

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2022**

At the *, please stand, if you are able

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

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE: "Prelude in D" **Fischer**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwpUeBzBsh4>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Habitat for Humanity

Becca Halbert

Next Sunday, 09/04/2022, God permitting, we will be celebrating Communion.

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky" **Choir**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chnIE-CnZYU>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands. Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

All: Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

LEADER: Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD. Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.

All: The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing. (Based on Ps. 112, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

Emmanuel, God with us. It is because of you we gather here this morning. We offer you the praise that is yours and we worship you because of who you are. Thank you for the breath of life, for eternal life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Blue Bk #288**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeSoE1Kmmv0>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you are the Lord our God, who brought us up out of sin and death. We open wide our mouths so you can fill them. But we, your people, would not listen to you; we would not submit to you. So you gave us over to our stubborn hearts to follow our own devices. Yet Lord, we know if we, your people, would only listen to you, if we, your people, would only follow your ways, how quickly you would subdue our enemies and turn your hand against our foes! Those who hate you Lord would cringe before you, and their punishment would last forever. But we would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock, you would satisfy us. Because you are with us, and because you love us, and because you forgive us, and restore us to your good graces, we repent from our evil deeds and return to you. In Jesus' name, 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=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 seats please).

AFFIRMATION: You are loved and you are valued!

AFFIRMATION INTERNALIZED: I am loved and I am valued!

CHILDREN'S TIME

What does Emmanuel mean in the Bible?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2BLu4UVkyE>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Emmanuel, in you we have the light by which we see. Thank you for being with us everyday leading us by your Holy Spirit. Your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT READING I

John 3:1-21

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+3.1-21&version=NIV>

PROVERBS I**Proverbs 3:1-18**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+3%3A1-18&version=NIV>**CHORAL ANTHEM****"We Would Be Building"****Choir**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytII247vLXM>**NEW TESTAMENT READING II****John 3:22-36**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+3.22-36&version=NIV>**PROVERBS II****Proverbs 3:19-35**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+3%3A19-35&version=NIV>Leader: **The Word of the Lord**People: **Thanks be to God****SERMON****"Immanu El, God With Us"****Dr. Carlos Baladez****Ezekiel 37:27 // Isaiah 8:10**

"My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people."

"Devise your strategy, but it will be thwarted; propose your plan, but it will not stand, for God is with us."

Prepositions. You either love them or hate them. Some of the most common English prepositions are; about, above, across, after, against, among, around, at, before, behind, below, beside, between, by, down, during, for, from, in, inside, into, near, of, off, on, out, over, through, to, toward, under, up, and, with. Whew! These little words can add delightful meaning to a phrase or cause headaches trying to decipher the "real" or intended meaning of a phrase.

More so in the original biblical languages where depending on their placement or usage can be translated differently.

How many ways can God be with us?

I thought it would be fun, edifying, and helpful to take a look at some synonyms of the preposition, "with," through different biblical scriptures allowing us to see some of the different nuances of what it means that Emmanuel, God is with us.

Looking first at our foundation scripture for today, "My dwelling place will be **with** them; I will be their God, and they will be my people." Here we can see that God makes his dwelling place with us. He comes to live, to abide, make residence with us. He actually lives where we are.

"With," may also be understood as, God is **In** the company of us.

1 Jn 4:15, "If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives **in** them and they **in** God."

Or as in God is **together with** us.

Ez. 36.27 "And I will put My Spirit **within you** and bring it about that you walk in My statutes, and are careful and follow My ordinances."

Also as, God is **admist** with us.

1 cor. 3.16 "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your **midst**?"

Assitionally, as God is **among** us.

Matt. 18.19-20, "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their **midst**."

As well as, God is **for** us.

Rom. 8.31, "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is **for** us, who can be against us?"

And as, God is **near** us.

Eph. 4.30, " And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption."

God is **upon** us.

"Acts 2.3-4, "They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to **rest on each** of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Again as, God is **accompanied by** us.

Matt 28.20, "teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, **I am with you always**, to the end of the age."

As well as, God is **over** us.

SoS 2:4, "He has brought me to *his* banquet hall, And his banner **over** me is love."

Besides as, God is **surrounded by** us.

Lk 2.9 "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified."

Again as, God is **with** us.

Zeph. 3:15&17, "The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is **with** you; never again will you fear any harm.

The Lord your God is **with** you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

The following is a traditional Irish blessing:

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm on your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

May God be with you and bless you,
May you see your children's children.
May you be poor in misfortune,
Rich in blessings,
May you know nothing but happiness From this day forward.

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind always be at your back,
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home,
And may the hand of a friend always be near.

May green be the grass you walk on,
May blue be the sky above you,
May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.

This prayer is fulfilled as we become aware and personally experience the names of God, such as Emmanuel, God with us.
In all these ways, God is with us. Emmanuel.

Take this message. Meditate on it. Think on it. Consume it. Digest it. And let the word of God give you life. Then give thanks. Believe, and know, and walk in the delightful truth that God is with us. In us. Alongside us. Over us, and under us. For He is our foundation undergirding us. Amen. And amen!!!

* **HYMN**

“Let Us With a Gladsome Mind”

Blue Hymnal #244

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG6kS1o5PpA>

Respond in Love and Service

*** This we believe**

We believe what God has said in his word to, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of our enemies, for the Lord our God goes with us; he will never leave us nor forsake us...The Lord is with us; we will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to us? The Lord is with us; he is our helper. We look in triumph on our enemies. Amen! (Deut. 31:6 & Psalm 118:6, 7)

PRAYERS AND HYMN OF INTERCESSION

God who is with us, we intercede for the day and its task.

Emmanuel, hear our prayers.

God who is with us, we intercede for the world and its needs.

Emmanuel, hear our prayers.

God who is with us, we intercede for the Church and her life.

Emmanuel, hear our prayers.

God who is with us, we intercede for our homes, families, friends, military and their family members, and all whom we love.

Emmanuel, hear our prayers.

God who is with us, we intercede for first responders, nurses, doctors, and all medical staff and care takers.

Emmanuel, hear our prayers.

God who is with us, we intercede for those who are in hospice care.

Emmanuel, hear our prayers.

God who is with us, we intercede for those who are walking through life without hope.

Emmanuel, hear our prayers.

God who is with us, we intercede for the worship of the Church universal.

Emmanuel, hear our prayers.

***HYMN FOR OUR NATION**

"Heal Our Land"

Red Hymnal #800

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTm_rA54EGw

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"

CHORAL AMEN

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9NnPRG9RZY>

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!

* DOXOLOGY

Blue Hymnal # 592

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uyg6-htOtHU>

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" Blue Hymnal #379

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkMapZB8qMk>

BENEDICTION

Crestholme, Emmanuel, God is with you. You are never alone. He will not forsake you nor abandon you. You are blessed beyond measure. Remember, no eye has seen nor hear has heard those wonderful things God has prepared for those who love him. You, Crestholme belong to that group of people who Love God because he first loved you. God in the grace of the Son, the love of the Father, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

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

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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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