



**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
December 05, 2021**

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

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**Gather for Worship**

**PRELUDE**

**"From Heaven Above To Earth I Come"**

**E. Pepping**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpymOuSeIz0>

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

**"Of The Father's Love Begotten"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQ-TO6ypUWM>

**LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

**Worship Leader:** Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. (Light the first candle).

We light this candle for peace. (Light the second candle).

**Hear Zechariah's song of hope for peace to the Christ child.**

**A reading from Luke 1:76-79**

**Jack Cobb**

"You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

**Let us pray:**

**Jack Cobb**

God of hope, Prince of Peace, You speak peace into the world in the Way of the Christ child. Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God. God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come.

**\* ADVENT CAROL                    "Light the Advent Candle"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjD3RO2hfqU>

"Light the Advent Candle two, Think of humble shepherds who,  
Filled with wonder at the sight, of the child of Christmas night.  
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night.  
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God of Eternal Love, to you we come to love you in return. Your love has made a way for us to enter into your throne room of grace to find help in time of need. During this Advent season as we celebrate and commemorate the birth of your dear son, we welcome the incarnation of love into our hearts. Amen

**\* OPENING HYMN**

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

**Blue Hymnal #9**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RP4iyJqrPvY>

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

All is well, and all will be well. Friends, trust the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, refreshed, and made new!

**\* GLORIA PATRI**

**Blue Hymnal # 579**

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

**\* 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.

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Waiting for Christmas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sp6OWxt2Rew>

## Hear the Word of God

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Eternal Love, thank you for warming our hearts, opening our eye to see, and our ears to hear of your immeasurable love for us and your creation. Holy Spirit, welcome. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Malachi 3:1-4**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Malachi%203%3A1-4&version=NIV>

### CHORAL ANTHEM

**"A Communion Hymn for Christmas"**

**Choir**

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

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Phil. 4:4-7**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians%204%3A4-7&version=NIV>

### GOSPEL READING

**Luke 1:68-79; Luke 3:1-6**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A68-79%3B+Luke+3%3A1-6&version=NIV>

### SERMON

**"What's in a name?"  
Proverbs 18:10**

**Dr. Carlos Baladez**

What's in a name?

Well, that depends on who you ask and whose name is being called.

Ask Shakespeare and you might hear, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." This is a line found in his play, *Romeo and Juliet*. The author places this line in the mouth of Juliet as she argues that it does not matter that her beau, Romeo, belongs to her family's rival house, the house of Montague. She was willing to see the essence of the individual and not the label placed upon him at birth.

A name may possess sweetness or bitterness. It can bring up pleasant or nasty memories. A name can conjure up feelings of love or feelings of hate. It all depends on the experience the name brought an individual. How a name affects the heart determines the response to it.

Names like mom or dad can sooth a soul or stir it up, depending if you had a mommy dearest for a mom or not. Dad can equally be as soothing or traumatizing, depending on if your dad was a loving provider or an abusive alcoholic.

The names of former lovers can uplift or depress, depending on the way they related to you.

Some names can provoke belly seismic belly shaking laughter. Try recalling and retelling a Laurel and Hardy, Charlie Chaplin, or a Three Stooges scene. Or if you prefer recall a Cantinflas, El Chapulin Colorado, or a Tin Tan routine and see what happens.

Some names can produce nostalgia. For example, the place of your honeymoon, the name of your first pet, or the name of a lost loved one who has passed away.

The name of a favorite dish, perfume, or flower can produce a sense of calm or excitement.

Aww, but now let us come to the Name of the Lord.

The Name of the Lord possess greater sweetness, greater power, and the greatest authority. You see a name contains or reveals the reputation, fame, glory, honor, authority, or character of the one being called.

The Name of the Lord, has power and authority to forgive sins, cleanse us of all our iniquities, pardon all our transgressions, and wipe away every bit of guilt, shame, and sense of worthlessness. His name is Life. It does not only give life or contain life, IT is Life. His name is Grace, Peace, and Joy all wrapped up into one. We may have been taught, or learned, or led to believe that Grace, Love, Joy and Peace, were things, ideas, concepts or even feelings. Yet in Christ we clearly see Grace, Love, Joy, and Peace are a Person. A being. And that being is God, the Great I am that I Am. One cannot find any higher ground then the Lord. Isaiah saw the Lord high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Did you get that? The train of his robe filled the temple. We are the temple of the Holy Ghost. God's holy robe is wrapped around us, fills us, and completes us. His glorious robe is his presence living in and around us. We are lifted up with him seated in Christ in the heavenlies. Ephesians 2:6 puts it like this, "And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus." This is all accomplished by God through Christ through him who is love, grace, peace, and joy, as a gift to all of us. What's in a name? When you are speaking of the name of God, all which is truth, life, good, loving, glorious, precious, and beautiful are found in his name. Yes, contained within the name of God is Eternal Life - uncreated, unceasing Life! No wonder Proverbs 18:10 states, "The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe." Radically Awesome, Indeed!

To God be all glory, honor, and praise forever more, amen.

\* HYMN

**"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

**Blue Hymnal # 5**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wl4u8lnDQs>

## **Respond in Love and Service**

### **OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe, God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Pray for those in your circle of influence. Pray for the needs which surround you. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving. 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)

### **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.

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**

God of love, accept this gifts of loving gratitude acknowledging you as our provider. Bless them. Multiply them. Distribute them according to your divine will and nature. Amen.

**\*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**

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

**Sharing of the Elements**

(Say Your name here), The Body of Christ Broken for you. [Then take and eat the bread]. (Say your name here), The Blood of Christ Shed for you. [Then take and drink the fruit of the vine].

**Prayer after Communion**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless God's holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits. Ps. 103:1-2*

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. *Book of Common Worship (WJKP, 1993) 76.*

\* **CLOSING HYMN**      **"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"**      **Blue Hymnal #505**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnUQ14dLsvM>

\* **BENEDICTION**

**The End of This Worship Service — The Beginning of Service to Others**

**See Calendar Below**

## 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

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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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