



**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2020**

At the *, please stand, if you are able.

Large Print Hymnals and Bibles, and Hearing Assist Devices, are available

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE

“Away In A Manger”

Lansky

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebKyqNQgvWU>

THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Bring A Torch, Jeantte Isabella”

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzqC4w5-64o>

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDEL

RE Fred Archer and CLP Larry Sears

One: O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
We light the Christ Candle
as a reminder of God’s promised light in the darkness.

All: May the Light sent from God shine in the darkness
and offer us God’s Hope, Peace, Joy and Love on our way!

One: We light the Christ Candle as a sign of God’s Presence with us.

All: May all the promises of Christmas be born in Bethlehem, and in us.
With a prophet’s promise and a living hope, let us worship God!

* **Our Advent Christmas Carol** “Light the Advent / Christ Candle...” Choir and Congregation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkTWjhjKHjs>

“Light the Christmas candle, now: Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;
Birthday candles for the King, let the al-le-lu-ias ring.

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light."

OPENING PRAYER

RE Fred Archer

Long awaited Savior of the World, we welcome you! Welcome into our hearts, into our homes, and into our gathering. You are the center and focus of our worship, amen.

* **OPENING HYMN**

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Blue Hymnal #41

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3egGjeiWEA>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RE Fred Archer

Forgive us, O God, when we forget that you love us. Forgive us when we forget you wish us good will. Forgive us when we fail to share the good news with others. We repent and turn from our wicked ways. It is you who heals our hearts and our land. We thank thee in the name of your son Christ Jesus, amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RE Fred Archer

People of God, hear the Good News! For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

* **GLORIA PATRI**

Blue Hymnal # 579

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBxpypSblw>

* **SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

RE Fred Archer

One: Peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: As God's forgiven people, share the peace of Christ with each other (from your seats, please)

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Light of the World, illuminate our darken hearts and shine you light upon our minds that we may perceive, see and lovingly obey you. Amen.

FIRST MEDITATION

The Foretelling: He will Come!

RE Fred Archer

Micah 5:2

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Micah+5.2&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Only A Baby Came"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4xhEbA2Izw>

Second Meditation

The Announcement

CLP Larry Sears

Luke 1:28-33

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A28-33&version=NIV>

- * **HYMN** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Blue hymnal #44
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uLELfgIntI>

Respond in Love and Service

- * **OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** CLP Larry Sears

We sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. Amen.

- PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS** CLP Larry Sears

You may mail any contributions to the following address, thank you:

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San Antonio, TX 78223-0901

- * **DOXOLOGY** Blue Hymnal # 592
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8TkUuKIh84>

- * **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** CLP Larry Sears
Abba, Father, to you alone belongs all creation. We, in gratitude bring these gifts to you. Bless them. Multiply them. Use them for your kingdom's glory. Amen.

- * **HYMN** "Still, Still, Still" Blue Hymnal #47
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwQAAC31CUU>

- * **THIRD MEDITATION** He is Born! Dr. Carlos Baladez
Luke 2:11-14
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A11-14&version=NIV>

- * **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Dr. Carlos Baladez
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Lord, you have come that we may have eternal life. It is you who invites us to enter into your throne room bold to ask and find help in time of need. Lord, hear our prayers. Father, now we pray as Jesus taught his disciples to pray, Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

- * **CLOSING HYMN** "Silent Night" Blue Hymnal #60
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8lJWj3R7ng>

* **BENEDICTION**

Dr. Carlos Baladez

Rejoice! For today our Savior is born. Go. Tell. Invite. Accept all who will come. Amen!

* **POSTLUDE**

The End of this Worship Celebration — The Beginning of Service

Welcome to worship with us this morning! We're glad that you're here! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of our compassionate church family... ask Fred, Dick, or an Elder about meaningful participation and membership!

Next Sunday, Dr. Carlos Baladez will be leading us in our last Worship Service of the year. Welcome, Carlos!