

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
November 21, 2021  
Christ the King**

At the \*, please stand, if you are able.  
Large Print Hymnals, Bibles, and Hearing Assist Devices are available upon request.

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**Gather for Worship**

**PRELUDE**                                      **“Now Thank We All Our God”**                                      **G. Kaufmann**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42ZqYk1YwRA>

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**    **“For the Fruit of All Creation”**                                      **Choir**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBXHDbesb7k>

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord.

**People: To make music to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: Proclaiming your love in the morning

**People: your faithfulness at night.**

Leader: For you make us glad by your deeds, Lord;

**People: I sing for joy at what your hands have done.**

Leader: Let us worship God together.

**People: Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

As we remember You are Christ the King, let all we say and do in this service bring You honor and glory. May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable offerings to You. **Amen.**

\* **OPENING HYMN**                                      **“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**                                      **Blue Hymnal #150**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qlt1Qp1WvRA>

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars, and we are afraid for ourselves and our world. We follow after false leaders and grasp for whatever security we can find. Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news! Our guilty hearts have been sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Live in peace, forgiven and blessed.

### **\* GLORIA PATRI**

**Blue Hymnal #579**

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

### **\* SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST (From your seats, please)**

Leader: Peace be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

Leader: As God's forgiven people, share the peace of Christ with each other.

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Christ the King

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZbkKtnx4vU>

## **HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life. Speak to us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might hear what you would say to us today. Amen. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+7%3A9-10%2C+13-14&version=NIV>

### **PSALTER READING**

**Psalms 93**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+93+&version=NIV>

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

**"Let All Things Now Living"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpMCE1G3N7Q>

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Revelation 1:4-8**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+1%3A4-8+&version=NIV>

### **GOSPEL READING**

**John 18:33-37**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+18%3A33-37+&version=NIV>

### **SERMON**

**"The Books Were Opened"**

**Larry Sears**

In the Old Testament lesson Daniel writes, <sup>9</sup> "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. <sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened."

The books were opened... Though the names of the books aren't mentioned, it is quite possible that they will include the Books of Remembrance and the Book of Life. In the Old Testament,

after every king of Israel and Judah died, it is written, "*The other events of his reign and all his ways, from beginning to end, are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.*" These would be books of remembrance.

In ancient times kings kept books of deeds done by people in their kingdoms. It allowed them to reward those whose service helped the kingdom. It doesn't mean that those people were rewarded immediately, but they might be rewarded eventually. One such incident involving a book of remembrance is in the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Esther.

*That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. <sup>2</sup> It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes. <sup>3</sup> "What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" the king asked. "Nothing has been done for him," his attendants answered. King Xerxes proceeded to reward Mordecai for his service.*

Another time a book of remembrance is mentioned is in Malachi 3 verses 16-18:

*"Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name. 'They will be Mine,' says the LORD of hosts, 'on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him. So, you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him"*

Why do I mention all this? I believe that starting in July of 1923, books of remembrance were begun for Crestholme Presbyterian Church. According to your own history on the website, Crestholme Presbyterian Church was organized in November 1923 with twenty members, two Elders, and one Deacon. The Rev. J. W. Harrison was the first pastor. Preceding organization a Sunday school was formed in July 1923 under the direction of Rev. J. L. McMurray.

Over the years your names were added to the book, your conversations are there, your ministries to the Body of Christ, and to the neighborhood are there for all in heaven to see. This is just speculation, but perhaps the saints who are gone are able to read of your exploits. In the last 4 years, my name and Carlos' name has been added to the book of remembrance for Crestholme. It shows Fred is ministering to you during the month. Rev. Heger was added as a minister to the saints at Crestholme.

I want you to think about something for a moment. Look around. I know you don't see a lot of people here today. I have heard stories of "lots of people" attending Crestholme. While you are looking around, realize that you have more people here today than there were 98 years ago when the church was formed.

I know that December will be my last month of ministering to you as I have been. Even when I'm not here to minister from the pulpit, my prayers for you will still be entered into the book of remembrance as I lift you up to the Lord. I want to give you something to encourage you. I believe the books of remembrance were used to write the letters to the churches in the Book of Revelation. So here is my letter to Crestholme Presbyterian Church.

To the saints at Crestholme:

Though you look around and see fewer people than you have had in the past, your perseverance, works, love, and hope are greater today than they have ever been. You see an old church. I see a church that is only a child. After all, the Ancient of Days has been working with you, encouraging you, and loving you since before the world was formed.

He knows your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. Look back on the things that have been done, not with longing for the "good old days" but to see how God has been walking with you throughout the life of Crestholme. Use the knowledge that the saints, who are no longer with us have passed on to you.

And lest you become proud of your accomplishments, remember all that has been done through you was done by the love of God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and through the prayers of those who love you, and want to see you blessed by God.

May the book of remembrance show that you act justly, you love mercy, and you walk humbly before our God.  
Amen

**\* HYMN**

**"Come, Ye thankful People, Come"**

**Blue Hymnal #551**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CoisXYX9KjI>

**Respond in Love and Service**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: Let us declare our faith in God by saying the Apostles' Creed.

All: We 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.

### **PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

God's goodness fills the world, if only we have eyes to see it. God's goodness fills the world, if only we have hearts to share what God has given us. Know that your gifts come from God's goodness and pass that goodness along to others in Jesus' name.

Please, continue to support the life and work of Crestholme. You can mail your tithes, pledges, and offerings to...

CPC  
PO Box 23919  
SA TX 78223-0901

Or you can save them and gather them until we meet again. Thank you!

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice.

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**Blue Hymnal #592**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uyg6-htOtHU>

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Father, accept these gifts which we lift to You. We give them to You with thankful hearts. Use them to further the work of Your kingdom. We ask this in the Name of Jesus the King. **Amen.**

**\* HYMN FOR OUR NATION**

**"Heal Our Land"**

**Red Hymnal #800**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTm\\_rA54EGw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTm_rA54EGw)

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake of the Church, the world, and one another.

***A brief silence - prayer***

For Jesus' sake, dear Father, graciously hear and generously answer our fervent petitions, to your glory and for the benefit of for whom we pray

Join me now as we together pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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 and ever.**

**Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN**

**"Now Thank We All Our God"**

**Blue Hymnal #555**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuyf1YQvcwY>

**\* BENEDICTION**

For a few minutes today, we have drawn near to God to worship and praise Him. We leave this service to go into the world to serve our neighbors. Don't get so busy that you forget to draw near to the Lord.

May the Love of the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you this week. **Amen**

**. The End of Today's Worship Service – The Beginning of Service**

## **Announcements**

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 a part of our compassionate church family... ask Carlos, Larry or an Elder about meaningful participation and membership!

Next Sunday Dr. Carlos Baladez will lead the service.

## Weekly Calendar

TBD	TBD	Food Pantry
TBD	TBD	Clothes Closet
Sunday	10:00 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 Am	Worship Service

Holy Communion is observed the First Sunday of each month.

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## Crestholme Presbyterian Church Officers

### Session

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Cathie Owen	Irene Thomas	Katie Lamb
Netsy Williamson	Steve Tovar	

Clerk of the Session: Dick Crist  
Church Treasurer: Fred Archer

### Trustees

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Penny Christoff	Fred Archer	Tommy Rudwick

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## Crestholme Presbyterian Church Staff

Stated Supply Minister	Vacant
Pulpit Supply Preachers	Dr. Carlos Baladez CP Larry Sears Elder, Fred Archer
Choir Director	Robin Bernhard
Organist	Cathie Owen
Secretary/Coordinator	Vacant

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Membership in the Presbyterian Church is open to those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Every member and officer will be more than happy to visit with you about salvation by faith in Jesus and membership at Crestholme.

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