

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
20h Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022**

At the *, please stand, if you are able

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

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE: **“Panis Angelicus”** **Franck**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkV5IHKBJSw&t=67s>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” **Choir**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mc4gEC2IInU>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.

All: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

LEADER: You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

All: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy. (Ps. 65:1-8, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty Shepherd, you who makes us lie down in green pastures, and who leads us beside quiet waters, and refreshes our souls, we gather here this morning to bring you praise. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN “O Come and Sing Unto the Lord”** **Blue Bk #214**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PoogNC5T0cY>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. (BCW)

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 seat please).

AFFIRMATION: You are loved and you are valued.

AFFIRMATION INTERNALIZED: I am loved and I am valued.

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Lord is My Shepherd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-uOnrrzOh0>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Great and Good Shepherd, allow your Holy Spirit to soften our hearts, sharpen our minds, and awaken our spirits as we hear your Word. May we be transformed as you apply it to our souls. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING I

John 9:1-20

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%209%3A1-20&version=NIV>

PROVERBS I

Proverbs 9:1-9

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+9%3A1-9&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"The Old-Time Religion"

Choir

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING II

John 9:21-41

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+9%3A21-41&version=NIV>

PROVERBS II

Proverbs 9:10-18

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+9%3A10-18&version=NIV>

SERMON

**“Yahweh Raah, The LORD My Shepherd”
Psalm 23:1-3**

Dr. Carlos Baladez

“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.”

This Psalm could very easily be the most quoted and most cherished Psalm of all. It has stood the test of time.

An anecdotal story is, once upon a time there was a famous orator who was asked to read Psalm 23. At the end of his reading, the audience of 10,000 stood in thunderous applause. Once the crowd settled down, an elderly gentleman sitting on the upper deck slowly made his way to the stage. Standing where the famous orator previously stood the crowd grew curious and became silent. He then proceeded to read the same Psalm. At the end of his rendition, the same 10,000 who previously stood, now sat with heads bowed and softly weeping. The reporter who witnessed the scene approached the famous orator and asked, “What do you attribute the enormous difference in response to the readings?” “Oh,” responded the famous orator, “That’s easy. You see, I know Psalm 23, but the elderly gentleman, well, he knows the shepherd.”

Let’s take a look at these three verses of our central text.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, and he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.”

First of all, the author of this Psalm starts with the covenant name of God, Yahweh, or Lord. It is the same being that was revealed to Moses at the burning bush which was not consumed. The Psalmist then proceeds to state his relation to the Lord as seen in the word, “my.” It is a possessive pronoun as an object of an action. He belongs to the shepherd and the shepherd is his. And the result of this belonging, this union, he lacks nothing, meaning he is complete, fulfilled, and whole.

The Psalmist then proceeds to list the attitude and actions the shepherd takes upon him. Notice the verbs attributed to the shepherd; makes, leads, refreshes, and finally

guides. The shepherd does these things for him. The actions are initiated by the shepherd and received by the Psalmist.

The Shepherd makes the Psalmist lie down in green pastures, meaning he is allowed to rest and stretch himself out and lie down in happy places. Places of love, joy, peace, and goodwill. We all need to rest from the things in this world. At times we grow weary and become exhausted. Yet the Good Lord gave a proclamation at the time of creation. All that was required for a good, prosperous, fulfilling, and rewarding life was complete. He sanctified, or set apart, the Sabbath as a day of rest.

The Shepherd leads the Psalmist beside quiet waters. We all need alone time with God, our Lord, and Creator. In a different psalm, the writer pens, "Be still and know that I am God." This knowing is the knowledge that comes from experience. If you have never tasted tamarind tea, you have not had the experience of this bitter/sweet tea. Likewise, if we do not take the time to be alone with God our Lord and Shepherd, we cannot say we have tasted the Lord and give witness that he is sweet.

The Shepherd refreshes the Psalmist's soul. Let's face it, we all make mistakes. We all blow it. We all have sinned, missed the mark, and have fallen short of the glory of God, which is his intended purpose for creating us in the first place. In these cases, what does the Shepherd do? He restores and refreshes our souls. Our soul is turned back to its creator. In its creator, our souls find the solace, the peace, and the forgiveness that it seeks. And our Good Shepherd gives all these things freely and abundantly. The soul is thus returned back to its loving creator.

Finally the Shepherd guides the Psalmist. The Psalmist is led, guided, and brought home in the right paths for the name's sake of the Shepherd." For the name's sake of the Shepherd because he is faithful to accomplish all his promises.

Our souls are brought back home which is the desire of us all. Home to a loving, fulfilling, complete, peaceful, and rewarding embrace of our creator.

Is it any wonder the writer of Psalm 23 lacks nothing?

This Shepherd is the same one who does identical actions for you, for me, and for us. Together, as we enter and accept his invitation to be united to him, we too will read Psalm 23 as the older gentleman who knew the shepherd and others will have the same experience as the 10,000 in the story above.

Together, united forever with our Good Shepherd, as one, we will also proclaim that we lack nothing. Hallelujah!

To God be the glory now and forevermore, amen.

*** HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Blue Hymnal #326**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymKxTkrRNBA&t=37s>

Respond in Love and Service

*** This we believe**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS and HYMN OF INTERCESSION

Please lift up your prayers unto the Lord, then sing the following hymn of intercession.

***HYMN FOR OUR NATION "Heal Our Land" Red Hymnal #800**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyzbpBR1K0I>

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=976gBjKgEjY>

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**

Great Shepherd of God's flock, we bring to you ourselves, our gifts, and our talents in response to your great love for us. It is you who first gave to us in love, joy, and faith. We give you thanks, praise, and honor through this offering, amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Blue Hymnal #276**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErwiBz1QA4o>

*** BENEDICTION**

Crestholme saints, you are blessed because you trust in the Lord, your confidence is in him. You are like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. You do not fear when heat comes because your leaves are always green. You have no worries in a year of drought and never fail to bear fruit because the Word of the Lord blesses you. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service

Next Sunday, Dr. Baladez will continue 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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