – The Son of David: Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books, by Nancy Guthrie. This group meets weekly via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. Zoom links shared on CCPLife/Facebook.

Ladies Luncheon Returns in October – Ladies, mark your calendars for Friday, October 16th when we will gather at church for a bring-your-own lunch/drink and time of fellowship at 11:45 am. Weather permitting, we will gather on the church grounds in the shade of the trees for a picnic lunch (bring a lawn chair). In the case of bad weather, we will move into the fellowship hall. Look for a signup in a couple of weeks.

40 Days of Prayer – The session is embarking 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. If you would like to join us in prayer, a suggested list of people and requests to remember in your prayers can be found on a sheet in the narthex.

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 links to be posted.

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

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

The Order of Public Worship

September 27, 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

DOXOLOGY OF PRAISE

*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 INVOCATION

HYMN

We Come, O Christ, to You 181

*We come, O Christ, to you,
true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist,
in whom all life began.
In you alone we live and move
and have our being in your love.*

*You are the way to God,
your blood our ransom paid;
in you we face our Judge
and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand;
your love has met your law's demand.*

*You are the living truth;
all wisdom dwells in you,
the source of every skill,
the one eternal True!
O great I AM! in you we rest,
sure answer to our every quest.*

*You only are true life
to know you is to live
the more abundant life
that earth can never give.
O risen Lord! we live in you:
in us each day your life renew!*

*We worship you, Lord Christ,
our Savior and our King;
to you our youth and strength
adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts that all may view
your life in us and turn to you!*

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Loving Father, we confess that
sometimes we think we can do things all by ourselves
and sometimes we are worried about things.
We forget that You give us everything we have
and that You make us who we are.*

*Please forgive us for thinking about ourselves first.
Please forgive us for not trusting You to take care of us.*

*Thank You for always loving us
even when we forget that we need You.
In Jesus' name. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ABSOLUTION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

120 Q. Why did Christ command us to call God "our Father"?

- A. At the very beginning of our prayer
Christ wants to kindle in us
what is basic to our prayer--
the childlike awe and trust
that God through Christ has become our Father.

Our fathers do not refuse us the things of this life;
God our Father will even less refuse to give us
what we ask in faith.

121 Q. Why the words "in heaven"?

- A. These words teach us
not to think of God's heavenly majesty
as something earthly,
and to expect everything
for body and soul
from his almighty power.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

COLLECTION & OFFERTORY HYMN

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee 670

*If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
And hope in him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whatever betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days:
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.*

*Only be still, and wait his leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And all deserving love hath sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To him who chose us for his own.*

*All are alike before the highest;
'Tis easy to our God, we know,
To raise thee up though low thou liest,
To make the rich man poor and low;
True wonders still by him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.*

SERMON TEXT

James 1.9-12

9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. 12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

SERMON

"Rich and Poor"

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 529

*Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,*

Lost in wonder, love and praise.

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.*

Morning Sermon Notes

**James 1.9-12
“Rich and Poor”**

A. BROTHER [and SISTER]

1. Who is this person?
2. Why call them “brother”?

B. THE LOWLY BROTHER

1. Who is this person?
2. What is this person to do?

C. THE RICH

1. Who is this person?
2. What is this person to do?