

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday of Christmas
January 2, 2022**

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

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

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE

"Andante Pastorale"

L. Raffy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBo7K_tcDOg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Bring A Torch Jeanette Isabella"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9Y8R3iZB1Y>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Extol the Lord, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion.

All: He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you. He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

LEADER: He sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes. He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast? He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.

All: He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel. He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his laws.

LEADER: Praise the Lord. (Ps. 147: 12-20, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

LORD, it is you who delivers us and redeems us from the hand of those stronger than us, therefore we come and shout for joy rejoicing in your bounty. We are a well-watered garden, and we will sorrow no more. Our young women dance and are glad, our young men and old as well. You have turned our mourning into gladness; You have comforted us and given us joy instead of sorrow. You have satisfied our priests with abundance, and we your people are filled with your bounty, amen. (Prayer based on Jer. 31:11-14, NIV)

* **OPENING HYMN** **“As With Gladness Men of Old”** **Blue Hymnal #63**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UB8rKNrlpDQ>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father God, forgive us when we fail to sing with joy or make your praises heard. In our sinfulness we fail to remember your promises of restoration and healing. Allow us to recall your faithfulness throughout the generations and rejoice with shouts of joy. In the name of Jesus we repent and pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News, because God is love, beloved, in Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Amen!

* **GLORIA PATRI** **Blue Hymnal # 579**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyVhCz5XzXI>

*** SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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 seat please).

CHILDREN’S TIME

Yahweh – LORD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLrGM26pmM0>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. Now holy Father, open our ears and our eyes that we may hear your word and see your glory and obey with loving hearts. In Jesus Christ we pray, amen. (Prayer based on Eph. 1:3-10, NIV)

NEW TESTAMENT READING**Revelation 1**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation%201&version=NIV>**CHORAL ANTHEM****"Only A Baby Came"****Choir**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_0OvVbtFis**NEW TESTAMENT READING****Revelation 2**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+2&version=NIV>**SERMON****"Yahweh, LORD"****Dr. Carlos Baladez****Exodus 3:13-14**

Good morning, Crestholme. It gives me much pleasure that you have set out on this journey to know me by name. I have longed for a people to seek me to know me, to love me and to serve with me. What many do not know is that I truly exist. There is no other like me. I am self-sufficient and eternal. I have no beginning and no end. I have always been and always will be. My Word is eternal and faithful. Whatever and whenever I sent it out it does not return to me void. It always accomplishes what I sent it out to do. My word is tried and true, faithful and never-ending. As a matter of truth, my word is established in the heavens forever, even before the foundation of the world. I have chosen out of love to create you. Your sole purpose for being is to be loved eternally by me. Since I am beyond your comprehension and understanding I have chosen to reveal myself to you through your own human history. As you have read in today's scripture, I revealed myself to Moses out in the desert of Median on my personal mountain, Horeb.

I, work the impossible. Take Moses for example. He was born in bondage in Egypt to an Israelite mother who was under direct orders from Pharaoh to kill every male child. She decided to honor me, to respect me instead of fearing the power and edict of Pharaoh. I arranged, through irony, to have Pharaoh's own daughter draw him out of the waters. She named him thus, Moses, meaning "drawn out." He later took matters into his own hands and decided to free my people in his own strength. He murdered an Egyptian. As you may recall, I have said through the epistle of James, "the wrath of man does not accomplish the righteousness of God." Moses was found out and he fled out into the desert of Median. There, I gave him grace in the eyes of his future father-in-law Jethro. His name means, "his abundance." One day while Moses was tending sheep, he led the flock to the back side of the desert and came to my mountain. There I arranged for a bush to burn and not be consumed. It was enough to grab Moses' attention and draw him near to me. Once he approached me I told him to take off his shoes for he was now on holy ground, holy because I was present and manifested. I spoke to him, alarming him to the point where he refused to look at me; so terrified he was. Anyway, I let him know that I was enlisting him in my service. Moses being Moses objected, but I insisted. There, in the desert, in the middle of strife, in his eighties I called him by name. You see, my purpose for manifesting my glory to the cosmos by making Pharaoh

and his gods an example for all generations to see still needed to be accomplished. Remember, I chose the weak to confound the wise. Therefore, I chose Moses; an octogenarian, a fugitive, a shepherd, washed up and forgotten by all, except by me. I had plans to manifest my glory for the world to see. As expected he balked. I insisted. When he came up with the idea to ask for my name to share with by people, I shared it with him, "I am who I am." Yes, I told him to tell my people that "I Am" sent him. You see I am eternal, needing no one for me to exist, I am. I chose and I decide without having to consult with anyone and needing nobody's permission to act. I also let him now my name, YHWH, like the breath you inhale and exhale giving live to all I chose. You are because I am. Chrestholme, I look forward for you to know me by my name. It is something personal and exciting for me for I long for my creation to know me on a personal level. A people who loves me in return because they trust and know me by my name, personally, individually and in community is gloriously breathtaking for me. Crestholme, welcome. Now take off your shoes for you are standing on holy ground.

With love, Dad.

To God be all the glory, honor, and praise from now and forever more, amen!

* **HYMN** "God of Our Life" **Blue Hymnal #275**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5KLdjCCwuc>

Respond in Love and Service

* **This we believe**

We believe that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. Amen (Jn. 1:1-5,14, 16-18, NIV).

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, hear the prayers of our hearts as we lift our request to you in the name of Jesus, amen. (Here, pray and lift up the prayers of your heart.)

***HYMN FOR OUR NATION** "Heal Our Land" **Red Hymnal #800**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTm_rA54EGw

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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**

Abba Father, in Christ we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. We thus present to you ourselves and these offerings in love, amen. (Prayer based on Eph. 1:11-12, NIV)

*** COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Table

***Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. Amen

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

*** CLOSING HYMN "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"**

Blue #508

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

* **BENEDICTION**

Crestholme Saints, praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory. Saints, you are blessed. Go forth and share the Good News with those you meet. Amen. (Blessing based on Eph. 1:3-14, NIV)

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service

Next Sunday, Elder, Fred Archer will be leading worship. Welcome Fred!

Weekly Calendar

TBD
TBD
Sunday
Sunday
Holy Communion is observed the First Sunday of each month.

TBD
TBD
10:00 AM
11:00 AM

Food Pantry
Clothes Closet
Sunday School
Worship Service

Crestholme Presbyterian Church Officers Session

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Irene Thomas	Katie Lamb	Netsy Williamson

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

Trustees

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Fred Archer	Tommy Rudwick	Penny Christoff

Crestholme Presbyterian Church Staff

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

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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