

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
1st Sunday in Lent  
March 6, 2022**

**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**

**"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"**

**Pachelbel**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IU5QmiYTXic>

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our yearly congregational and corporate meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately after service on March, 20, 2022.

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "I Will Come And Bow Down"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fbDIIR3yyI>

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

**All:** If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

LEADER: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

**All:** "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

LEADER: With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." (Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16, NIV)

**OPENING PRAYER**

Merciful and Gracious God, we give you thanks for you are good and your mercy endures forever. You alone do great wonders, the heavens were made by your wisdom. You stretched the earth above the waters while the great lights hang in the sky by your word. It is you who has delivered us from our enemies. Thus, we gather here today to give you praise. Amen.

\* **OPENING HYMN "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" Blue Hymnal #457** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-14q2ufiiHo>

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all power and might, it is you who in your great power delivered us from the bondage of sin, yet we forget the state out of which you drew us. There are times when we do not acknowledge you with the fruit of our labor. Instead, we incorrectly think that it was by our own strength by which we live. Without you, there are no sun, rain, or seasons. Without you, we cannot even draw our next breath. Today we repent and remember you and all your good gifts. In your great love for us, forgive us for transgressing against you. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Hear the Good News, because God is love, and his mercies are new every morning, beloved, in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. Amen!

\* **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 (from your seat please).

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

GRACE

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABPVVw\\_aw44](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABPVVw_aw44)

## **Hear the Word of God**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Abba Father, by your mercy and grace, we boldly approach your throne to ask you to allow your Holy Spirit to illuminate our hearts, our minds, our will, and our strength hear and obey your word in love. Amen.

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Revelation 15**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+15&version=KJV>

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

**"The Old Rugged Cross"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5fHmxC4Qjc>

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 16

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+16&version=KJV>

### SERMON *"Rachum Ve-Chanun, Merciful and Gracious"* Dr. Carlos Baladez Exodus 34:6

"And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,"

Our morning's text occurs shortly after the golden calf crisis where the people of God became weary of waiting for Moses to return from atop Mount Sinai. After all, Moses was gone for some time. So, they asked Aaron to make them an image of God to worship and to lead them. Aaron acquiesced to their request.

God sends Moses down to see what was happening. Moses was outraged! He broke the tablets upon which God had just written with his finger the 10 commandments. Moses then took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water, and made the Israelites drink it. Moses then intercedes for the people before God. The LORD assures Moses and lets him know that he will go with him and give him rest. Now Moses wants the LORD to show him his glory.

What happens next is remarkable.

The LORD invites Moses to present himself on top of the mountain once more. Then the LORD does something most beautiful and awe-inspiring.

Thus early in the morning, (a new day, a new beginning):

The Lord came down (in a cloud).

The Lord stood there (with Moses).

The Lord proclaimed (his own name).

As He passed IN FRONT of Moses:

Proclaiming, proclaiming, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate (merciful) and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,"

We can count on God to act according to his nature. Today's name of God reveals our creator to be gracious. He is gracious to you and to your descendants up to the 1000th generation. This is a poetic way of saying, God is gracious forever!

This text also reveals our creator as merciful or full of mercy. Recall the Psalmist tells us that "the mercies of our God are new every morning."

Allow me to be so bold as to say to you this morning that our Creator is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He accepts you and makes a way for you to return to him even after the most atrocious sin against him. He comes down to meet you in a cloud. He comes down to your level and meets you in mystery, in places, and in times when you least expect him. He stands there with YOU! He knows that with him, all things are possible. He proclaims, and proclaims, and proclaims his name before you until you believe it in your heart, for He is full of faith and compassion towards you. He knows that he never fails.

As he invited Moses to come up to meet him on the mountain, he too invites us to leave our depression below. To cast our anxieties aside. To throw our worries upon him BECAUSE he cares for you and for me.

God revealed himself to Moses as Merciful and Gracious at the giving of the law. May I suggest that this was intentional on God's part? He knew we would not be able to ever keep the law, much less fulfill it. Therefore, he provided himself as Merciful and Gracious on our behalf.

You see, God continues to be Merciful and Gracious to us every morning. Great is his faithfulness towards us!

I urge you to surrender to God believe. Trust God to do the right thing for you at the right time and in the right way. Fear not, for the LORD your God is gracious and faithful and is with you wherever you go. Amen!

To God be the glory forever, amen.

\* **HYMN**      **"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"**      **Blue Hymnal #81**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAGMA8NrGmU>

### **Respond in Love and Service**

\* **This we believe**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine. Heir of salvation, purchase of God. Born of His spirit, washed in His blood. Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior, am happy and blessed. Watching and waiting, looking above. Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long. Amen. (Fanny J. Crosby, 1873)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of mercy and grace, we pray for our world. Let there be peace on earth today.

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

Lord, for the tired and weary, please provide the rest found in finding you.

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

Lord, for the sick and dying, please provide health and comfort.

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

Lord for those who are well and healthy, we thank you and offer you praise.

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

Lord, for our military and others in harm's way, provide divine protection.

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

Lord, for our educators, politicians, and world leaders, please provide them with knowledge, wisdom, and understanding in the power of humility.

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

**Lord, for hearing our prayers, "thank you!" 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.  
SA TX 78223-0901

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

**"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not lack."**

**\* DOXOLOGY Blue Hymnal # 592**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQUTvMtUhw4>

## **\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, by your grace and your mercy we have received from you in abundance. It is out of the abundant grace and mercy that we have received that we present ourselves and these gifts to you today. As you took the bread and the fish and multiply

them so take us and these gifts and multiply us and them for the sake of your glory and your kingdom. 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 he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

### **Sharing of the Elements**

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen (Take the bread and eat)

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen (Drink the cup)

### **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN "Bread of Heaven on Thee We Feed" Blue Hymnal #501**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcmNJDDS6XQ&list=RDxcmNJDDS6XQ&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcmNJDDS6XQ&list=RDxcmNJDDS6XQ&start_radio=1)

**\* BENEDICTION**

God the Father has his eye on each of you, and has determined by the work of the Spirit to keep you obedient through the sacrifice of Jesus. May everything good from God be yours! Now go, and share the good news with all you meet. Amen (Based on 1 Peter 1:2, MSG)

**The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service  
Next Sunday, Elder, Fred Archer will be leading worship. Welcome Fred!**

**Weekly Calendar Below**

**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

Class of 2022

Class of 2023

Class of 2024

Irene Thomas

Katie Lamb

Netsy Williamson

Steve Tovar

Clerk of the Session: Dick Crist

Church Treasurer: Fred Archer

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Class of 2022

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Class of 2024

Fred Archer

Tommy Rudwick

Penny Christoff

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**Crestholme Presbyterian Church Staff**

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Vacant

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Dr. Carlos Baladez

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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