

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday in Lent
March 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: "O Lamb of God" **Teleman**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLzANxp9BRo>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "As Morning Dawns" **Choir**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSsFheX51gQ>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

All: For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

LEADER: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

All: Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart! (Based on Ps. 32, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of All, in your wisdom, you made a way to bring us home. We gather here together, in gratitude, as your house to praise and worship you. It is you who knows each of us by name. We rejoice knowing that you inhabit the praises of your people. Therefore we sing your praises and glorify your name with our whole hearts. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Blue Bk #417**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5Jz8xYiGM8>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, it is you who has rolled away our reproach of sin and death. It is you who supplies us with the bread of heaven. And yet, we forget. We forget that we are yours and we forget what you have done for us. Forgive our foolishness and allow us to remember you and your mighty acts on our behalf. Remind us daily to love you, ourselves, and our fellow man as ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Beloved, hear the Good News, God is love, compassionate and merciful, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hallelujah! 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

W.I.S.D.O.M.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDJzWIghkz4>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of all Wisdom and Light, shine your light into our hearts by your Holy Spirit and pierce our innermost darkness, and allow your Truth to make us free. In Jesus Christ, we ask, amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 21
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation%2021&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM "Go to Dark Gethsemane" Choir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o09BMI-whLA>

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 22
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+22&version=NIV>

SERMON "Higdil Tushiyyah – Excellent in Wisdom" Dr. Carlos Baladez
Isaiah 28:29

"All this also comes from the LORD Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent."

A friend was asked in a group setting to define wisdom. He replied, "Wisdom is knowing that although a tomato is a fruit you do not put it in a fruit salad." Needless to say, we all broke out in spontaneous laughter!

I decide to look up a few quotes on wisdom and this is what I found:

"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing." – Socrates

"Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life." - Eleanor Roosevelt

"Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized LIFE." – Immanuel Kant

All the preceding quotes have a nice ring to it, a fuzzy warm feeling to them, but they all have one missing element in common. There is no mention nor is there any reference to God.

Turning to Scripture, let us examine what it tells us about wisdom.

In Exodus 28:3 (KJV), we have the following, "And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office." Here we learn that **Wisdom is a Spirit.**

First Kings 5:12 (KJV), tells us, "And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together. This verse lets us know that **Wisdom comes from God.**

In Psalm 90:12 (KJV), scripture conveys, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. From this verse we can see that **Wisdom is applied to the heart.**

And finally in First Corinthians 1:24 (KJV), scripture reveals us a bomb shell regarding Wisdom, "But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. **Wisdom, is the Person of Christ!**

From the above verses we can glean that Wisdom is a spirit. As a side note; the word "spirit" is the same word use to reference the Holy Spirit. Wisdom is a force that

councils, moves, and directs. God's wisdom counsels us, moves us, and ultimately directs us unto all truth.

Wisdom, the God kind, comes from above. It comes from God as a gift to us. Since it is a gift, there is nothing we can do to earn it. What we can do is ask for it in faith, knowing that God is a good God, and he will not withhold good from us. Remember, all good things come from our Heavenly Father!

Wisdom is not given to increase our intellectual prowess, or something to boast about, or for the opportunity to boast. No, wisdom is given to be applied to our hearts. It is placed here to allow us to discern the will of God, while living in his light, loving him above all things and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

And then the bombshell. We are finally revealed that Wisdom is a person. Someone with whom we can develop a relationship and become one from two. This person is Wisdom incarnate, Christ our Lord.

In Christ it all comes together. He is the Spirit and Wisdom of God that comes from above, and coming from God is applied to our hearts. What a blessing and joy!

As you read our verse for today's sermon in its context, read Isaiah chapter 28 and see God's Wisdom unfolding as stated in today's discourse where God's plan is wonderful, and whose wisdom is magnificent.

God's heart of wisdom remains the same, to love us in spite of ourselves making something beautiful of our lives.

As the song, "*Something Beautiful*" by Bill and Gloria Gaither states:

Something beautiful, something good
All my confusion He understood
All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife
But he made something beautiful of my life...

Therefore, trust and love the Lord, knowing that his wisdom is faithful and true. Amen!

To God be all the glory, now and forever, hallelujah!

* **HYMN**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Blue Hymnal #84

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MW_F1MMH2r4

Respond in Love and Service

*** This we believe**

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Amen. (2 Cor. 5:16-21, NIV)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Wise and compassionate Father, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

For the poor, supply their needs.

Lord, hear our prayers.

For the sick, heal them.

Lord, hear our prayers.

For those fleeing their countries, let them return safely.

Lord, hear our prayers.

For men of war, replace their hearts of stone with hearts of flesh.

Lord, hear our prayers.

For our military and their families, provide protection.

Lord, hear our prayers.

For our clergy, intercede for them.

Lord, hear our prayers.

For the lost who do not know you personally, send your message of hope, love, acceptance, and restoration to their hearts.

Lord, hear our prayers.

We pray in faith, the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples to pray:

"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

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CPC
PO Box 23919.
SA TX 78223-0901

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

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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Excellent and Wise Father, thank you that you give the gift of abundant and eternal life. You are a very Good Father who gives us exceptionally good gifts. Your generosity overwhelms us. Everything we have is a grace gift from you. As we bring ourselves and our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight. Take them and multiply them for your kingdom's needs here on earth, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and honor, thanksgiving, power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN "Beneath The Cross of Jesus" Blue Hymnal #92**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0g3-KsR9AAI>

*** BENEDICTION**

The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just. Having been justified by the shed blood of the Lamb of God, go forth and share the wisdom of God revealed in the Good News and speak what is just; God Loves You Dearly!

*** POSTLUDE**

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service

Next Sunday, Dr. Baladez will continue with our sermon series, "Knowing God by Name."

Weekly Calendar

TBD
TBD
Sunday
Sunday
TBD
TBD
10:00 AM
11:00 Am
Food Pantry
Clothes Closet
Sunday School
Worship Service
Holy Communion is observed the First Sunday of each month.

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