

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 27, 2022**

At the *, please stand, if you are able

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

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE:

"Elevation"

Dom Benoit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzY4qOhzywQ>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday 03/06/2022, God permitting, we will be celebrating Communion together during in-person worship.

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvTgzJ2nZGo>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

All: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

LEADER: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

All: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy. (Based on Ps. 99, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold. Whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use

deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. Therefore, let us worship the Lord. Amen. (Based on 2 Corinthians 3:12, 16-18; 4:1-2. NIV)

* **OPENING HYMN** **"This Is The Day The Lord Hath Made"** **Blue Bk #230**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXZwW0D2OZ4>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, when we sin against you we fear, we hide, and we try to deny any wrong. Guilt and shame then consume us until we cry out for your mercy. It is when we come clean before you and confess our sins that you cleans us from all unrighteousness and like Moses we can stand before you with unveiled faces. Abba God, we therefore repent of our sins and shortcomings because we long to speak with you face to face. In Jesus Christ, we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Beloved, hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen!

* **GLORIA PATRI** **Blue Hymnal #579**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-ZS4jUy2Dc>

* **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

Jesus Loves Everyone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8ypf0wR6A0>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, like Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him up the mountain to pray and he was transfigured before their very eyes, so take us up the mountain of God, open our eyes and let us see Jesus, open our ears and let us here the Father's declaration, "This is my Son whom I have chosen; listen to him." Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 13

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=rev+13&version=NRSV>

CHORAL ANTHEM**"Jesus on The Mountain Peak"****Choir**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y85VdUplqYs>**NEW TESTAMENT READING****Revelation 14**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=rev+14&version=NRSV>**SERMON****"Rav-Chesed, Abounding in Love"
Exodus 34:6****Dr. Carlos Baladez**

The different names of God are like facets on a precious diamond each revealing a different aspect of God. And just like each facet combining together to reveal the beauty and exquisiteness of the diamond, so do the names of God.

Today, God reveals more of himself to us through this name, Rav-Chesed. Different words are used to translate this name. Chesed is translated as mercy, everlasting, eternal love of God.

Chesed is by choice. It is the lover and not the loved one who determines to love. The lover is undeterred by the loved one's behavior. This love, Chesed, is the lover's will which is undaunted and determined.

Romans puts it like this, "nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." All God's love has been poured out in Christ Jesus! No going back, now.

In today's passage, God reveals his name and nature to Moses out in the wilderness, of all places. This is an intimate and personal revelation. It is done on a one-to-one basis.

The wilderness, a place of isolation, serves as a backdrop and a reminder that God wants to know us intimately, alone, personally. God wants us to know him by name and he too wants to know us by name. Spirit to spirit. Recall the Psalmist poetic phrase, "deep calls out to deep."

I remember the week God revealed himself to us through his name, "I am the first and I am the last." I recall the vastness of his name. How God measures the whole universe in the span of his hand. I remember seeing the immensity of the expanse as it is measured in light years and the bazillion of miles between stars and galaxies. All this vastness held between God's finger and thumb.

And us, a puff of smoke on a mustard seed size earth, sharing it with 7 billion other souls.

God holds this cosmos in the palm of his, how much greater is his immeasurable love for us? This Chesed, is not only love, it is faithful. The extent of his faithfulness is

matched only in the size of his love for us. Our relative insignificant size only exacerbates and magnifies his love in Christ towards us.

God's love, when experienced personally, is overwhelming!
We cannot fathom it, but we can bask in it, receive it, enjoy it, share it with others, and ultimately reciprocate it to God. Hallelujah!

Rejoice O Barren One, for great is your reward. Your reward is God himself in all his wondrous, faithful, determined, and unfailing love for you, and for me!

This week, take time to meditate on the Names of God we have seen so far. Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire your imagination and spark life to your spirit to see him who is sovereign creator, self-sufficient, master, and immeasurable. And then ask the Holy Spirit to allow you to experience the combination of these names: the sovereign creator's love, the creator's immeasurable love, the love of the master and self-sufficient one, a love with no beginning and no end, eternal love, eternally, for you, for me, for us!

And then you too will be his witness having experienced him and his love personally, intimately alone with him one-to-one, and then in community with all the saints of glory.

To God be the honor, glory, and praise, now and forever more. Amen.

* **HYMN** **"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"** **Blue Hymnal #379**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkMapZB8qMk>

Respond in Love and Service

* **This we believe**

I believe that, "For 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." I believe that, "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. I believe that, "Surely the Lord's goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen. (Based on Jn. 3:16-17, and Ps. 23:1-3, 6. NIV)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father which 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"

***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!
The Lord loves a cheerful giver. Rejoice!

*** DOXOLOGY Blue Hymnal # 592**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uyg6-htOthU>

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Abba Father, you are the source of all that is good. Make us useful and use these tithes and offerings for your glory. May Crestholme be a spring whose waters never fail repairing breaches and restoring peace within our spheres of influence. We pray in Jesus's name. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN "God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us" Blue Hymnal #261**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzAlUqFtQdM>

*** BENEDICTION**

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever! Alleluia! Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 161)

*** POSTLUDE**

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service

Next Sunday, Dr. Carlos Baladez will continue our sermon series on Knowing God by Name.

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.

Crestholme Presbyterian Church Officers

Session

<u>Class of 2022</u> Irene Thomas	<u>Class of 2023</u> Katie Lamb	<u>Class of 2024</u> Netsy Williamson
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Crestholme Presbyterian Church Staff

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	Elder Fred Archer
Choir Director	Robin Bernhard
Organist	Cathie Owen
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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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